



University of Cyprus

Faculty of Social Sciences
and Education

2nd Interdepartmental Conference of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Education

THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AT A CROSSROADS: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO OVERCOME THE STALEMATE

Wednesday, 27 March 2024

University of Cyprus (old campus) Assembly Hall, 75 Kallipoleos Ave, Nicosia

PROGRAMME

09.00 Registration

09.15 Welcome addresses

Prof. Antonis Ellinas, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Education

Prof. Tatiana Synodinou, Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs

09.30 – 11.30 **Panel 1 Narratives, Media and Social Representations**

Chair: Simoni Symeonidou, Associate Professor, Department of Education

Anastasia Yiannakou, PhD Candidate, Department of Social and Political Sciences

The rhetoric of the visuals

Stavroula Philippou and Stavroula Kontovourki, Associate Professors, Department of Education

The “Cyprus problem” as narrated in Greek-Cypriot teachers’ histories of schooling, disciplinarity and professionalism

Lukas Perikleous, Special Teaching Staff, Department of Education

The Ark of Truth: Greek Cypriot history education at a crossroads between “truth” and understanding

Christiana Karayianni, Lecturer, Frederick University & Charis Psaltis, Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Cyprus

Social media networks and the networks of meanings as imaginings of the Cyprus problem: A study on the use of images on Twitter in the Cyprus peace efforts

Charis Psaltis, Professor, Department of Psychology

The perspective of Genetic Social Psychology on the Cyprus problem: Analysis of the period after the opening of the checkpoints until today

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.15 **Panel 2 Psychosocial Aspects of the Cyprus Problem**

Chair: Aristoteles Constantinides, Associate Professor, Department of Law

Elena Ioannidou, Associate Professor, Department of Education

Performing (non)-belongingness: from the story told to the story performed. The case of Romeika speakers in Cyprus

Christina Alexopoulos, Visiting Lecturer, Department of Psychology

Reviving the trauma of war in other traumatic circumstances

Kety Mankerdjian, MA in Social and Developmental Psychology, Department of Psychology

Adverse childhood experiences and factors that contributed to the promotion of psychosocial resilience of children of fallen and missing persons of the period 1963-1974

13.15 – 14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.45 **Panel 3 Efforts to resolve the Cyprus Problem**

Chair: Eren Duzgun, Assistant Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences

Dimitrios Tsagalas, Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Social and Political Sciences

“Europe will solve it”: The EU accession, the Cyprus problem and social perceptions for a solution in the Cypriot press

Yiannis Papadakis, Professor, Department of Social and Political Sciences

The Cyprus Problem: Failure from Above, Successes from Below?

Alexandros Lordos, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology & Ipek Borman, PhD, Political Scientist

From High Level Talks to a new Social Contract: A review of research-to-practice initiatives to engage the wider community in the Cyprus Peace Process

Aristoteles Constantinides, Associate Professor, Department of Law

Is a bicomunal and bizonal federation in Cyprus compatible with international law?

15.45 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 – 17.30 **Roundtable discussion Cyprus quo vadis?**

Chair: Ralli Papageorgiou, Journalist

Kemal Baykalli, Activist

Andreas Bimbishis, Journalist

Ipek Borman, Political Scientist

Chara Makriyianni, Educator

Menelaos Menelaou, Greek Cypriot Negotiator

The conference is open to the public and will be live-streamed,
<https://youtube.com/live/0qX3qcvokKA?feature=share>

Presentations will be in English and simultaneously translated into Greek and Turkish on-site.

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