

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

Dear Readers,

2021 was a year focused on strengthening our Journal's international role and character. Towards this end, we expanded our Editorial Board by inviting leading academics, scholars and researchers in Cyprological studies. The new revamped Editorial Board (in alphabetical order) is the following: Dr Constantinos Adamides (University of Nicosia), Dr Othon Anastasakis (University of Oxford), Prof. Panayiotis Angelides (University of Nicosia), Prof. George Christou (University of Warwick), Dr Odysseas Christou (University of Nicosia), Prof. Costas M. Constantinou (University of Cyprus), Prof. em. Van Coufoudakis (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis), Prof. Alfred de Zayas (Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations), Prof. Thomas Diez (University of Tübingen), Prof. Dimitris Drikakis, (University of Nicosia), Prof. Marios Evriviades (Neapolis University Pafos), Prof. Hubert Faustmann, (University of Nicosia), Prof. Kevin Featherstone (European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science), Prof. Vassilis Fouskas (University of East London), Dr Michael Given (University of Glasgow), Dr Christina Hajisoteriou (University of Nicosia), Prof. Evanthis Hatzivassiliou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens), Prof. em. Robert Holland (University of London), Dr Sofia Iordanidou (Open University Cyprus), Prof. Andreas Kapardis (University of Cyprus), Dr Vassilis Kappis (University of Buckingham), Prof. Savvas Katsikides (University of Cyprus), Dr Erol Kaymak (Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development - SeeD), Prof. Ilias Kouskouvelis (University of Macedonia), Prof. Mary Koutselini (University of Cyprus), Prof. Petros Lois (University of Nicosia), Prof. Neophytos Loizides (University of Kent), Dr Diana Markides (Independent Researcher), Prof. Farid Mirbagheri (University of Nicosia), Dr Yael Navarro (University of Cambridge), Prof. Phedon Nicolaidis (University of Maastricht), Dr Petros Papapolyviou (University of Cyprus), Prof. Stelios Perrakis (Neapolis University Pafos), Prof. Constantinos Phellas (University of Nicosia), Prof. Oliver Richmond (University of Manchester), Prof. Heinz Richter (University of Mannheim), Dr Soterios Rizas (Research Centre for the Study of Modern Greek History, Academy of Athens), Prof. Spyros Sakellaropoulos (Panteion University), Prof. Paul Sant Cassia (University of Malta), Dr Sertaç Sonan (Cyprus Academic Dialogue), Dr Angelos Syrigos (Panteion University), Dr Ioannis Tellidis (Kyung Hee University), Prof. Andreas Theophanous (University of Nicosia), Prof.

Alina Tryfonidou (Neapolis University Pafos), Prof. Demetris Vrontis (University of Nicosia) and Dr Craig Webster (Ball State University). I would personally like to thank all new members for enriching our Editorial Board and welcome them to our team.

Another goal that we had set for 2021 was to expand and enrich the 'Book Review' Section of the Journal. It has been our firm belief that, as the leading Cypriological academic Journal, we should enhance our role in introducing our readers to the bibliography on International Affairs, Politics, and Social Sciences widely defined, as well as History, Governance, Law, Education and other related fields pertinent to Cyprus, through the publication of more book reviews. Our Consulting Editor, Prof. Achilles C. Emilianides has been instrumental in the realisation of this demanding project and a number of people worked very hard to make this a reality, amongst them Ms Andria Andreou, who I particularly like to thank. I would also like to thank all book reviewers for their contribution. This issue hosts 12 reviews in its final section, of books written between 2018-2021.

In its main section, the current issue hosts three articles. The first is by Epaminondas Epaminonda on the socio-cultural profile of Cyprus through a discussion of change and diversity in the country. Data relating to family, gender roles, social relations, and work-related attitudes are presented in the paper. Differences between social groups and how values might be changing are discussed, and Cyprus' performance in relation to Hofstede's value dimensions and the World Values Survey are studied and conclusions are drawn. The second article is by Magdalini Antreou and Nikolaos Stelgias; it examines negative perceptions of the Jewish settlement attempts in Cyprus during the early British rule (1883-1906). The article examines the breakdown of these settlement attempts within the sociopolitical framework of Cyprus. The authors argue that the Greek Cypriot 'Jewish-phobia' and the hostility of local authorities condemned the Jewish vision of a home in Cyprus, and these attempts finally collapsed. The third article is by Ivan Majchút and Michal Hrnčiar, and it concerns Slovakia's contribution to the solution of the Cyprus Problem. The authors discuss the historical background of Slovak involvement in Cyprus, Slovak diplomacy in the Cyprus Problem, as well as Slovakia's military presence and active involvement in the UNFICYP.

The Articles Section is followed by a Policy Paper authored by Andreas Theophanous, entitled 'A Proposal for a Normal State: The Cyprus Problem after the Five Party Informal Conference'. The author assesses the new state of affairs after the

informal five-party conference under the auspices of the UN Secretary General on 27-29 April 2021, and analyses his proposal for the Cyprus problem.

Following our Book Review Section at the end of the issue, you can find as always our Call for Papers.

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