

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

**Dear Readers,**

When I took over as Editor-in-Chief back in 2016 I envisioned a digital platform for our Journal, a rebranding, and a complete rejuvenation of *The Cyprus Review*. Fast-forward three-and-a-half years later, I can in retrospect say that we have been successful in these efforts. The website's growth, reach and audience's response have been impressive. Setting all these up was of course the product of hundreds of hours of work from numerous members of the *Journal's* Team. In the past few months that's most certainly true for our Publications Editor, Dimitris Kourtis, who has spent the better part of this year working tirelessly to redefine some of the Journal's policies, including our Author Guidelines amongst other things, and for this I am most thankful. This year, we were also blessed to have a remarkable Publication Designer who did an amazing job with all our 2019 issues, and was able to respond to extremely strict deadlines. My appreciation for this goes out to Thomas Costi for being a true professional.

Like our spring 2019 issue, this fall issue hosts a tribute to a colleague who left us last year. Prof. Andreas Sophocleous was a Professor in Communications and Mass Media at the University of Nicosia, and had served as a Dean of the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law (as it was called at the time), and as a Director of the Mass Media and Communication Institute. This Section is edited by our Assistant Editor Maria Hadjiathanasiou, who is currently a Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Fellow at the School of Law of the University of Nicosia.

This issue sets off with an article by Fotios Nicolaou, which investigates the concept of the weakening of a right in the field of property law. This is a comprehensive study on a complex doctrinal issue touching upon the fundamental principles of private law and praxis. This is followed by an article by Nicos Satsias on the Guaranteed Minimum Income, which was introduced in Cyprus in 2014. Satsias argues that a minimum income system was a necessity for social balance in Cyprus, especially after the onset of the economic crisis in the country. The article by Petros Lois and Athina Christodoulou examines the impact of the global financial crisis and the resulting bail-in on the audit of Cypriot banks. It looks at audit fees charged to Cypriot banks, revealing that auditors charged higher audit fees after the crisis period compared to the pre-crisis period, and a larger and more significant increase

in audit fees continued during the bail-in period. As always, our aim is to encourage an interdisciplinary dialogue with and between our authors and readers, through articles that range thematically.

Our fall issue also hosts a Book Review Section at the end, followed by our forthcoming spring 2020 Special Section Call for Papers on '*Gender in Cyprus: Equality, Rights, and Beyond*'. We thus encourage authors to contribute to this effort through original scientific research pertinent to a broad range of Cyprological topics touching upon the issue of gender, with special but not exclusive, focus on the interplay between gender and equality, as well as gender and rights. The objective is to serve as a platform for introducing gender-based approaches into the scientific topos of Cyprological studies.

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