
† CHARALAMBOS FRAGISTAS
(1905-1976)

The death of Charalambos Fragistas on May 4, 1976 was a blow to his colleagues and friends in Greece and abroad. Holder of the Chair of Civil Procedure for nearly forty years at the University of Thessaloniki, Professor Fragistas became one of the leading personalities in this field in the international law circles.

Born on June 6, 1905 in the island of Skiathos he moved later to Athens, where he studied law at the University of Athens (1920-1924). After becoming a member of the bar, Fragistas continued his studies at the University of Berlin, Munich, and Hamburg. In 1931 he was awarded the doctor's degree by Athens U. and the same year he was elected Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law and Economics, University of Thessaloniki. In 1932 he was promoted to Associate Professor and in 1936 he was appointed full Professor at the Chair of Civil Procedure, which he held until his retirement in 1970. During those years Professor Fragistas was elected twice as Dean of the Faculty of Law and Economics and twice as Rector of the University of Thessaloniki. He also taught at the Faculty of Industrial Studies in Thessaloniki (1957-1968).

In 1957 Fragistas was elected Corresponding Member of the Academies of Athens and of Bologna. From 1966 to his death he was an active member of the International Academy of Comparative Law at The Hague. From 1961-76 he also taught Comparative Law at the Academy of International Law in Strasburg and became a member of the Institute of International Law. He was often invited to lecture in European and American Universities.

Professor Fragistas did not limit himself to the theory of law. His interests were varied as he was very much concerned with the cultural and political life of Greece. Thus he became President of the Society for Macedonian Studies, of the Institute for Balkan Studies, of the Greek Committee for Southeastern European Studies, of the Institute for Neohellenic Studies, Member of the Board of the Institute for Social Research, and Vice-President of the Institute for International Law and Public Relations of the University of Thessaloniki. His outstanding personality induced many times those in charge to appoint him as Governor of Central Macedonia (1945), as Minister of Education (1952) as Minister of Northern Greece (1956 and 1961), and as Minister of Agriculture (1958).

The Institute for Balkan Studies, where Professor Fragistas was Vice President 1953-63 and President 1964-74, has not forgotten how precious his contribution has been to its creation and to its activities for more than 20 years.

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†DEMOCRATIA ILIADOU
(1917-1976)

It is with a deep sense of loss that the Institute has to announce the death of Democratia Iliadou, its collaborator for many years.

Her connection with the Institute started back in 1960 when she published her article, «L'Encomion de Saint Demetrius par Jean Archevêque de Thessalonique», in the first issue of *Balkan Studies*. Besides other papers of hers that appeared in *Balkan Studies* her most important work deposited at the Institute for publication is *Excerpta de Thessalonica*: Vol. I, *Voyageurs et Pelerins*, Vol. II, *La Correspondance des Consuls Français de Thessaloniki*, Vol. III, *Inventaire des documents de la Chambre de Commerce de Marseille* (Archives)", this last volume being now in press. Her untimely departure prevented her from seeing her manuscript in book form for which she would have greatly rejoiced.

Democratia Iliadou was born in Athens on the 25th of March 1917. She graduated from the University of Athens and later pursued her studies in Paris where she became a research scholar at the Centre de Recherches Scientifiques for many years. As a scholar, she was especially interested in Byzantine Patristics and Slavic studies and published articles in various European journals. She was well known in the academic community. Her bad health prevented her from producing earlier her major work on the Sources of Efraim in toto. Parts of it, though, will appear in Greek journals.

The news of her death in Kifissia, Athens, on the 28th Dec. 1976 was a shock for all of us who knew her.

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