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His ongoing project, “Re-emplacing Home in Displacement,” is funded by the ONISILOS HORIZON 2020-MSCA COFUND programme. It examines how ideas of home are reconfigured by Greek-Cypriot displaced persons following the events of 1974, within the broader context of social and economic transformation. The project focuses on spatial imaginaries that held deep cultural significance in specific geographical areas on the island prior to 1974, and investigates how these imaginaries were re-emplaced in new societal settings after displacement. The project is supervised by Professor Yiannis Papadakis (Department of Social and Political Sciences), with Professor Petros Papapolyviou (Department of History and Archaeology) serving as secondary supervisor.