



## **CULTURAL RIGHTS IN TIMES OF CRISIS** **Contemporary Challenges and Perspectives**

**Conference in the context of MED9**

**Monday 16 September 2024, 9:00 – 14:30 EEST**  
**University of Cyprus – University House “Anastasios G. Leventis”, B108**

**8:30 Registration**

**9:15 Welcome Address and Opening Remarks**

**Professor Tasos Christofides**

Rector, University of Cyprus

**Catherine Magnant**

Head of Unit (EAC.D.1), Cultural Policy, European Commission

**Dr Vasiliki Kassianidou**

Deputy Minister of Culture of the Republic of Cyprus

**9:45 Keynote Speech**  
***Cultural Rights in Times of Crisis***  
**Dr Alexandra Xanthaki**

UN Special Rapporteur in the Field of Cultural Rights,  
Prof. of Law, Brunel University, London

**10:30 Safeguarding Cultural Rights in Practice**

***The Challenges of Promoting Cultural Rights in the Arab Region***  
**Abdullah Alkafri**

Executive Director of Ettijahat - Independent Culture

***Cultural Rights in Times of Crisis: Protecting the Cultural Heritage of Cyprus***  
**Dr Giorgos Georgiou**

Director, Department of Antiquities

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**11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:30 Deliberations and Panel discussion**

Coordination:

**Dr Aristotelis Constantinides**

Associate Professor, International Law and Human Rights, University of Cyprus

**Professor Michela Massimi**

Chair of Philosophy of Science, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

**Dragana Korljan**

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**Jordi Pascual**

UCLG, Coordinator, Culture Committee

**Ole Reitov**

Chair Freemuse / UNESCO Expert

**12:50 Discussion, Questions & Answers**

**13:30 Lunch**

**14:30 End of Conference**

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