

**Title: Uneasy Leisure: Modern Hotels and Shared Heritage on a Divided Island**

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**Description:** This project examines the post-1974 'afterlife' of ten paradigmatic hotels, analysing the operative agency of the multiple narratives and interpretations they embody. Through a comparative analysis that draws on theoretical tools from architectural history and theory and critical heritage studies, this research interrogates competing narratives of nationalism and identity; oscillations between remembrance and oblivion; and environmental frictions regarding dereliction, demolition, and preservation. By exposing the complexities of modern architectural heritage in a conflicted landscape, this project aims to inspire alternative heritage practices that recognize the complex politics of modern buildings and probe possibilities of transcending polarization. To conduct this research, the PI draws on her expertise in Cyprus modernism and critical histories of leisure architecture, in collaboration with a highly skilled local research team and strong network of international experts on modern architectural history and critical heritage in conflict areas.