

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

Dear Readers,

This issue of *The Cyprus Review* is exclusively based on papers that were presented in our major International Academic Conference on ‘Colonial Cyprus (1878-1960)’, which took place between 7-8 February 2020. As things turned out, this ended up being the only Conference that took place by physical presence this year. The Conference was held at the University of Nicosia and was dedicated to the memory of notable historian and former President of the Cyprus Society of Historical Studies Aristides Koudounaris (1936-2018). It was co-organised by the Cyprus Society of Historical Studies, the School of Law of the University of Nicosia, the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Cyprus and the post-graduate programme in modern history of Neapolis University Pafos.

The Conference was a monumental moment in the course of history of Cyprological studies. More than 75 academics and researchers presented papers (in Greek and English) as part of the 16 parallel sessions, as well as the plenary session. The latter was marked by the keynote speech delivered by noted historian Professor Emeritus Robert Holland (Centre for Hellenic Studies, King’s College London), on the topic of ‘Cyprus and Anglo-Turkish Relations in the 1950s’.

This current issue features seven papers that cover a wide thematic prism in the colonial era of Cyprus. It sets off with a paper authored by Gabriel Haritos on Israel’s entry to Colonial Cyprus. The author provides an account of events that describe the actions of the Israeli diplomatic service aimed at promoting political ties with Britain and the British authorities in Colonial Cyprus during the early 1950s. This is followed by Nikolaos Stelgias’ and Magdalini Antreou’s paper, which explores the emergence of the Cyprus Republic from the Turkish Cypriot point of view. Savvas Michael’s article in turn examines the British role in creating Greek-Turkish Divisions in Colonial Cyprus and analyses the subsequent breaches of the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee in Post-Colonial Cyprus. Nadia Kornioti revisits the early period of British rule on the island, as a means of obtaining an improved understanding of the constitutional framework for Cypriot independence and, by extension, of the complexity of international relations in the Eastern Mediterranean to this day. This is followed by Andrea Manoli’s article on children’s rights during colonialism, which investigates the legal and socio-legal position of children during British

colonial rule in Cyprus. The paper by Noly Moyssi and Barbara Stivarou examines the British Colonial policy of fabric rationing in Limassol during the Second World War, through an archival research of primary sources. Finally, Stalo Constantinou's paper focuses on rural Cyprus in the period 1920-1940, and investigates/compares two agricultural factories operating during that period under different conditions.

The articles are followed by the usual Book Review section. Finally, our latest Call for Papers can be found, which is entitled *COVID-19 in Doctrinal Context: Analysing, Theorising, and Surpassing the Pandemic Crisis*. Through this call we intend to further the scientific debate about the foundational questions raised by the current pandemic, the threats, challenges, and possibly opportunities created, as well as the doctrinal assessment of the systemic responses provided vis-à-vis this latest predicament.

Christina Ioannou
Editor-in-Chief