

**LETTER
FROM THE
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Dear Readers,

While we just scrape this spring edition of *The Cyprus Review* in the wake of a new semester, I recount the Journal's initiatives and activities during the first calendar semester of 2024, while assessing the targets set for the remainder of the year. Chief among these initiatives are the three international conferences that the *Review* has co-organised, all of which were a great success.

As this year marks the 20th anniversary of Cyprus' accession to the EU in 2004, the first conference was entitled *Cyprus and the EU: 20 years later*. The Conference was organised with the Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations, the School of Law of the University of Nicosia, as well as the Nicosia and the Kyrenia Bar Associations.

The second conference, on *New Technologies in the World of Communication*, was organised with the School of Law of the University of Padova and the School of Law of the University of Nicosia. Addressed by the Deputy Minister of Research, Innovation, and Digital Policy Dr Nicodemos Damianou, the Conference welcomed speakers mainly from Italy, Greece and Cyprus, who presented papers on issues of copyright, algorithmic management, data protection, AI systems protection under International Public Law, digital constitutionalism, social media bans and political speech, as well as the gig economy.

The third conference was on *Militant Democracy and Constitutionalism*, and was organised with the School of Law of the University of Nicosia and the Centre for European Constitutional Law - Tsatsos Foundation, with the support of Markides and Markides Law Office. Held in memoriam of Alecos Markides (1943-2020), former Attorney-General of the Republic of Cyprus, the Conference was addressed by the Attorney-General of the Republic of Cyprus Mr George L. Savvides. The

speakers presented papers that covered a wide variety of themes, from theoretical discussions on militant democracy to practical case studies.

The collection of articles in this issue encapsulates once again the vision of our journal: to provide a platform for scholars to share their innovative ideas and foster interdisciplinary collaboration, while reflecting the breadth of intellectual curiosity found among Cyprological researchers.

The articles in this volume delve into a wide array of scientific disciplines, thus exploring a diversity of research topics. The first article, by Christina Hajisoteriou (University of Nicosia), examines a relatively neglected area in the country's research agenda, namely that of adult education. Hajisoteriou looks into the significance of adult education in Cyprus, exploring its provision, barriers, opportunities, and the potential it holds to shape a brighter future for the State and its citizens. She argues that it is crucial for Cyprus to develop a more effective adult education system, aligned with the European agenda for lifelong learning and continuous professional development, enabling adults to effectively address contemporary socio-political and economic challenges.

The second article, authored by Stephanie Theocharous (Centre for Social Research and Regional Development Heraclitus), Dionysis Panos (Cyprus University of Technology), and Noly Moyssi (University of Cyprus), offers a historical exploration on how the politics of street naming in Limassol, under the mayoralty of Christodoulos Sozos (1908-1912), mapped the evolution of national identity and the increasingly articulated demands for a union with Greece. The authors identify the period of Sozos' mayoralty as the first instance where city streets became politically contested spaces, being transformed into cultural arenas and facilitating the politicisation of space.

In the third article, Evangelos Diamantis (Hellenic Police Officers School) examines the institution of the judicial police in the modern State of Justice. The aim of the article is to submit an applicable proposal for the establishment of judicial police in Cyprus. By studying the experience of the institution of the judicial police

in other European countries, Diamantis argues for the organisation and establishment of a Judicial Police in Cyprus, which will help to combat in a modern European State of Law.

The fourth and final paper, by Paschalis Paschali and Marios Adonis (University of Nicosia), is an analysis of the short stop motion animated film ‘Sunny Side Up’. Created by one of the authors during the COVID-19 lockdowns, the film was inspired by this unparalleled era and it features the internal dialogue of the protagonist as he cooks in his kitchen. The investigation focuses on the ‘monkey mind’ – a metaphor for the unsettled mind used in Buddhist writings.

As always, the issue is enriched with reviews of a wide thematic range of books that are Cyprological in nature. More specifically, 7 reviews are included herein of recent bibliographical research pertaining to Cyprus. At the end of this issue you can find our two open Calls for Papers: the first is for a Special Section dedicated to the memory of Dr Kypros Chrysostomides on “Cyprus and International Law” and the second one on the subject of “Twenty Years after the Accession of the Republic of Cyprus to the EU.”

Once again, we extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the realisation of this issue. We invite our readers to delve into its pages, to engage with the authors, to spark discussions, and support academic and research growth in the Cyprological sphere.

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