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## INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR DR. STAMATOULA PANAGAKOU OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou, member of the teaching staff of the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Cyprus has been awarded the prestigious PSA Jennie Lee Prize Award for Outstanding Teaching 2018. The awarding body is the Political Studies Association (PSA) of the United Kingdom. The PSA exists to develop and promote the global study of politics. Founded in 1950, the PSA has an active membership of over 1800 and has been internationally recognised as a leading Learned Association in the study, research, support and worldwide promotion of Political Science.

In awarding the PSA Jennie Lee Prize for Outstanding Teaching 2018 to Dr. Panagakou, the judging panel commented:

"The inaugural PSA Jennie Lee Prize has been awarded to Dr. Stamatoula Panagakou, Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus. The prize is awarded to a teacher who has shown evidence of their students actively engaging in learning that challenges and supports them to develop their knowledge and skills in political studies, and who has successfully overcome obstacles in the teaching of political studies".

Dr. Panagakou has rich teaching experience in Politics at the Universities of York, Durham, Newcastle and Manchester in the UK, and at the University of Cyprus.

The Rector, Professor Constantinos Christofides said, "Dr. Panagakou's teaching excellence has been recognized by her students and her international colleagues. Congratulations on her achievement. Dr. Panagakou is a committed and enthusiastic lecturer who connects teaching and research, contributes to a culture of active learning, promotes the study of political theory and political science, and inspires her students with her teaching. Dr. Panagakou uses creative teaching methods, encourages inter-cultural dialogue, and prepares her students for successful careers and leadership in the 21st century".

**End of announcement**