

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## 4th Annual EMSI International Conference

**WHEN:** September 19–20, 2019    **WHERE:** Nicosia, Cyprus



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## BACKGROUND

The Eastern Mediterranean has historically been the crossroads of civilizations, religions, ideas, and trade among Europe, Asia, and Africa, East and West, Islam, Christianity and Judaism. The region has been instrumental in the evolution of our societies and developments in the region affect the entire world order.

*The University of Nicosia (UNIC)*, leveraging its location on the Eastern Mediterranean island of Cyprus and its deep expertise on issues pertinent to the region, has launched the Eastern Mediterranean Studies Initiative (EMSI) under its School of Law, as the definitive platform for all related views, ideas, research, developments and dialogue.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The interdisciplinary conference aims to bring together scholars and practitioners from diverse fields, including international relations, political science, political economy, law, political communication, sociology, energy and environmental studies, governance, media studies, technology studies, anthropology, history and cultural analysis. We welcome theoretical, methodological and empirical submissions, case studies and comparative work by scholars and practitioners with particular research and/or professional interest in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The conference pursuant to the Initiative further aims to act as a focal point of connecting academia, political practice and the industry. Accordingly, in addition to leading scholars and practitioners who will participate in the conference, we welcome workshops and seminars to propose and promote innovative projects, discuss ideas and share best practices regarding the themes of the conference. PhD candidates and junior scholars are also welcome to submit their work.



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We seek papers and panel proposals on topics pertinent to the conference.

Indicative topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

## 1 Economics, Energy and Development in the Eastern Mediterranean

- ▼ *Energy and Environmental Security*
- ▼ *The Quest for Water Security in the Region*
- ▼ *Sustainable Development in Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *Greece and Financial Supervision*
- ▼ *Regional Economics, Development and Innovation*
- ▼ *Hydrocarbons and New Alliances*
- ▼ *The Politics of Pipelines in the Region*

## 3 Eastern Mediterranean Intra and Inter-State Challenges

- ▼ *Greco-Turkish Relations*
- ▼ *Arab-Israeli Relations*
- ▼ *The Cyprus Question in the Geopolitical Conundrum of the Region*
- ▼ *Erdogan's Turkey*
- ▼ *The Palestinian Question*
- ▼ *The Role of Israel in the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *Egypt as a Pivotal Player in the Region*
- ▼ *The Future of Syria*
- ▼ *Lebanon's Politics and Regional Relations*
- ▼ *The Jordan Paradigm*
- ▼ *The Great Powers and the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *The European Union and the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *Power Figures and how they shape Inter-State Relations in the Eastern Mediterranean*

## 4 Media, Democracy and Social Disruption in the Eastern Mediterranean

- ▼ *Governance and Public Administration in Conflict Zones*
- ▼ *Migration and Multiculturalism*
- ▼ *Refugees in the Eastern Mediterranean Region*
- ▼ *Challenges of Handling Internal Displacement in the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *Media and Political Communication in Conflict Zones*
- ▼ *The Challenges of Democratic Processes in the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *Freedom of Speech vs 'National Security'*
- ▼ *Human Rights and Social Justice in the Region*

## 2 Diplomacy and Security in the Eastern Mediterranean

- ▼ *Natural Resources as a Source of Conflict in the Middle East*
- ▼ *Political Reform and Instability after the Arab Spring*
- ▼ *New Security Arrangements for the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *Legitimacy and Authority in the Politics of the Region*
- ▼ *Armed Conflict, Hybrid Warfare and the Use of New Technologies in the Region*
- ▼ *Terrorist Organizations and Religious Fundamentalism in the Region*
- ▼ *Strategic Threats to Eastern Mediterranean Security and the Quest for Regional Stability*
- ▼ *Nationalist Ideology and the Nation-State Model in Eastern Mediterranean*



## 5 Religious and Cultural Aspects of Eastern Mediterranean Politics

- ▼ *Cultural Landscapes in the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *The Politics of Islamism and Realpolitik*
- ▼ *Social Fragmentation and Religious Diversity in the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *Kemalism and Islamism in the Turkish-Cypriot Community*
- ▼ *The Politics of Culture in the Eastern Mediterranean*
- ▼ *Sectarian Politics and Social Order in the Middle East*
- ▼ *Civil Society and Islam*
- ▼ *Conflicting Narratives and the Politics of Blame-Game in the Region*

# SPEAKERS

## Thucydides Honorary Lecture

*Jonathan Elkind* is a Fellow and Senior Adjunct Research Scholar at the Center on Global Energy Policy. From 2009 to 2014, he worked on international energy and climate issues at the United States Department of Energy, serving ultimately as Assistant Secretary for International Affairs.

## Keynote Speaker

*Andrey Kortunov* is the Director General of the Russian International Affairs Council, as well as the President of the New Development Technologies Autonomous Non-profit Organization. He is a member of expert and supervisory committees and boards of trustees of several Russian and international organizations. His academic interests include contemporary international relations and Russian foreign policy.

The list of confirmed speakers will be constantly updated on our website: [www.unic.ac.cy/emsi](http://www.unic.ac.cy/emsi)

# DEADLINES & DISCOUNTS

## PAPERS

There are three rounds of submissions of a paper proposal by submitting an abstract no longer than 300 words online through our website: [www.unic.ac.cy/emsi](http://www.unic.ac.cy/emsi).

*Interested applicants are invited to submit an abstract by:*

*They will be notified whether their paper has been accepted by:*

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3
Feb 10, 2019	Apr 10, 2019	May 10, 2019
Feb 28, 2019	Apr 30, 2019	May 31, 2019

## PANELS

Interested scholars are invited to submit a panel proposal by **February 10, 2019** online through our website: [unic.ac.cy/emsi](http://unic.ac.cy/emsi).

They will be notified whether their panel has been accepted by **February 28, 2019**.

All abstracts will be peer reviewed, so the submitted abstract should be prepared for blind review.

Please note that each participant can present once as the primary author, although there are no limitations regarding co-authors.

## FEES

Fees for participation in this Conference are €200.

Registration fee covers attendance at all sessions, conference material, refreshments during breaks, two lunches, a welcome reception/dinner and a tour of Nicosia.

*Participants are responsible for securing their own funding for travel and lodging.*

We plan to publish selected papers in a special volume of the EMSI academic journal. If you wish for a paper to be considered please send it to [emsi@unic.ac.cy](mailto:emsi@unic.ac.cy) by **September 1, 2019**.

*All submissions will be peer reviewed.*

Registration Opens: February 1, 2019

Registration Closes: June 10, 2019

The working days of the conference are **September 19-20, 2019**

## EARLY BIRD RATE

Applicants who submit an abstract by **February 10, 2019** will receive a **50% discount**.

Applicants who submit an abstract by **April 10, 2019** will receive a **30% discount**.

Applicants who submit an abstract after **April 10, 2019** are not entitled to a discount.

Students will receive  
**50% Discount**  
on the Conference Fees

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