

**LETTER
FROM THE
EDITOR-
IN-CHIEF**

Dear Readers,

This year the main challenge before us as a Journal is to respond to the continuous flow of articles submitted to the *Review*, as well as to successfully deal with the internal goals we have set, most important amongst them being that of publishing an additional third (Special) Issue in December 2019. Towards this end, this year is marked by the strengthening of our Editorial Team even further.

Allow me first to introduce my Publications Editor, Dimitris Kourtis. Dimitris is currently the Research Assistant of the School of Law at the University of Nicosia. He is a PhD candidate at the School of Law of the Aristotle University, Thessaloniki. His field of expertise includes public international law, criminal law, international humanitarian law, human rights and genocide. I am delighted to welcome Dimitris to *The Cyprus Review* Editorial Team, and with this opportunity thank him for his very hard work in bringing this issue to its publication phase.

The Team has also been reinforced by two Book Editors, namely Drs Michalis Kontos and Giorgos Charalambous – both members of the Department of Politics and Governance of the School of Law of the University of Nicosia. I am confident that Michalis and Giorgos will be valuable additions to our team. The increased volume of articles coming our way has also led to the recruitment of two Copy Editors, namely Ms Mary Kammitisi and Mr Cosmas Georgallis. Finally, Mr Thomas Costi has been utilised as our Publications Designer, having done a remarkable job under extremely tight deadlines, and for this I am most thankful.

This issue sets off with an article by Nicolas Kyriakides addressing the current stakes of modernising, transforming, and developing the local rules on civil procedure, a contribution to the on-going debate on the future of civil litigation's norms and processes. This is followed by an article by Menelaos Apostolou on a highly interesting and intriguing topic that touches upon the perennial question of what human beings long for regarding stability, monogamy, and/or sexual variety.

The Guest-Edited Section, by Nicos Trimikliniotis, hosts a Tribute to the late Dr Caesar Mavratsas – a renowned sociologist and public intellectual, who passed away prematurely in 2017. At the time of his passing he was an Associate Professor in the Department of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Cyprus, where he worked since 1995. It must be pointed out that the original idea for this

Section came from Prof. Yiannis Papadakis, a colleague of the late honouree at the University of Cyprus and for this I wish to thank him.

Moreover, the issue hosts a Policy Paper by Andreas Theophanous that discusses topical aspects of the Cyprus Problem and assesses the results and repercussions of successive rounds of intercommunal negotiations under the auspices of the UN since 1974, making certain suggestions for the future. The issue concludes with the Book Review section and our Spring 2020 Call for Papers.

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