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Agenda

09:00 - 09:30	Registration - Coffee
09:30 - 09:35	WELCOME ADDRESS Grigoris Leonidis , <i>Managing Partner, Palladian Conferences</i>
09:35 - 09:45	FORUM INTRODUCTION Prof. Pablo Mendes de Leon , <i>Professor of Air & Space Law and Director of the International Institute of Air & Space Law of Leiden University</i>
09:45 - 10:00	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Xenophon Petropoulos , <i>Country Director, Horwath HTL Greece</i>
10:00 - 11:15	PANEL I The impact of Brexit on travel and tourism Chair Prof. Pablo Mendes de Leon , <i>Professor of Air & Space Law and Director of the International Institute of Air & Space Law of Leiden University</i> Speakers Anna Anatolitou , <i>Partner, Ince Gordon Dadds</i> Roberto Cassar , <i>Associate, Camilleri Cassar Advocates</i> Maria José Viegas , <i>Senior Manager at Legal Affairs, ANA - Airport of Portugal</i>
11:15 - 11:25	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Prof. Mia Wouters , <i>Attorney at Law at LVP LAW, Brussels Area, Belgium</i>
11:25 - 11:55	Coffee Break

11:55 - 13:10	PANEL II Claims from passengers and arguments from airlines (EU Reg. 261) Chair Vincent Correia , <i>Professor of Public Law, Université Paris-Sud</i> Speakers Andrew Harakas , <i>Partner, Clyde & Co</i> Dr. Peter Urwantschky , <i>Partner, Urwantschky Dangel Borst</i> Esther Mallach , <i>Partner, Arnecke Sibeth Dabelstein</i>
13:10 - 13:55	Light Lunch
13:55 - 15:10	PANEL III Airport & air navigation infrastructure in relation to air travel Chair Venia Papathanasopoulou , <i>Director Legal Affairs & Secretary to the BoD, Athens International Airport S.A.</i> Speakers Stamatis Varsamos , <i>Attorney-at-Law, Athens International Airport S.A</i> Ali Uzun , <i>General Counsel, Pegasus Airlines</i> Olivier Bertrand , <i>Permanent Representative to the European Institutions, Air France - KLM</i>
15:10 - 16:35	PANEL IV Financing and manufacturing air travel equipment Chair Prof. Dr. Andreas Papatheodorou , <i>Professor in Industrial and Spatial Economics with Emphasis on Tourism, University of the Aegean, Greece</i> Speakers Prof. Laura Pierallini , <i>Partner - Studio Pierallini, Rome</i> Katia Avramidou , <i>Legal Counsel, Aegean Airlines</i> Sidhant Sharma , <i>Legal Counsel, SGI Aviation</i> Periklis Stroumpos , <i>Head of Legal, Fraport Greece</i>



Prof. Pablo Mendes de Leon
Professor of Air & Space Law and Director
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Pablo Mendes de Leon is Professor of Air and Space Law and Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law of Leiden University, which is one of the leading international scientific research and teaching institutes in the world, specialised in legal and policy issues regarding aviation and space activities. The Faculty of Law of Leiden University founded the institute in 1986. In addition to his duties as Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law of Leiden University, Pablo Mendes de Leon maintains a vast range of memberships in organisations that work to combine law and practice of aviation law and policy. For instance, he is President of the European Air Law Association, Member, Panel of Experts, Shanghai International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, Member, Court of Commercial Arbitration, Bucharest, Romania, Member of the Dutch Aviation Accident Board, a Board Member of the magazines Air and Space Law, Journal of Air Law and Commerce and the Italian ANIA Insurance Newsletter and the Director of the Series of Publications in International Aviation law and Policy with Kluwer Law International. He is the author of a large number of publications on topical issues regarding aviation law and policy.



Xenophon Petropoulos
Country Director, Horwath HTL Greece

Xenophon Petropoulos holds more than 18 years of experience in the fields of sales management, customer service, corporate communications, and reputation management. For the last 6 years he was the Group Communications Director of the Greek Tourism Confederation, responsible for developing the profile and image of Greek Tourism. His areas of responsibility covered, Greek tourism policy development, business development, Marketing & reputation management, national and European public affairs, crisis management, media relations, and tourism consulting. In his previous positions, he directly worked or handled accounts for multinational companies and major international brands, such as: Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company, Frigoglass, Nutriart, Fiat Automotive Hellas, FXCM Forex Capital Market, Saxo Bank, Hellenic Postbank, McArthurGlen Athens, BMW Aberdeen, Coral Gas, British Telecom, Marks & Spenser. Been awarded with a European Excellence Award for communications campaigns. Xenophon, Initiated the development of the Hellenic Institute of Customer Service and the development of the Hellenic Institute of Sales. He has a postgraduate degree in Corporate Communications & Public affairs and a bachelor's degree in marketing. He is married with two children.



Anna Anatolitou
Partner, Ince Gordon Dadds

Anna is a Partner in the Aviation Group of Ince Gordon Dadds and heads the firm's Travel practice. She is a dual-qualified English solicitor and New York attorney, practicing English law. Anna also has a good knowledge of UAE law, having spent 7 years in the UAE, where she was General Counsel of the Air Arabia Group and headed the Middle East Aviation and Dispute Resolution practices of another international law firm, before relocating back to London in early 2015. Anna advises on a full range of aviation and travel law matters, including: liability; commercial litigation; regulatory; and all manner of commercial agreements. Anna has handled numerous high value commercial litigation matters, as well as aviation major losses, starting with the Air France Concorde and Egyptair flight 990 losses in 1999 and handling over a dozen major losses since then. She has also handled numerous aviation liability accounts for underwriters and currently heads the firm's market-leading 261 practice, which handles on average 2-3,000 uninsured claims each year. On regulatory and commercial matters, her expertise includes: advising airline start-ups; establishing new hubs for existing air carriers; establishing a leading aircraft leasing company; advising a major air carrier on the extension of its travel and tour operations to 40 new jurisdictions; advising on international aviation and travel regulations; drafting general conditions; drafting loyalty schemes and negotiating a range of transactions from aircraft acquisition and leasing to charters, GSAs, code shares, maintenance, fuel procurement and hotel management. Anna's clients include a variety of airlines, travel and tour operators, insurers, lessors, airport operators, OEMs and MROs. She also advises a number of industry groups.



Roberto Cassar
Associate, Camilleri Cassar Advocates

Roberto Cassar is an associate with Camilleri Cassar Advocates (Valletta, Malta) and has been practicing law as a qualified advocate for two years. Roberto has a broad practice across all areas of the firm, with a particular focus on aviation, space, and telecommunications law since he obtained an Advanced Masters in Air and Space Law cum laude from Leiden University. Pursuant to graduating, Roberto worked as a Moot Court Coordinator and Academic Coordinator at the International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University from January 2018 to June 2018. Throughout the year 2018, Roberto also worked on questions of public international law while with the United Nations in The Hague. Roberto has published papers in leading journals and books relating to air and space law, and in the year 2017 he was awarded the Geoff Masel Aviation Law Prize for his paper treating the implications of Brexit on easyJet. Roberto also teaches air and space law at the University of Malta.



Prof. Mia Wouters
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Mia graduated in law from the University of Leuven and obtained thereafter a special degree in Maritime and Air Law from the University of Brussels (ULB), a Certificate of Port Sciences from the University of Gent and she holds a Master's degree (LLM) from the Institute of Air and Space Law of McGill University, Montreal.

Mia is a partner with GDS advocaten in its Brussels office. She and her team, which is put together according to the needs of the file in order to obtain the maximum result for the client, solve problems and represent the interest of companies in all aspects of their air transport operations.

In 2009, Mia was appointed Professor of Aviation Law at the University of Gent at the Department of European, Public and International Law.

She is a director of the European Aviation Club, and serves on the Committee of the UK based Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) Brussels Branch. She is a past Chair of the Aviation Law Committee of the IBA- International Bar Association.

Mia is one of the founding members of the International Aviation Women's Association (IAWA) and a member of various air law associations. She served as a judge on the European Nuclear Energy Tribunal in Paris under the OECD's Nuclear Energy Agency from 2006 till 2014.



Maria José Viegas
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Maria Viegas is an aviation lawyer and has focused her activity in the airports sector. She has collaborating with the Portuguese airport's operator, providing legal counseling in specific areas such as, the use of airports public domain, ground handling activities and airports taxation. She has participated in several conferences as a speaker, and has published numerous articles on relevant aviation topics. She is also a lecturer in aviation law in a Portuguese polytechnic institute.



Vincent Correia
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Prof. Dr. Vincent Correia is Professor of Public Law (Professeur agrégé des facultés de droit) at the University of Paris-Saclay and co-director of the Collège d'études interdisciplinaires. He is also a visiting lecturer at the LL.M. Advanced Studies in Air and Space Law programme at Leiden University (the Netherlands). Vincent Correia owns a Ph.D. from the University of Bordeaux, France (Summa Cum Laude). His work is on public law and aviation law, with a focus on European Union (EU) external relations in the field of civil aviation and their interaction with international air law. In recent years, he has given lectures in EU Law, International Public Law, Aviation Law, French Administrative Law and Constitutional Law. Vincent has published several articles and case commentaries on aviation law in English and French speaking legal journals. He is co-editor of the Revue Française de Droit Aérien et Spatial and he is member of the board of editors of the Aviation and Space Journal and the European Journal of Consumer Law. He is a member of the board of EALA and of the Société Française de Droit Aérien et Spatial. He is also a member of the International Law Association.



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Andrew is head of the U.S. Aviation Law Practice Group at Clyde & Co US LLP. He has over 25 years of trial and litigation experience in aviation (passenger and cargo), complex tort, regulatory (DOT, FAA, OFAC), insurance and product liability matters. Andrew has represented clients and tried cases arising out of major aviation losses and has extensive appellate experience, having argued numerous appeals before federal and state appellate courts throughout the nation, including three cases before the United States Supreme Court, including *Olympic Airways v. Husain*, 540 U.S. 644 (2004), *Dooley v. Korean Air Lines*, 524 U.S. 116 (1998), and *Zicherman v. Korean Air Lines*, 516 U.S. 217 (1996). He often advises clients on complex litigation, jurisdictional and appellate issues and has filed amicus briefs on behalf of IATA in appellate court cases addressing the Montreal Convention, the Tokyo Convention and the ATSA.

Andrew has published numerous articles on a variety of issues relating to domestic and international aviation liability and insurance law and was the General Editor of the twenty-six chapter book *Litigating the Aviation Case* (4d ed. 2017). Andrew also is a frequent lecturer at conferences sponsored by IATA, the American Bar Association, Institute of Air and Space Law (McGill University), Leiden University and other organizations throughout the world.

Andrew received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan (B.A.) and his law degrees from the Michigan State University College of Law (cum laude, J.D.) and McGill University, Institute of Air & Space Law (LL.M.).



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Esther Mallach studied law at Christian Albrechts University, Kiel, Germany. In 1987 admitted to the German bar as a German lawyer. In 1996 admitted as Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales. In 1991 joined Dabelstein & Passehl, from 2018 with Arnecke Sibeth Dabelstein. Esther expertise includes Maritime Law, Logistics and Aviation, English Law, Cruise Industry, Employment Law and Arbitration. Esther speaks German, English, Spanish and French.

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Dr. Peter Urwantschky
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Mr Urwantschky joined Urwantschky Dangel Borst in 1981 and has been a partner since 1985. The firm has specialised in aviation law since 1955. Mr Urwantschky is active in the areas of German and international aviation law. He deals with legal problems and commercial transactions for a wide range of clients in the aerospace and insurance industries. Peter Urwantschky advises airlines and their insurers on all aviation matters. He deals with liability and regulatory issues. He also handles cases involving EU legislation. Moreover, he and his firm advise on antitrust and competition law matters. Peter Urwantschky was elected as Transport Lawyer of the Year 2015 by Who's Who Legal.

Mr Urwantschky is a member of the Aviation Insurance Association, the Association Suisse de Droit Aérien et Spatial, the European Air Law Association, the Transportation Lawyers Association and a fellow to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. He has spoken on aviation conferences in Europe and overseas. His clients profit from his links with aviation law experts throughout the world.



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Stamatis Varsamos joined Athens International Airport as a legal counsel at 1999. He studied law in the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and holds a Master in Laws Degree (LLM) from the University of Southampton, a Master in Laws Degree (LLM) in Advanced Studies in Air and Space Law from the University of Leiden and IATA's International Air Law Diploma. Stamatis Varsamos is specialized in aviation law and he is the writer of the book "Airport Competition Regulation" published in 2016 by Kluwers International. He is member of the Committee of the European Air Law Association (EALA). Also, member of the World Airport Lawyers Association (WALA), member of the list of experts of air & space law Institute of Sant Petersburg University and member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL).



Olivier Bertrand
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Olivier Bertrand is the Permanent Representative to the European Institutions of the Air France-KLM Group.
He started his career as a business analyst for Delta Air Lines in Atlanta, USA, before relocating to Paris, France, where he joined Air France as a project manager, heading initiatives to improve the efficiency of rostering and manpower planning for cockpit and cabin crew through the use of new technology. He then joined Air France's Alliances team, where he was in charge of airline partners in the Americas, which included strengthening existing relationships such as those with Delta and Aeromexico, and starting new ones such as those with Alaska Airlines, WestJet, Aerolineas Argentinas and GOL. He later transitioned to European Affairs, first based in Paris then, since 2015, in Brussels, in his current position.
He holds an MBA from the Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master's degree in Philosophy from Sorbonne Université, and is a graduate of Ecole Nationale d'Administration's Cycle des Hautes Etudes Européennes.



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Prof. Dr. Andreas Papatheodorou
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Professor Dr Andreas Papatheodorou is a prolific academic researcher and industry advisor in air transport and tourism economics and management. His work has received wide recognition at an international level with over 3,200 citations on Google Scholar. He is currently a Professor in Industrial and Spatial Economics with Emphasis on Tourism at the University of the Aegean, Greece and Director of the MSc Programme in Strategic Management of Tourism Destinations and Hospitality Enterprises at the same university. He also holds adjunct appointments at the University of New South Wales, Australia; the Hellenic Open University, Greece; Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Germany; and Ecole Nationale d'Aviation Civile, France - Hong Kong. An Oxford University MPhil (Economics) and DPhil (Economic Geography) holder, Professor Papatheodorou has also participated as a member and/or Director of the largest tourism research centre in Greece based at the University of the Aegean and/or as an external associate in about 30 research projects and studies for national and international organizations including the EU and the World Bank. He also engages in executive training for airlines especially in the MENA region and is a member of the UNWTO Panel of Experts.



Prof. Laura Pierallini
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Laura Pierallini is the founder and named partner of the Italian aviation law firm Studio Pierallini. She spent several years in the legal and tax department of the Arthur Andersen and then was the managing partner of the international law firm Coudert Brothers in Rome from 2001 to 2005. She is a professor of Commercial Law and Director of the Executive Master in Air Transport Law at the LUISS School of Law of Rome. Ms. Pierallini has practised aviation law since 1988, providing expert advice to clients across the whole of the international aviation sector, including aircraft finance and leasing, anti-trust and regulatory advice, litigation and dispute resolution, employment and corporate issues. Her clientele include Italian and foreign airlines, manufacturers, lessors, financiers, airports, handlers and travel agents. Ms. Pierallini regularly attends and organises conferences on aviation, delivering speeches and moderating panels at various Italian and international symposia, in particular organised by IATA, EALA, EAC, IBA and EBAA. She is a committee member of the European Air Law Association and a member of the International Aviation Womens Association and the European Aviation Club. Ms. Pierallini was shortlisted as Best Aviation Lawyer for the Europe Women in Business Law Awards in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 and recognised as Thought Leader of Aviation by Who's Who Legal Expert Guide in 2018 and 2019. She is also author of many national and international publications on aviation, tourism and commercial law.



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Periklis Stroumpos
Head of Legal, Fraport Greece

Periklis Stroumpos established and is now leading the legal department of Fraport Greece achieving the smooth takeover of the 14 Regional Airports in April 2017, a 1,7bn project. He has been awarded the ACC Value Challenge 2016 award as Head of Legal of Aegean Motorway SA (AMSA) for the implementation of an efficient revenue recovery process that allowed AMSA to recover approx. 5m € from lost tolls while in parallel saving 2.5m € of legal expenses. As Head of Legal of AMSA achieved the restructuring of Maliakos Kleidi Concession Project of 1bn € value in 2013. During his career Periklis Stroumpos advised and represented major Clients in all aspects of contract negotiation and performance in respect of several very big Infrastructure Projects and has extensive dispute resolution experience. He holds a degree from the Law School of Athens, Greece, an MBA from CASS Business School and a post graduate tax law diploma.



Aegean Airlines, a member of Star Alliance, is Greece's largest airline providing ever since its inception in 1999 until today, full service, premium quality short and medium haul services. In 2013 AEGEAN acquired Olympic Air; as a result passengers now have increased flight frequencies and connections as well as improved accessibility to Greece's islands, including some of the most remote ones. Total traffic of both companies reached 14m passengers in 2018.

AEGEAN invests on strengthening its international presence and on supporting the Greek tourism both in Athens and in regional airports. The airline's summer schedule of 2019 includes a network of 151 destinations, in 44 countries in total, with 17.5 million available seats operating by a fleet of 61 aircraft.

In June 2018 AEGEAN signed a Purchase Agreement with Airbus, for the order of up to 42 new generation aircraft of the A320neo family. The investment is valued at 5 billion USD at list prices, and it is the largest private investment in Greece. The new aircraft facilitate the offer of new services to passengers, as well as increased range capabilities for expansion to new destinations and markets.

The Company has been honored with the Skytrax World Airline award, as the best European regional airline in 2018. This was the 9th time AEGEAN received the relevant award. Among other distinctions, AEGEAN captured 5th place, for the second consecutive year, in the world's 20 best airlines list (outside the U.S.) in 2018 Readers' Choice Awards survey of Conde Nast Traveler, with more than 429,000 travelers taking part in the survey. The distinction's citation noted that, among other positive remarks, "Although it doesn't yet fly across the pond, its affiliation with Star Alliance gives it a wider global reach. AEGEAN is known for its professional, friendly staff, and in the coming years, plans to add new markets".



Urwantschky Dangel Borst have been active in the field of German and international aviation law since 1955.

The firm consults and represents German and foreign air carriers and their insurers and reinsurers in all fields of aviation law.

The firm's aviation law team advise on all aspects of national and international aviation liability cases, including legal matters arising out of air crashes, injuries on board an aircraft, passenger claims, damage and loss of cargo and damage to aircraft. Moreover, Urwantschky Dangel Borst also deal with regulatory and financing matters and advise on product liability claims and airport and ground handling issues.

The firm also assists their clients in reviewing and designing contracts. Urwantschky Dangel Borst is involved in the negotiation and drafting of air transport agreements, General Conditions of Carriage and data protection schemes. With regard to the increasing number of EU Regulations and Directives in the aviation field, the firm assists and consults air carriers in complying with European provisions.

Close cooperation based on mutual trust and respect with foreign law firms specialising in aviation law is crucial in the field of international transportation. Urwantschky Dangel Borst's clients profit from our contacts with aviation law experts throughout the world.



ASD are a Germany based full-service commercial law firm employing more than 140 lawyers, notaries and tax consultants with offices in Frankfurt, Munich, Hamburg, Berlin, Leer and Dresden.

ASD are amongst the top consultancy addresses in Germany and internationally acknowledged market leaders in their core competences transportation, aviation, logistics, maritime industry and real estate. Through our memberships of Interlaw and Meritas as well as worldwide contacts to specialized law firms ASD are a reliable partner for international clients.



Since March 2001, Athens International Airport keeps offering high-level services, having earned the trust of airlines, passengers, partners and stakeholders. Having welcomed more than 290 million passengers and over 3.5 million flights, the airport keeps creating significant benefits for tourism, the national economy, and Athens as a destination. In terms of traffic, 2018 was a historic best performance year for the airport, with 24.14 million passengers and growth continuing dynamically for a sixth consecutive year in 2019.

Key contributors to this positive outlook remain AIA's renowned developmental strategy, with one of the most comprehensive and innovative airline incentive schemes internationally and a strategic focus on the promotion of "Destination Athens" through initiatives and synergies. Having for the second consecutive been awarded by the ACI World as Best Airport in Europe in terms of service quality and passenger satisfaction, AIA continues, during 2019, its investment programme of aesthetic, functional and operational enhancements at its premises.

Thanks to its top-notch services, AIA has earned 91 significant international distinctions and awards. Today, with more than 300 companies and 13,000 employees, the airport community constitutes one of the biggest employment engines in Greece.

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Clyde & Co's aviation and aerospace practice comprises the world's largest dedicated team of aviation lawyers. Clients value our hands-on, strategic approach and our ability to work alongside them to achieve their business goals. From small claims to major air disasters, our firm has the experience to effectively handle disputes of all sizes and complexity. Clyde & Co represents many of the world's largest air carriers and has extensive experience providing advice and representation on a wide range of aviation and aerospace issues. Our lawyers have represented the aviation industry in nearly every major aviation loss and bring this experience to bear in every matter we handle.

Our aviation team counsels airlines and product manufacturers on how best to prepare for and address unfortunate circumstances. With offices around the world, our team members are always available to assist in emergency response situations wherever they may occur. We also advise airlines in their efforts to comply with applicable regulations and procedures, including the Air Carrier Family Assistance Act.



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