



NEAR EAST UNIVERSITY

2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on

# THE CYPRUS ISSUE

PAST, PRESENT AND THE VISION  
FOR THE FUTURE

1-3 APRIL 2019



NEAR EAST UNIVERSITY NICOSIA, NORTH CYPRUS

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## **Welcometo the Cyprus Issue Conference 2019**

It is our great pleasure to announce and invite you to our **2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on “The Cyprus Issue: Past, Present and The Vision for the Future”** which will be held on 1-3 April, 2019 at Near East University, Nicosia, Northern Cyprus. Our first conference was held in 1997 and was completed with great success.

The main aim of this 2<sup>nd</sup> conference is to re-visit the subject in view of important local and regional developments since 1997 and analyse how these have impacted the political settlement process in Cyprus, as well as the needs of stability and cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean region.

UN facilitated negotiations to realize a new bi-communal and bi-zone federal partnership based on the political equality of the Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities as co-founders have repeatedly failed since 1977. The political talks have been completely stalled since the failure of the Crans Montana Summit in 2017.

The discovery of hydrocarbons in the seas surrounding South Cyprus has added a further international dimension to the Cyprus issue, putting new pressure on the stalemate. These discoveries can both reinforce or scuttle the ongoing political stalemate, with potentially negative ramifications impacting all stakeholders, including multinational companies investing in the area.

As political equals, the natural resources of the island are co-owned and the optimal exploitation of hydrocarbon resources in a stable environment is best possible through respect for the rights of relevant stakeholders.

It is in view of the opportunities and challenges that Cyprus and the region is now facing that we would like to invite you to join us at this conference to discuss and share your analysis/perspectives related to the topic.

We would therefore be delighted if you would honour this distinguished conference.

All travel and accommodation expense of keynote speakers at sessions will be met by the organizers

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience,

Respectfully,

Prof. Dr. Hüseyin Gökçekuş

**President of the Conference**

Dean, Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
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## Important Dates

<b>Abstract Submission Deadline</b>	<b>February 20, 2019</b>
<b>Notification of Abstract Acceptance</b>	<b>February 28, 2019</b>
<b>Full Paper Submission Deadline</b>	<b>March 25, 2019</b>
<b>Notification of Full Paper Acceptance</b>	<b>March 28, 2019</b>
<b>Date of Conference</b>	<b>1-3 April, 2019</b>

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## Registration Fees and Dates

<i>NOTE: All fees are in EUROS</i>	<b>Early Registration Fees (by February 20, 2019)</b>	<b>Regular Registration Fees (by March 01, 2019)</b>	<b>Late Registration Fees (by March 15, 2019)</b>	<b>On-site registration (1-3 April 2019)</b>
<b>Full Conference Registration</b>	<b>€ 210</b>	<b>€ 230</b>	<b>€ 250</b>	<b>€ 250</b>
<b>Full Conference Registration (Students + TRNCCitizens ONLY)</b>	<b>€ 190</b>	<b>€ 210</b>	<b>€ 230</b>	<b>€ 230</b>

- Conference registration **does not** include conference workshops, which have an additional fee (listed in the below chart).

<b>Workshops</b>	<b>15 Hours</b>	<b>30 Hours</b>	<b>45 Hours</b>
<b>Fee</b>	<b>€ 300</b>	<b>€ 400</b>	<b>€ 500</b>
<b>Fee for Students</b>	<b>€ 250</b>	<b>€ 350</b>	<b>€ 450</b>

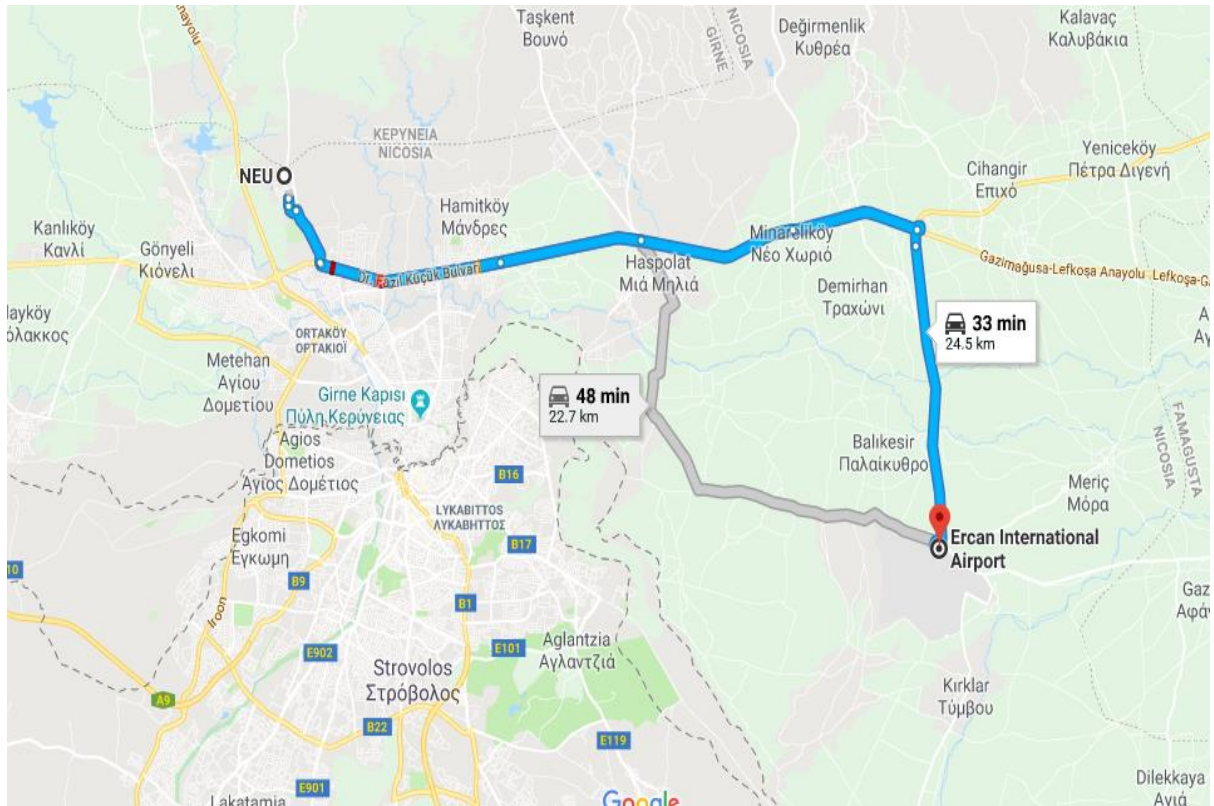
### Terms of Cancellation:

#### Full registration includes the following:

- Delegate Bag and Conference Materials (Handbook, Badge, etc.)
- Access to all conference events and exhibit hall
- A luncheon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- Opening and Closing receptions

- Cancellation before March 5, 2019:  
Full refund minus 60 EUR handling fee.
- Cancellation after March 5, 2019: **No refund.**

## How to reach the Conference Site at Near East University



Transportation to and from Ercan Airport will be provided free of charge to all conference participants by Near East University.

### Conference Venue:

Ataturk Culture and Congress Centre,  
İrfan Günsel Congress Hall, Grand Hall Library Conference Rooms

## **Call for Contributions**

All high-quality research contributions describing original and unpublished results of conceptual, constructive, empirical, experimental, or theoretical work are cordially invited for the paper/poster presentations at the conference. All participants whose abstracts are accepted are eligible to present at the conference without the necessity to submit a full paper.

## **Conference Proceedings**

All submitted conference papers will be blind peer reviewed by the Scientific Committee. The peer-reviewed conference proceedings are indexed in the International Science Index (ISI), Google Scholar and other index databases.

## **Special Journal Issues**

Selected papers will have the opportunity to be considered for publication in **Springer journals as a special issue** according to their level of contribution. The paper selection will be carried out during the peer review process. Submitted papers must not be under consideration by any other journal or publication. The final decision for paper selection will be made jointly based on peer review reports by the Guest Editors and the Editor-in-Chief. The participants who do not attend and present their work at the conference will not be considered for paper publication in any journal.

## **GUIDELINES**

Sample templates for full paper submission, poster and oral presentation are provided. You are free to use the poster template provided. Please use the full paper template and poster presentation template, which will be provided later.

**Final Submission:** Abstracts and full paper submissions can be made through the conference web site.

Standard presentations are scheduled for 15 minutes each. The 15 minutes will include a 10 minute presentation and a 5 minutes Q&A session. Each hall will include all required tools needed for oral presentation.

**Poster and Oral Presentation Award**

1. The score is given based on: (a) scientific content (50%), (b) presentation to audience (30%), and (c) poster design (20%);
2. If presenters do not attend the poster session, their poster will not be considered for the award.

**WORKSHOP:**

**"THE FUTURE POLITICAL OUTLOOK OF THE EASTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF  
HYDROCARBON DEPOSITS AND THE TRANSFER OF WATER TO  
NORTH CYPRUS FROM TURKEY"**

The workshop sessions will take place during the conference in parallel to the conference sessions; the times of the workshops will be detailed and announced later. Three different sessions of workshops will be organised and at the end of each session a certificate will be provided based on the number of hours attended.



## **TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE**

- i. The History of the Cyprus Issue**
- ii. The Cyprus Issue Today**
- iii. Future of the Cyprus Issue**
  - a. The changing role of the UN: Where to go?
  - b. Rethinking the UN Good Offices Mission
  - c. Rethinking the UN Peacekeeping Mission
  - d. Is a Federal Partnership Feasible and Sustainable in the Political/Historical Context of Cyprus
  - e. What are Alternative Settlement Options for Cyprus?
  - f. **Cyprus Question within the context of regional and international dynamics**
- iv. Energy and Hydrocarbon Issues and Their Impact**
- v. Possible effects of water transferred from Turkey to North Cyprus on Eastern Mediterranean hydro-politics**
  - a. Advantages for Turkey
  - b. Advantages for the TRNC
  - c. The effects on the solution of the Cyprus problem in the event that water is shared with South Cyprus
  - d. The effect of potential water transfer to Middle Eastern and Gulf countries by additional pipelines on regional peace
- vi. The Soft Power capabilities of North Cyprus/ TRNC**
  - a. Higher Education (Universities)
  - b. Tourism
  - c. Public relations, interest groups and lobbying
  - d. Alliance building
- vii. The Cyprus Issue and the European Union integration process**
  - a. Direct Trade Regulation
  - b. Green Line Regulation
  - c. EU financial aid

- d. Future of the EU and the Cyprus Question
- viii. The impact of inhuman economic, social and sportive restrictions imposed on North Cyprus.**
- ix. The representation of the Turkish Cypriot Community in international institutions**
  - a. OIC: The Organization of Islamic Conference
  - b. Council of Europe: Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe(PACE)
- x. The Cyprus Issue and Mass Media**
  - a. Newspapers
  - b. Radio and TV
  - c. Social Media
  - d. International media
- xi. The role and importance of Cyprus in the new security concept of the EU and of Turkey**
- xii. The effects of political psychology on the Cyprus issue.**