

Curriculum Vitae Skeleton

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Education:

Undergraduate work:

(Degree, Date received)
BA Political Science and Public Administration, National and
Kapodestrian University of Athens, January 2002

Graduate work:

(Degree, Date received)
PhD International Relations, Panteion University of Athens, October 2016
MA International Relations and Strategic Studies, Panteion University of Athens,
May 2006
Post-graduate Diploma European Union and Developing Countries, Panteion
University of Athens and Institute of International Relations, Athens, May 2003

Positions Held:

(reverse chronological order)

Synchroni Apopsi (Contemporary Opinion) magazine, editor in chief, Epikentro
Endotiki Ltd, Nicosia (Cyprus), March 2008-December 2010

Director of the Centre for Scientific Dialogue and Research, Centre for Scientific
Dialogue and Research, Nicosia (Cyprus), January 2011-February 2013

Legacy Intelligence and Development magazine, editorial consultant and political
editor, Prestige Group, Limassol (Cyprus), March 2012-August 2013 (P/T)

Defteri Anagnosi (Second Reading) radion programme, Logos Radio, Nicosia
(Cyprus), September 2012-July 2015 (P/T)

Director of Hippasus Communications and Publishing Ltd, Hippasus Communications
& Publishing Ltd, Nicosia (Cyprus), March 2013-December 2014

Teaching professional, University of Nicosia, Nicosia (Cyprus), Visiting lecturer,
Department of European Studies and International Relations and Department of Law,
September 2014-August 2016 (P/T)

Areas of Concentration/ Research Interests:

- IR Theory (especially Structural Realism, Neoclassical Realism and English School)
- Great power politics (especially US and Russian foreign policy and the rise of China as a global power)
- Politics and balance of power in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East (especially politics of the Cyprus problem, US strategy in the Middle East, foreign policy and regional power antagonism)
- Strategic theory (especially great powers' grand strategy, coercion, deterrence and coercive diplomacy)
- European integration (especially the the EU global strategy and consequences of enlargement policy)
- Public international law
- Cyprus politics

Professional Associations

Organization/field	Title
Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs (University of Nicosia)	Board Member
Geostrategic Council (Advisory body to the President of the Republic Of Cyprus)	Member (2014-2018)
Diplomatic Academy (University of Nicosia)	Fellow

Funding (grants, contracts, research awards)
(source, date)

Completed projects

- EEA Financial Mechanism 2004-2009, "Multicultural Policy in Child Caring and Adoption", The Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations, Nicosia, 2009-2010
- Lifelong Learning Programme, Grundtvig Workshops, "Modern Views of Greek and Roman Antiquity", The Centre for Scientific Dialogue and Research, April 2012. Project manager
- Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, "Usage and Licensing of Open Source Software inIntegrated Systems", Nicosia, May-October 2012
- FRANET researcher: First Elements Euroconsultants and The Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the annual report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2011
- FRANET researcher: First Elements Euroconsultants and The Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)

Researching and interviewing in search of data for the interim report of the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights titled “Redress Mechanisms and Their Use”, 2012

- FRANET researcher
First Elements Euroconsultants and The Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the annual report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2012
- FRANET researcher
First Elements Euroconsultants Ltd and the Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the annual report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2013
- First Elements Euroconsultants Ltd and the Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the ad hoc report of the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights titled “National Intelligence Authorities and Surveillance in the EU”, 2014
- EP/EXPO/B/FWC/2019-01
Tender for a framework contract to provide foreign policy expertise to the European Parliament’s Directorate General for External Policies in the field of Southern Neighbourhood and Greater Middle East (Lot 2). Proposal submitted by the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA). I participate as a part of a pool of 58 experts from TEPSA member institutes and beyond (UNIC/Department of Politics and Governance is a member institution)
- EPRS/DIRC/SER/19/002
Tender for a multiple framework service contract for the provision of external expertise in the fields of ex-ante impact assessment, ex-post evaluation, estimating European added value and stress testing of EU policy
Lot 5: Foreign Affairs, Security and Defence, Human Rights, Development and International Trade. Proposal submitted by the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA). I participate as a part of a pool of 58 experts from TEPSA member institutes and beyond (UNIC/Department of Politics and Governance is a member institution)

Awards/Distinctions:

(for teaching, research, service)

PhD International Relations, Panteion University of Athens, October 2016 (grade “A”)

Languages:

Greek (native), English

Research & Publications

Doctoral Dissertation:

“US Interventionism as a Means of Hegemonism, 1945-2008” (in Greek)

Books Edited, Written or Translated

Emilianides, A., Kentas, G., Fokaides, P., Kontos, M., Mavrommatis, Y., *The Annan Plan: Five Critical Essays* [Το Σχέδιο Ανάν, Πέντε Κείμενα Κριτικής], Athens: Ypsilon/Aegeon, 2003 (in Greek). (E)

Emilianides, A., Kentas, G., Kontos, M., *The European Union before the Future* [Η Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση Μπροστά στο Μέλλον], Nicosia: Power Publishing, 2007 (in Greek).

Emilianides, A., Kontos, M., Kentas, G., *A Marked Deck of Cards: The Confidential Documents of the Christofias-Talat Negotiations* [Σημαδεμένη Τράπουλα. Τα Απόρρητα Έγγραφα των Διαπραγματεύσεων Χριστόφια-Ταλάτ], Power Publishing: Nicosia, 2010 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., Theodoulou, S-C., Panayiotides, N., Alexandrou, Ch., (eds.), *Great Power Politics in Cyprus: Foreign Interventions and Domestic Perceptions*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014.

Warner, J., Lovell, D., Kontos, M., (eds.), *Contemporary Social and Political Aspects of the Cyprus Problem*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016.

Emilianides, A., Kontos, M. (eds.), *The Cyprus Yearbook of International Law* 2012, Nicosia: Hippasus Publishing and Center for Scientific Dialogue and Research, 2012.

Emilianides, A., Kontos, M., Stefanou, E. (eds.), *Yearbook of Cyprus and European Law 2013* [Επετηρίδα Κυπριακού και Ευρωπαϊκού Δικαίου], Nicosia: Hippasus Publishing and Center for Scientific Dialogue and Research, 2013 (in Greek and English).

Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitical Review, “Perspectives on Strategic Cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean,” Volume 1, Fall 2015.

Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitical Review, “Great Power Politics in the Middle East,” Volume 2, Fall 2016.

Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitical Review, Volume 3, Spring 2018.

Tassos Papadopoulos: *Archive*, Tassos Papadopoulos Research Center, 2020, VIII [Τάσσος Παπαδόπουλος, Αρχείο, Κέντρο Μελετών Τάσσος Παπαδόπουλος, 2020, τ. III], “1991-2003: The Way to the European Union and the new Plans for the

Settlement of the Cyprus Problem” [1991-2003: Η Πορεία προς την Ευρωπαϊκή Ένωση και τα Νέα Σχέδια Λύσης του Κυπριακού] (in Greek).

Chapters in Books

Kontos, M., “From the Anan Plan to Copenhagen” [Από το Σχέδιο Ανάν στην Κοπεγχάγη], in Emilianides et al., *The Annan Plan: Five Critical Essays*, Athens: Ypsilon, 2003, pp. 147-157 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “The Concessions Diplomacy and the Aim of Federation” [Η Διπλωματία των Συμβιβασμών και ο Στόχος της Ομοσπονδιοποίησης], in Emilianides et al., *The Annan Plan: Five Critical Essays*, Athens: Ypsilon, 2003, pp. 20-27 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., Neophytou, Th., “European Integration and the Republic of Cyprus” [Ευρωπαϊκή Ολοκλήρωση και Κυπριακή Δημοκρατία], in Emilianides, A. (ed.), *Policy Suggestions after Cyprus Accession in the EU*, Nicosia: Power Publishing, 2005, pp. 47-75 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “US Policy on the Cyprus Question: Perceptions, Interests and Actions Between 1947 and 1956”, in Charalambides, Y., Klokkaris, Ph. (eds.), *Unseen Aspects of EOKA: From British Press to Geostrategic Games* [Αθέατες Πτυχές της ΕΟΚΑ: Από το Βρετανικό Τύπο στα Γεωστρατηγικά Παιχνίδια], Nicosia: European Rim Policy and Investment Council, 2012, pp. 99-112 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "The 'Anglo-American Factor' in Greek Cypriot Politics: English, American or 'Anglo-American'?", in Kontos, M., et. al. (eds.), *Great Power Politics in Cyprus: Foreign Interventions and Domestic Perceptions*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014.

Kontos, M., "Strategic Planning for the Republic of Cyprus' Security and Survival" [Στρατηγικός Σχεδιασμός Ασφάλειας και Επιβίωσης της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας], in Christina Ioannou, Demetris P. Soteropoulos, Achilles K. Emilianides (eds.), *Cyprus in a New Era. Geostrategic Parameters, Economy, Foreign Policy* [Η Κύπρος σε Νέα Εποχή: Γεωστρατηγικές Παράμετροι, Οικονομία, Εξωτερική Πολιτική], Nicosia: Foreign Affairs: The Hellenic Edition and Hippasus Publishing, 2014 (in Greek). (1)

Kontos, M., " Foreign Intervention in Cyprus: Perceptions, Misperceptions and Reality," in Warner, J., et. al. (eds.), *Modern Social and Political Aspects of the Cyprus Problem*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016.

Adamides C., Kontos M., “Greek Cypriot perceptions of the United Nations,” in M. Michael and Y. Vural, *Cyprus and the Roadmap for Peace: A Critical Interrogation of the Conflict*, London: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018, pp. 145-154.

Michalis Kontos, "The International System and the Lausanne Treaty: How Systemic Transition in 1871-1945 Shaped a New Greek-Turkish Balance, [Το Διεθνές Σύστημα και η Συνθήκη της Λωζάνης: Πώς η Συστημική Μετάβαση της Περιόδου 1871-1945 Διαμόρφωσε μια Νέα Ελληνοτουρκική Ισορροπία],” in Zenonas Tziarras (ed.) *The Eastern Mediterranean 100 Years after the Lausanne Treaty: Historical, Political and Geopolitical Aspects* (Nicosia: Hippasus, 2025), pp. 49-66 (in Greek).

Journal Papers

* Journal articles (refereed)

Kontos, M., "Cyprus Party Bipolarism: Propaganda, Clash and Interdependence" [Κυπριακός Κομματικός Διπολισμός: Προπαγάνδα, Σύγκρουση και Αλληλεξάρτηση], *Columbia Journalism Review* (Hellenic edition), Issue 2 (Fall 2013), p.p. 20-23. (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "Hegemony and Balance of Power in the Middle East" *Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitical Review*, Issue 2 (Fall 2016).

Kontos, M., Bitsis, G., "Power Games in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Republic of Cyprus: The Trouble with Turkey's Coercive Diplomacy" *The Cyprus Review*, Vol. 30:1 (Spring 2018), pp. 51-70.

Kontos, M., Georgiou, E. US foreign and security policy in contemporary Eastern Mediterranean: the return of great power politics in a changing regional environment. *International Politics* 60, pp. 1014–1029 (2023).
<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-022-00427-3>

Kontos, M., "State Power, Ideology, and Societal Beliefs in Cyprus: How Society in a Small State Perceives Uneven Power Relations," *The Cyprus Review*, Vol. 35:1 (Spring 2023), pp. 29-57

Kontos, M., Tziarras, Z., "Reckoning with 'New' Turkey: Modes of US Reaction to Unwanted Policy Shifts in the Middle East," *Digests of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 32:4 (Fall 2023), pp. 262-280,
<https://doi.org/10.1111/dome.12308>

Kontos, M., "Adaptation and transition: the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Cypriot-Russian relations," *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, online publication December 26, 2024,
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14683857.2024.2448354>

** Invited papers

Kontos, M., "Turkish Threats Against Cyprus' Oil and Gas Quest: Was Thucydides Wrong?", *National Guard and History*, Issue 31, January-June 2013, pp. 19-25 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "The Perspective of a Regional Hegemony in the Middle East" [Η Προοπτική μιας Περιφερειακής Ηγεμονίας στη Μέση Ανατολή], *National Guard and History*, Issue 32, July-December 2013 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "American Interventionsm and Cyprus" [Αμερικανικός Παρεμβατισμός και Κύπρος], *National Guard and History*, Issue 33, July-December 2013 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "Middle East, Cyprus and the Cyprus Problem: A New Era Calls for New Perspectives," [Μέση Ανατολή, Κύπρος και Κυπριακό: Οι Νέες Εποχές Απαιτούν Νέες Οπτικές,] *Cyprus Testimony*, Issue 31 (2012), pp. 25-30 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "Economy and [Geo]politics in Cyprus, in Times of MoU," [Οικονομία αι (Γεω)πολιτική στην Κύπρο του Μνημονίου], *Cyprus Testimony*, Issue 33 (2014): 39-45.

Kontos, M., "The Evolution of US-Turkish Relations" [Η Εξέλιξη των Αμερικανοτουρκικών Σχέσεων: Τα αίτια, τα αιτιατά και τα όρια της αμερικανοτουρκικής ρήξης], *Journalism*, Issue no. 20, Summer 2019 [Δημοσιογραφία, 20^ο τεύχος, καλοκαίρι 2019], 12-16.

*** Non-refereed Journals

Kontos, M., "What Kind of Europe do the Americans Prefer?", in Melakopides, C., Aimilianides A., Kentas, G. (eds.), *The Cyprus Yearbook of International Relations* 2006, Nicosia: KIMEDE and Power Publishing, 2006, pp. 49-61.

Kontos, M., "Turkey's Relations with Greece and Cyprus: Hegemony and Europeanization", in Melakopides, C., Aimilianides A., Kentas, G. (eds.), *The Cyprus Yearbook of International Relations* 2007, Nicosia: KIMEDE and Power Publishing, 2007, pp. 111-122.

Kontos, M., "2013 Cyprus Presidential Elections: How the Party System Affected the Electoral Results and How the Electoral Results are Expected to Affect the Party System", *Études Helléniques/Hellenic Studies* Vol. 21 No 1 (Spring 2013), pp. 35-58.

Kontos, M., "Cyprus and the Great Powers: An Evaluation of Russian-Cypriot Relations in the New Eastern Mediterranean Environment," *Law and Administration*, № 4 (53) 2019, pp. 17-27.

*** Book Reviews

Kontos, M., Book Review of Goode, J., *The Turkish Arms Embargo: Drugs, Ethnic Lobbies, and US Domestic Politics*, University Press of Kentucky, 2020, in *Cyprus Review*, Vol. 33 No. 2 (Spring 2021)

Kontos, M., Book Review of Tziarras, Z., *Turkish Foreign Policy: The Lausanne Syndrome in the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East*, Springer, 2022, in *Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Review*, Vol. 1 No. 1 (Fall 2023)

Bulletins or Reports (indicative)

Kontos, M., "Cypriot Search for Natural Gas and Turkish Threats: A Re-Evaluation of the Concept of Power", In *Depth Newsletter*, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Volume 9, Issue 6, December 2012.

Kontos, M., “Turkey’s Relations with NATO and the EU after the Coup,” In Depth Newsletter, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Volume 13, Issue 4, August 2016.

Kontos, M., Adamides, C., Tsakiris, Th., “The New Regional State of Affairs and how it impacts on the Geostrategic Value of the Republic of Cyprus,” [Τα Νέα Περιφερειακά Δεδομένα και ο Αντίκτυπός τους στη Γεωστρατηγική Αξία της Κυπριακής Δημοκρατίας], Geostrategic Council, April 2015 (in Greek). (Secret-Delivered to the President of the Republic of Cyprus).

Kontos, M., “The Security Environment in the Greater Middle East and East Mediterranean. Sources of Instability and Emerging Threats,” [Το Περιβάλλον Ασφαλείας στην Ευρύτερη Μέση Ανατολή και την Ανατολική Μεσόγειο. Πηγές Αστάθειας και Αναδυόμενες Απειλές] Geostrategic Council, December 2015 (in Greek). (Secret-Delivered to the President of the Republic of Cyprus).

Kontos, M., “US Middle East Strategy under President Trump’s Isolationist Foreign Policy,” Eastern Mediterranean Policy Note • No. 14 • 26 February 2017.

Kontos, M. “Will Iran Become a Regional Hegemon in the Middle East?”, In Depth Newsletter, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Volume 14, Issue 6, December 2017.

Kontos, M., “The Evolution of US-Turkish Relations: Fixed and Variable Determinants,” In Depth Newsletter, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Volume 15, Issue 5, September 2018.

Kontos, M., “Recent Developments on Cyprus: Re-assessing the Agenda of Public Discourse,” In Depth Newsletter, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Volume 16, Issue 5, September 2019.

Theophanous, A., Kontos, M., “COVID-19 in Europe and the World: A Catalyst for Change or just an Accelerator?” In Depth Newsletter, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Volume 17, Issue 3, May 2020.

Kontos, M., “The Cyprus Problem as a Factor of Political Change” [Το Κυπριακό Πρόβλημα ως Παράγοντας Πολιτικής Αλλαγής], In Depth Newsletter, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Volume 18, Issue 3, June 2021 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “US Withdrawal from the Middle East: Policy Failure or Destiny?” In Depth Newsletter, Volume 18, Issue 5, October 2021

Kontos, M., “From the 2018-2022 Greek Turkish "Geopolitical Roller Coaster" to Detente Diplomacy: A Pattern that Stubbornly Lives on” In Depth Newsletter, Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Volume 20, Issue 3, September 2023

Conference Proceedings

Kontos, M., “'Left-Wing' and 'Right-Wing' Politics in Cyprus: A Story of Social Discord and Political Success”, The 13th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI), University of Cyprus, 2-6 July 2012.

Karyos, A., Kontos, M. “The Threat of Use of Military Force Under Unequal Power Relations: The Crisis of the S300 Missile System in Cyprus, 1996-1998”, [Απειλή Χρήσης Βίας υπό Συνθήκες Ανισοζυγίου Ισχύος: Η Κρίση των Πυραύλων S-300 στην Κύπρο, 1996-1998] (in Greek) in Emilianides, A. K., Ioannou, C., Sotiropoulos, D. P. (eds), *Struggle for Survival: aspects of Cyprus political history after 1974*, [Αγώνας για Επιβίωση: Πτυχές της Κυπριακής Πολιτικής Ιστορίας μετά το 1974] Nea Hestia, Hippasus, University of Nicosia/School of Law, 2021 (in Greek), p.p. 95-111.

Kontos, M. “The Turkish Strategy of Interruption of the Cypriot Drilling Program: Diplomatic and Military Aspects,” [Τουρκική Στρατηγική Διακοπής του Κυπριακού Γεωτρητικού Προγράμματος: Διπλωματικές και Στρατιωτικές Παράμετροι] (in Greek) in Savvides, P. (ed.), *Small States Defence and Security: the case of Cyprus*, [Μικρά Κράτη, Άμυνα και Ασφάλεια: Η Περίπτωση της Κύπρου] Armatolos, 2021 (in Greek), p.p. 133-158.

Newspaper Articles (indicative)*

Kontos, M., “Political system and political establishment: The consequences of non-punishment,” Livenews, 11 January 2013 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “When the ‘system’ swallowed the state,” Legacy Magazine, Special Elections Edition, February 2013 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “Some thoughts on the selection of ministers,” Livenews, 6 March 2013 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “The American dilemma and the decision of the ECHR,” Phileleftheros, 19 May 2014 (in Greek).

Ioannou, C., Kontos, M., Emilianides, A., “In or out of Euro?” Phileleftheros, 21 April 2013 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “What if the romance between Israel and Turkey revives?” Phileleftheros, 28 February 2012 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “A new global distribution of power,” Reporter, 28 February 2015 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “How does the international system change? A new geopolitical state of affairs and perspectives for the Republic of Cyprus,” apopsi.com.cy, 17 July 2014 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “The Turkish crisis, a new state of affairs and a window of opportunity,” Phileleftheros, 5 January 2014 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “The divine gift vs. the divine time bonus,” Legacy Magazine, Issue 3, March-May 2013.

Kontos, M. “The new political map of Cyprus,” Legacy Magazine, Issue 3, March-May 2013.

Kontos, M., "Hope lies beneath the surface," Legacy Magazine, Issue 2, December 2012-February 2013.

Kontos, M., "The map of foreign interests," Legacy Magazine, Issue 4, July-August 2014.

Kontos, M., "The 'big scorpion' strikes again," Legacy Magazine, Issue 4, July-August 2014.

Kontos, M., Michael, M., "On the verge of history: Can Cyprus become a natural gas exporter," Legacy Magazine, Issue 1, August-October 2012.

Kontos, M., "Greek lessons for Cypriot politicians," Legacy Magazine, Issue 1, August-October 2012.

Kontos, M., "From Grenada to Jerusalem," Phileleftheros, 31 December 2017 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "The international system in the era of pandemic," Phileleftheros, 5 April 2020 (in Greek).

**I have written a lot of articles in newspapers and/or websites, while I have given and taken a lot of interviews on issues pertinent with my field of expertise, in local and international media outlets. A collection of 60 articles and interviews published in "Synchroni Apopsi" magazine (2008-2010) are available in <https://issuu.com/apopsimagazine>

Conference Presentations

Kontos, M., "The Greek Cypriot Concept of the 'Anglo-American Factor' in Cyprus: The Case of 1947-1956 Period", The 13th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI), University of Cyprus, 2-6 July 2012.

Kontos, M., "'Left-Wing' and 'Right-Wing' Politics in Cyprus: A Story of Social Discord and Political Success", The 13th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI), University of Cyprus, 2-6 July, 2012.

Kontos, M., "The Cyprus Question in Early Cold War: International Environment and US Perceptions", Interdisciplinary Approaches of the Cyprus Conflict (1950-1959): International Relations, History and Literature, organised by the University of Cyprus and the Centre for Scientific Dialogue and Research, Nicosia, 3 November 2012 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "Financial Crisis and Security Gap: Analysis and Proposals", Cyprus: Dilemmas and Options for Tomorrow, organised by Thoukydides Think Tank, Nicosia, 13 April 2013 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "Strategic Planning for Security and Survival of the Republic of Cyprus: Long-Lasting Maladies and Contemporary Challenges", Cyprus in the New Era:

Geostrategic Parameters, Economy, Foreign Policy, organised by Foreign Affairs: the Hellenic Edition and the University of Nicosia, Nicosia, 18 June 2013 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., Orinos, N., "The Cyprus Party System in Times of Crisis", The Political System after the Memorandum of Understanding, organised by the University of Nicosia, Nicosia, 7 March 2014 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "Obama's Options and Choices in the Middle East. A Critical Evaluation", research seminar organised by the University of Cyprus, Department of Social and Political Sciences 24 September 2014.

Kontos, M., "Contemporary US-Middle East Strategy and Regional Repercussions: a Neorealist Approach", Cyprus Israel Relations: The Current State of Affairs, organized by PRIO, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Truman Institute, 12 November 2015.

Kontos, M., "Cyprus and the Turkish Quest for Hegemony", The Cyprus Problem, its Solution and Broader Implications, organized by the Center of European and International Affairs of the University of Nicosia, 11 March 2016.

Kontos, M., Ampartzides, I., "Turkish policies towards the Muslim World, Greece and Cyprus: A comparative approach of "soft" and "hard" hegemonism," 3rd EMSI Annual Conference, University of Nicosia, 22 June 2018.

Kontos, M., Karyos, A., "The Threat of Use of Military Force Under Unequal Power Relations: The Crisis of the S300 Missile System in Cyprus, 1996-1998" Political History of the Republic of Cyprus after 1974, organized by the University of Nicosia, School of Law, 12-13 October 2018 (in Greek).

Kontos, M. "Small States in a Self-help International System: The BRI and Cyprus in the Changing Regional Balance of Power" "The Belt and Road Initiative': China's new 'Silk Road' and the Eastern Mediterranean", Organized by Oslo-PRIO Cyprus, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-FES Cyprus and the Institute of International Economic Relations (Athens), Nicosia, 16 November 2018

Kontos, M., "Russian-Cypriot Relations in the New Eastern Mediterranean Environment," 4th EMSI Annual Conference, University of Nicosia, 20 September 2019.

Kontos, M., "The System of Guarantee and Turkish Quest for Suzerainty: An Interpretive Approach under the lens of Theory of International Society," Conference titled "An Evaluation of London-Zurich Agreements, 60 Years on," University of Nicosia and Tassos Papadopoulos Research Center, 9 November 2019 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., "Turkish Strategy for the Interruption of the Offshore Drilling Program of the Republic of Cyprus: Military and Diplomatic Aspects," Conference organized by the University of Buckingham Center for Security and Intelligence Studies and the Academy of Defence and Security (Republic of Cyprus, Ministry of Defence), Nicosia, 27 February 2020.

Kontos, M., "Cyprus, Turkey and the Great Powers: The changing pattern of relations in the New Eastern Mediterranean environment," International Studies Association

(ISA) International Conference, 2020, “Africa and the Middle East and North Africa: Understanding Paradoxical Outcomes of Contemporary Transformations,” Ifrane/Morocco, June 23-25, 2020 (the paper was accepted but the conference was cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak).

Kontos. M., “The Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Academic Network: a brief presentation,” "The role of higher education in the development of the society, economy and culture in the Black Sea Region in the context of the global pandemic," Online International Conference organized by the Southern Federal University of the Russian Federation, March 30th, 2021.

Kontos, M., Georgiou, E., “US Balancing in the Eastern Mediterranean: Great Power Games in a Changing International Environment,” ECPR Joint Sessions, April 19, 2022

Kontos, M., “Adaptation and Transition: The impact of Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine on Russian-Cypriot Relations”. European International Studies Association (EISA), 10th European Workshops in International Studies (EWIS 2023), July 12-14, 2023, University of Amsterdam

Round Table Discussions

Kontos, M., “The Gradual Withdrawal of the US from the Middle East and the Unravelling Repercussions”, Instability in the Middle East, organized by the Center of European and International Affairs of the University of Nicosia, 18 June 2016.

Symposium Presentation

Kontos, M. "The Cyprus Political System's Deadlocks: The Role of the Civil Society", Cyprus Association of Political Science and Public Administration, 21 February 2011 (in Greek).

Kontos, M. "US Interests and Perceptions on Cyprus: 1947-1956", Association of Intellectual Rejuvenation, 31 May 2011 (in Greek).

Kontos, M. "Cyprus and the Eurozone: The Geopolitical Dimension", National Forum for the Economy, organised by the Social Democrat Movement EDEK, 11 May 2013 (in Greek).

Erasmus+ Mobility

Kontos., M., “Systemic Changes and Regional (In)Stability in Contemporary Eastern Mediterranean,” online guest lecture delivered in The Hague University of Applied Sciences, October 26, 2020 (originally, the mobility was scheduled to take place in physical presence in March 2020 but it was postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak)

Kontos, M., “An Analysis of the Middle East from a (Neo)realist Perspective,” online guest lecture delivered in The Hague University of Applied Sciences, October 26, 2020 (originally, the mobility was scheduled to take place in physical presence in March 2020 but it was postponed due to the COVID-19 outbreak)

Kontos, M., “Russian Cypriot Relations after the Invasion of Ukraine,” May 2, 2023, University of Piraeus, Greece

Kontos, M., “Turkey’s Coercive Diplomacy in Cyprus,” May 3, 2023, University of Piraeus, Greece

Kontos, M., “The Evolution of US Policy in the Middle East,” May 2, 2024, University of Salerno, Italy

Invited Speaker (indicative)

Kontos M., Book Review of Stephanos Constantinides, *The Historical Consensus and the Neo-Ottoman Model*. Nicosia, Aegeon, 2011 (in Greek). 15 October 2012.

Kontos M., Book Review of Nikos Panayiotides, *In Search of a State: The Palestinian Issue and the Great Powers' Role in its Settlement*. Nicosia, Power Publishing, 2012 (in Greek). 30 October 2012.

Kontos M., Book Review of Zenonas Tziarras and Nicos Moudouros, *Ideological Perspectives of Turkish Foreign Policy*. Athens, Tourikis, 2016 (in Greek). 1 November 2016.\

Kontos M., Book Review of Constantinos Filis, *Turkey, Islam, Erdogan*, Papadopoulos, 2018 (in Greek). 7 June 2016.

Kontos M., “International Recognition and the Case of the ‘TRNC’”, Democratic Party, Nicosia, Cyprus, November 20, 2018 (in Greek).

Kontos M., Book Review of Achilles C. Emilianides, *A Long Chess Game: The Secret Negotiations on British Bases (1959-1960)* [Ένα Μακρόσυρτο Παιχνίδι Σκακιού: Οι Απόρρητες Διαπραγματεύσεις για τις Βρετανικές Βάσεις, 1959-1960], Hippassus Publishing, November 18, 2021 (in Greek).

Kontos M., “Reckoning with ‘New Turkey’ in the Middle East: A Comparative Approach,” [Η Αμερικανική Διαχείριση της «Νέας Τουρκίας» στο πλαίσιο της Μέσης Ανατολής: Μια Συγκριτική Προσέγγιση], in “‘Erdogan in deadlock?’ External and Domestic Aspects of Developments in Turkey,” Department of Turkish and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cyprus, March 19, 2022 (in Greek).

Invited Talks, Seminars & Colloquia

Kontos M., “Hegemony and Balance of Power in the Middle East: Power Re-Distribution and Systemic Configuration,” Seminar Talk for the Academy of Defence and Security, Ministry of Defence, Republic of Cyprus, 28 June 2016 (in Greek).

Kontos M., “The EU Institutions and their Functioning,” Education Seminar for the Academy of Defence and Security, Ministry of Defence, Republic of Cyprus, 23 November 2017 (in Greek).

Kontos M., “Hegemony and Balance of Power in the Middle East: Power Re-Distribution and Systemic Configuration,” Seminar Talk for the Police Academy, Republic of Cyprus, 13 February 2018 (in Greek).

Kontos, M., “The Evolution of Turkey’s Relations with the United States and Russia: A Systemic Approach,” Seminar Talk for Diplomats, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Cyprus, 28 June 2019 (in Greek).

Kontos M., “Turkish Coercive Diplomacy against Greek and Cyprus,” (in Greek) Open University of Cyprus, MA PNYKA: Political History, Theory and Practice, online seminar, December 2nd, 2020.

Other Scholarly Activities

Conference Organizing

Administrative Committee, ECPR Joint Sessions, 2018, University of Nicosia

Steering Committee, 3rd EMSI Annual Conference, 2018, University of Nicosia

Organizing Committee, The 13th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI), University of Cyprus, 2-6 July, 2012

Organizing Committee, EMSI video podcast series titled “COVID-19: Implications and the Eastern Mediterranean,” June 2020

Organizing Committee, “On the routes, impacts and policies connected to the current mass migratory movements and people on the move.” Conference organized by the Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Black Sea and Mediterranean Studies (ILABSEM) in the Faculty of Economic and Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Eastern Mediterranean Studies Initiative (EMSI), School of Law of the University of Nicosia, supported by the European Society of International Law – ESIL. 20 October 2020.

Organizing Committee, “Opportunities for International Research and Academic Partnerships,” online conference organized by the Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Academic Network (BSEMAN), March 18th, 2021.

Workshop Co-Director, “Europe in the post-American World: Reframing the Euro-Atlantic Partnership”, virtual workshop, ECPR Joint Sessions, Edinburgh, April 18-22, 2022

Organizing Committee, “The Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean in Transition: Energy Geopolitics, Security and Development in a Changing World Order,” hybrid conference organized by the University of Nicosia/School of Law, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/ Laboratory for Black Sea and Mediterranean Studies

(Faculty of Political and Economic Sciences), and the Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Academic Network, June 10th, 2022

Editorial Boards

The Cyprus Review, Assistant Editor

The Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Review, Associate Editor-in-Chief

Reviewer

Cyprus Review

Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies

Media War and Conflict (SAGE journals)

Journal of Contemporary European Studies (Taylor & Francis online)

Canadian Journal of European and Russian Studies

Europe-Asia Studies

Collaborations

Consultancies

Member of the Geostrategic Council (advisory body to the President of the Republic of Cyprus), Sep. 2014-2018

Experience

Administrative

(projects managed, committees served etc)

Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Academic Network, Member of the Coordinating Committee.

Cyprus Review, Assistant Editor (2020-ongoing)

Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Review, Associate Editor-in-Chief (2023-ongoing)

Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs, Board Member

EEA Financial Mechanism 2004-2009, "Multicultural Policy in Child Caring and Adoption", The Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations, Nicosia, 2009-2010

Lifelong Learning Programme, Grundtvig Workshops, "Modern Views of Greek and Roman Antiquity", The Centre for Scientific Dialogue and Research, April 2012.
Project manager

Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation, "Usage and Licensing of Open Source Software in Integrated Systems", Nicosia, May-October 2012

FRANET researcher: First Elements Euroconsultants and The Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the annual report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2011

FRANET researcher: First Elements Euroconsultants and The Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the interim report of the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights titled "Redress Mechanisms and Their Use", 2012

FRANET researcher
First Elements Euroconsultants and The Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the annual report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2012

FRANET researcher
First Elements Euroconsultants Ltd and the Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the annual report of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, 2013

First Elements Euroconsultants Ltd and the Cyprus Institute for State and Church Relations consortium, Nicosia (Cyprus)
Researching and interviewing in search of data for the ad hoc report of the European Union Agency of Fundamental Rights titled "National Intelligence Authorities and Surveillance in the EU", 2014

Advisory

(students supervised, theses directed/indicative etc)

Giorgos Bitsis, PhD title: "The evaluation of the strategic choices of Greece and Turkey on the Cyprus problem and the role of the great powers: a realist approach", PhD in International Relations and European Studies (Completion: Fall 2021)

Eleni Georgiou, PhD title: "Chinese grand strategy and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): Mediterranean ramifications," PhD in International Relations and European Studies (ongoing)

Georgios Shiachamis, PhD title: "Security strategy for small states in a multipolar world," PhD in International Relations and European Studies (ongoing)

Andreas Polycarpou, PhD title: "Middle-Size states' foreign policy vis a vis Great Powers in the Interwar Period" PhD in International Relations and European Studies (ongoing)

Ali Al Mohammad, PhD title: "The Grand Chessboard: The Art of Russian Eurasian Strategy Through Neoclassical Realist Lenses," PhD in International Relations and European Studies (ongoing)

Vassiliki Myrtside, MA thesis title: "Relative nationalities as a factor of the growth of long-distance nationalism," MA International Relations and European Studies DG (completion: Spring 2018)

Vassilis Hadjimichael, MA thesis title: "Military intervention of the UN: the case of Cyprus and the reasons for averting from military action," MA International Relations and European Studies DG (completion: Spring 2018)

Emmanuel Marinakis, MA thesis title: "Russian intervention in South-Eastern Mediterranean and its connection with NATO enlargement policy: a realist approach," MA International Relations and European Studies DG (completion: Spring 2018)

Constantinos Kokonas, MA thesis title: "Clashing legal arguments of Greece and Turkey in relation with territorial sea and continental shelf/EEZ and their geopolitical repercussions," MA International Relations and European Studies DG (completion: Spring 2018)

Vasilios Hadjimichael, "UN Military Operations: The Case of Cyprus," MA International Relations and European Studies DG (completion: Spring 2018)

Giorgos Glouftsis, "Military Logistics as a National Power Indicator," MA International Relations and European Studies DG (Completion: Fall 2019)

Alexandra Tranga, "US-Chinese Relations: A Realist Approach," MA International Relations and European Studies DG (Completion: Fall 2019)

Giorgos Matziarakis, "Determinants and Characteristics of Contemporary Turkish National Security Strategy: Regional Power Distribution, Security Dilemma and Domestic Politics," MA International Relations and European Studies DG (completion: Spring 2019)

Demetra Dantou, "The Modern Macedonian Issue, three Great Powers and the Greek Foreign Policy," MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Spring 2019)

Sulaf Imbrahim, "Conflict in Eastern Mediterranean and the Impact of Natural Gas Findings: The Case of the East Med Pipeline," MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Spring 2020)

Panayiotis Demeroukas, "Extra-Regional State Activity: Turkey's international military activity," MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Fall 2020)

Theodoros Manos, “The Raise of Turkish Hegemonic Aspirations in the Middle East during the Syrian Crisis and the Reaction of middle-sized Regional and Great Powers,” MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Spring 2021)

Salah Eden Shambi, “The Effects of Armed Conflict On Treaties,” MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Spring 2021)

Giorgos Yiorkas, “Turkey: Regional Power and Hegemony in the Eastern Mediterranean and Balkan Peninsula,” MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Fall 2021)

Petros Tsioumas, “US Withdrawal from the East. Med. and Regional Geopolitical Repercussions,” MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Fall 2021)

Alexios-Romanos Lazopoulos, “The Transformation of Turkish Foreign Policy in post-Cold War International System,” MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Spring 2022)

Constantinos Spyrou, “Turkish Neo-Revisionism and Greek Reaction: An Approach through the Lens of Security Dilemma Theory,” MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Spring 2022)

Irini-Chrysovalanto Papamanoli, “Systemic Effects on Contemporary Turkish Foreign Policy: A Neorealist Approach,” MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Spring 2022)

Rafaela Aristeidou, “Evaluation of US Foreign Policy for the Middle East, 2001-2021,” (completion: Spring 2022)

Petros Tsioumas, “US Withdrawal from the East. Med. and Regional Geopolitical Repercussions,” MA International Relations and European Studies (completion: Fall 2022)

Efstathia Stifanoudi, “Cyber-Diplomacy in Contemporary IR,” MA International Relations and Eastern Mediterranean Studies (completion: Fall 2022)

Demetrios Tzelepis, “AUKUS and QUAD Cooperation Agreements in Strategies for the Indo-Pacific,” (completion: Spring 2023)

Teaching

(courses taught)

LAW-363 International Organizations (University of Nicosia, Department of Law, LLB, conventional)

LAWG/LLB-190 Public International Law (University of Nicosia, Department of Law, LLB, in Greek, conventional)

LAWG/LLB-296 International Organizations and International Relations (University of Nicosia, Department of Law, LLB, in Greek, conventional)

LAWG/LLB-187 Diplomatic History (University of Nicosia, Department of Law, LLB, in Greek, conventional)

LAWG/LLB-215 Law of Armed Conflicts (University of Nicosia, Department of Law, LLB, in Greek, conventional)

LLB-424 Applications of European and International Law (University of Nicosia, Department of Law, LLB, in Greek, conventional)

EUS-105 Introduction to the European Union (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, BA International Relations and European Studies/Global Semesters, conventional)

EUS-461 Current European Issues (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, BA International Relations and European Studies, conventional)

EUS-325 Cyprus and the EU (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, BA International Relations and European Studies, conventional)

EULP-513 European Political and Legal Systems (University of Nicosia, Department of Law/ Department of Politics and Governance, MA European Public Law and Politics, in Greek, conventional and DL)

IREL-205 International Organizations (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, BA International Relations and European Studies)

IREL-407 International Relations Theory (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, BA International Relations and European Studies)

MPA-521 European Union, Challenges and Limitations (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MPA, in Greek, conventional and DL)

MIREL-624 Turkish Politics (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and European Studies, conventional)

MIREL-633 The Practice of Diplomacy (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and European Studies, conventional)

MIREL-612 Case Studies in Conflict Analysis (University of Nicosia Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and European Studies, conventional and DL)

MIREL-570 European Integration (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and European Studies, conventional)

MIR-500DG Theory of International Relations (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and European Studies DL, in Greek)

MIR-614DG Terrorism in the New Millennium (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and European Studies DL, in Greek)

MIR-631DG International Law (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and European Studies DL, in Greek)

MIR-551DG Politics in the Middle East (University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and Eastern Mediterranean Studies DL, in Greek)

Administrative (academic) position(s) held

University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, BA International Relations and European Studies, Program Coordinator (2016-2018)

University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and European Studies, Program Coordinator (2018-2021)

University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, MA International Relations and Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Program Coordinator (2021-ongoing)

University of Nicosia, Department of Politics and Governance, Erasmus Coordinator (2018-ongoing)

University of Nicosia, School of Law, Member of the School Council (2017-2018)

University of Nicosia, Member of the Senate (April 2020-April 2024)

Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Academic Network (BSEMAN), Member of the Coordinating Committee (May 2018-ongoing)

Collaborations

Higher Hotel Institute of Cyprus, Ministry of Education (quality assurance advisor, 2019-2022)

Academy of Defence and Security, Ministry of Defence (lecturer)

Police Academy, Cyprus Police, Ministry of Justice and Public Order (lecturer)

