Symposium on the 50 years of the Republic of Cyprus

THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AT CROSSROADS
Past, Present and Future

18-19 February 2010
UNESCO Amphitheater, Europa Building
University of Nicosia

Thursday, February 18:

Chair: Nicos Peristianis
President of the Council of the University of Nicosia

Introductory Comments:
09:40 – 09:45 Nicos Peristianis
President of the Council of the University of Nicosia

Welcoming Address:
09:45 – 09:50 Andreas Theophanous
Director, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs
University of Nicosia

Opening Addresses:
09:50 – 10:30 Glafkos Clerides
Former President of the Republic of Cyprus
George Vassiliou
Former President of the Republic of Cyprus
Vassos Lyssarides
Former President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus

I. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Chair: Van Coufoudakis
Rector Emeritus, University of Nicosia

10:30 – 10:50 Robert Holland
Professor of Imperial and Commonwealth History, University of London

10:50 – 11:10 Ismail Kemal
Researcher of Turkish Studies and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cyprus
“Perspectives on the Formation and Implementation of the Turkish Cyprus’ Policy”

11:10 – 11:30 Costas Constantinou
Professor of Political Science, University of Nicosia
“Cypriot Independence: From Political to Mental States and Back”

11:30 – 12:00 Discussion

12:00 – 12:10 Coffee Break
II. THE 1974 DISASTER AND THE DAY AFTER: ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGES

Chair: Andreas Theophanous  
Director, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs  
University of Nicosia

15:05 – 15:35 Michael Sarris  
Ex-Minister of Finance of the Republic of Cyprus  
“The Cyprus Economy in Perspective: The Record and Future Prospects”

15:35 – 15:55 Discussion

15:55 – 16:05 Coffee Break

Chair: Michalis Attalides  
Rector, University of Nicosia

16:05 – 16:25 Achilles Emilianides  
Associate Professor of Law, University of Nicosia  
“The New Political and Ideological Landscape in Cyprus After 1974”

16:25 – 16:45 Christina Ioannou  
Lecturer of European Studies, University of Nicosia  
“Responding to Social Challenges: Cypriot Industrial Relations at Historical Milestones”

16:45 – 17:05 Hubert Faustmann  
Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Nicosia  
“The State, Political Parties and the Citizen in Cyprus: Past, Present and Future”

17:05 – 17:35 Discussion

17:35 – 17:45 Coffee Break

III. THE REFERENDUM ON THE ANNAN PLAN AND THE ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS TO THE EU

Chair: Emilios Solomou  
Campus Director, University of Nicosia

17:45 – 18:05 Van Coufoudakis  
Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Indiana University-Purdue  
“The Republic of Cyprus at 50: A History of ‘Lost Opportunities’ or of ‘Lost Opportunities’ to Dismantle the Republic of Cyprus?”

18:05 – 18:25 Angelos Syrigos  
Lecturer of International Law, Panteion University, Athens  
“International Precedents and the Cyprus Problem”

18:25 – 18:45 Discussion

18:45 – 19:30 Reception
Friday, February 19:

**Chair:** Van Coufoudakis  
*Rector Emeritus, University of Nicosia*

09:15 – 09:35  
Michalis Attalides  
*Professor of Sociology, University of Nicosia*  
“The Referendum of 2004: A Failure for Helsinki?”

09:35 – 09:55  
Mete Hatay  
*PRIO, International Peace Research Institute, Cyprus Centre*  
“The Demographic Transformation in the northern Part of Cyprus and Broader Consequences”

09:55 – 10:15  
Discussion

10:15 – 10:25  
Coffee Break

IV. THE NEW ERA FOR CYPRUS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Chair:** Van Coufoudakis  
*Rector Emeritus, University of Nicosia*

10:25 – 10:45  
George Vassiliou  
*Former President of the Republic of Cyprus*  
“The Significance of Accession to the EU and the Implications for the Solution to the Cyprus Problem”

10:45 – 11:05  
Discussion

11:05 – 11:15  
Coffee Break

**Chair:** Van Coufoudakis  
*Rector Emeritus, University of Nicosia*

11:15 – 11:35  
Andreas Theophanous  
*Professor of Political Economy, University of Nicosia*  
“The Republic of Cyprus at Crossroads: Challenges and Opportunities”

11:35 – 11:55  
Tozun Bahcheli  
*Professor of Political Science, King’s University College at the University of Western Ontario*  
“The Evolution of the Turkish Cypriot Community, its Relations with Turkey and Future Prospects”

11:55 – 12:15  
Discussion

12:15 – 12:25  
Coffee Break

12:25 – 13:25  
**ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSION**

**Chair:** Andreas Theophanous  
*Director, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, University of Nicosia*

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