

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

Dear Readers,

The current volume has been the product of a long and challenging process that tested both our resilience and adaptability. The onset of the pandemic in Europe found us a few months after the publication of our last issue and while curating the materials for our 2020 Volume. What was meant to be a contribution to the ongoing dialogue on the revitalisation of Cyprological research in core areas of social sciences, became –within only a couple of weeks– an arduous and demanding journey to preserve a sense of normality, and continue the work we had started within the new context of this unprecedented state of exception.

In the past seven months, both collective and individual freedoms were severely curtailed due to the pressing necessity of safeguarding public health and human lives. In the end, the effects of the pandemic paved the way for the establishment of a new (non-)normality in our everyday lives and our work environments. The ambiance of this exceptionality caused various disruptions and delays that we had to overcome. *The Cyprus Review*, as a scientific journal with an established leading role in the area of Cyprological studies, responded to the challenge and we were finally able to go ahead with the publication of this first issue of our thirty-second volume, featuring a wide range of contributions in topical areas of research.

The issue begins with an article authored by Christina Hajisoteriou on migration policies and education responses in Cyprus, concluding with particularly interesting suggestions regarding the improvement of such responses. This is followed by Stavroula Soukara's contribution discussing the role of investigative interviewing on witness testimony, while providing a thorough doctrinal analysis of the Cypriot criminal system and respective policing practices. The article of Petros Petrikkos and Alexandros Zachariades offers an insightful critique of the approach of the Cypriot Government towards Turkey and reconsiders the Administration's strategic choices to counterbalance Turkey through a polythematic and proactive agenda. Finally, Christos Ioannou, Petros Lois, and Georgios Makrygiannakis explore the course of the risk levels of acquired listed companies in Cyprus for the period 1999-2020, providing a thorough analysis on the relations between financial developments and bankruptcy risks.

Our Fall issue also includes a Special Section on *Gender in Cyprus: Equality, Rights, and Beyond*. Special thanks are due to my Publications Editor Dimitris Kourtis, who also acted as Special Section Editor. The Section features articles by Maria Angeli, Magdalene Antreou, Christiana Cleridou, Ioannis Giokaris and Maria Eleni Pouliasi, Maria Photiou, Marilena Zackheos, and Andreas Hadjigeorgiou. This is followed by our 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.

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