



## Course Syllabus

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>ECTS Credits</b>
MIR-622DE	Contemporary Issues in Cyprus	10
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Semester</b>
None	Politics and Governance	Fall/Spring
<b>Type of Course</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Language of Instruction</b>
Elective	International Relations and European Studies	English / Greek
<b>Level of Course</b>	<b>Lecturer(s)</b>	<b>Year of Study</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cycle	Prof. Andreas Theophanous	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Mode of Delivery</b>	<b>Work Placement</b>	<b>Co-requisites</b>
Distance Learning	N/A	None

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

1. Examine contemporary issues in Cyprus politics; these will include the relations between the two major communities, the changing demographic composition of the island, the political and ideological landscape in the island as well as broader economic, social and political developments.
2. Examine the position of Cyprus in the postcolonial, regional and broader geopolitical context and also assess the county's foreign policy and foreign relations in general.

### Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Illustrate an understanding of the issues involved and assess developments over time.
2. Analyze the process of economic development in Cyprus, the state of affairs after the accession to the EU and the eurozone, as well as the financial crisis and related developments.
3. Analyze and evaluate complex issues both orally and in writing as well as lead a discussion regarding issues of an international nature.
4. Independently analyze, interpret and reflect upon key trends in development within world politics.
5. Critically analyze research within the field of study.

6. Demonstrate an understanding and critically engage current social and political issues in Cyprus.
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship of these issues to local, regional and global social and political developments.
8. Demonstrate an understanding and critically engage local decision-making and policy-making.
9. Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at (near) native level.
10. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet, e-mail) as study and communication tools. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

**Course Content:**

1. The Context/The Birth of the Republic of Cyprus
2. Economic, Political and Social Developments in Cyprus: A comprehensive Approach
3. The Impact of Europeanization on Social Issues. Accession to the EU and Broader Implications
4. Cypriot Welfare State in Times of Austerity
5. Diversity and Change - Relations between Greek Cypriots, Turkish Cypriots and the Role of the EU – Toward a new landscape
6. Possible Scenarios for the Solution of the Cyprus Problem and Broader Implications
7. The Political Economy of a Cyprus Settlement
8. Cyprus and the World: the Stakes Involved
9. The Changing Demographic Composition of Cyprus
10. The UK Sovereign Bases
11. What Future for Cyprus?

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, online discussion, individual guidance

**Assessment Methods:**

Student Presentations, Term Papers, Final Exam

**Required Textbooks / Readings:**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The Cyprus Question and the EU: The Challenge and the Promise	Theophanous, A.	Intercollege Press	2004	9963-634-23-0

**Recommended Textbooks / Readings:**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
An International Relations Debacle: The UN Secretary-General's Mission of Good Offices in Cyprus 1999-2004	Palley, C.	Hart Publishing, Oxford and Portland	2005	978-1-841-13578-6

Drevet, Jean-François and Theophanous, Andreas (2012). Cyprus and the EU: Appraisal and Challenges, Notre Europe and Cyprus Center of European and International Affairs

Theophanous, Andreas (2013). The Way out of the Cyprus Economic Crisis, Notre Europe Jacques Delors Institute

Theophanous, A. (2008). The Political Economy of a Cyprus Settlement: The Examination of Four Scenarios, PRIO Report 1/2008

Hatay, M. (2007). Is the Turkish-Cypriot Population Shrinking? PRIO Cyprus Centre

Christou, Odysseas, Ioannou, Christina and Shekeris, Anthos (2013). Social Cohesion and the State in times of Austerity: Cyprus, Report commissioned by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation