



## **Dr. Efstratios Koulierakis**

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### **Profile**

Dr. Efstratios (Stratis) Koulierakis is a postdoctoral researcher in the Laboratory of Law, Informatics, and Artificial Intelligence of the Law School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA). His postdoctoral research focuses on the EU regime regarding data governance for the development of Artificial Intelligence applications. He also teaches the course “Legal Informatics” at the bachelor’s level, in his capacity as an adjunct lecturer. His research interests include legal tech and fundamental rights protection in the light of technological innovation.

Dr. Koulierakis graduated from the Law School of the NKUA and he received his LL.M. from KU Leuven. He completed his Ph.D. research at the University of Groningen. At the doctoral level, Dr. Koulierakis examined data protection by design according to article 25 of the General Data Protection Regulation and Knowledge Graph applications. His PhD research was part of the interdisciplinary project “KnowGraphs”, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action (grant agreement no. 860801).

He is a qualified lawyer admitted to the Athens Bar Association. He is also a member of the W3C Data Privacy Vocabularies and Controls Community Group (DPVCG).

Dr. Koulierakis is professionally proficient in Greek and English. He has working proficiency in German, including the ability to read academic literature. He also has basic knowledge of Dutch.

### **Selected publications**

(full list of publications and conference presentations available here: <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-5640-3365>)

- “Personal data controllers and device producers: Mind the gap” 58 (2025) *Computer Law & Security Review*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.clsr.2025.106172>
- “Empowering citizens against technological corporations: Two major legislative opportunities” in Alberto Alemanno and Jacquelyn Veraldi (eds), *Musk, power, and the EU: Can EU Law tackle the challenges of unchecked plutocracy?* (Verfassungsbooks 2025) available at: <https://verfassungsblog.de/book/musk-power-and-the-eu-can-eu-law-tackle-the-challenges-of-unchecked-plutocracy/>
- *Data protection by design: From abstract principles to implementation* (2024, PhD Dissertation at the University of Groningen, forthcoming publication under contract, available upon request at:

<https://research.rug.nl/en/publications/data-protection-by-design-from-abstract-principles-to-implementat/>)

- “Certification as guidance for data protection by design” (2023) 28 International Review of Law Computers and Technology 245, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13600869.2023.2269498>