

2nd International Conference on
THE CYPRUS ISSUE
PAST, PRESENT AND THE VISION
FOR THE FUTURE

1-3 APRIL 2019



Welcome to the Cyprus Issue Conference 2019

It is our great pleasure to announce and invite you to our **2nd International Conference on “The Cyprus Issues: 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 it was completed with great achievements.

The main aim of organising this conference back in 1997 and now re-visiting this subject in 2019 is to discuss all issues that are directly and indirectly related to the reunification of Cyprus and peace in the Mediterranean region. Cyprus is the last divided country in the European Union and until now, every single step has been taken in order to bring peace to the island and ensure that citizen peace-making takes place in Cyprus.

Turkey, as one of the guarantors of Cyprus alongside Greece and the United Kingdom, has been trying to bring peace to the island by providing political stability. Peace in Cyprus and throughout the entire Mediterranean region should be the first priority in the political strategy of each country located within this region. In order to achieve peace in the Mediterranean region, Turkey has developed 4 water-related projects over the last 30 years. Although several water projects were planned by Turkey to develop cooperation with its neighbours by supplying drinking water, they have largely been unsuccessful until the most recent attempt.

Turkey first conceived the idea of providing fresh water to other countries in the region under then Prime Minister, Turgut Özal. The objective of this plan was to supply water to Israel and Arab states through pipelines filled with water from southern Turkish rivers, and was titled “Water for Peace”, which would contribute to peace throughout the Middle East. Turkey’s most recent project is the Water Pipeline Project from Turkey to Cyprus, which was completed and made operational in 2015. Turkey claims that these efforts effectively use water as a peace-building resource in this very unstable region. This year, we are expecting to receive keynote speakers and participants who are predominantly from academia, EU institutions and representatives of political parties from both communities.

Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity and welcome many scientists, decision-makers and politicians from different countries who have different views on the issue to discuss the political problems related to the topic. The effects of climate change in the near future will also be discussed during this conference, since water scarcity is increasing in parallel to the limited access to fresh water experienced by an increasing number of people and it has and will have a direct impact on international politics.

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Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline	January 15, 2019
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	January 31, 2019
Full Paper Submission Deadline	February 28, 2019
Notification of Full Paper Acceptance	March 15, 2019
Date of Conference	1-3 April, 2019

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Registration Fees and Dates

<i>NOTE: All fees are in EUROS</i>	Early Registration Fees (by January 30, 2019)	Regular Registration Fees (by February 28, 2019)	Late Registration Fees (by March 15, 2019)	On-site registration (1-3 April 2019)
Full Conference Registration	€ 210	€ 230	€ 250	€ 250
Full Conference Registration (Students + TRNC Citizens ONLY)	€ 190	€ 210	€ 230	€ 230

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

Workshops	15 Hours	30 Hours	45 Hours
Fee	€ 300	€ 400	€ 500
Fee for Students	€ 250	€ 350	€ 450

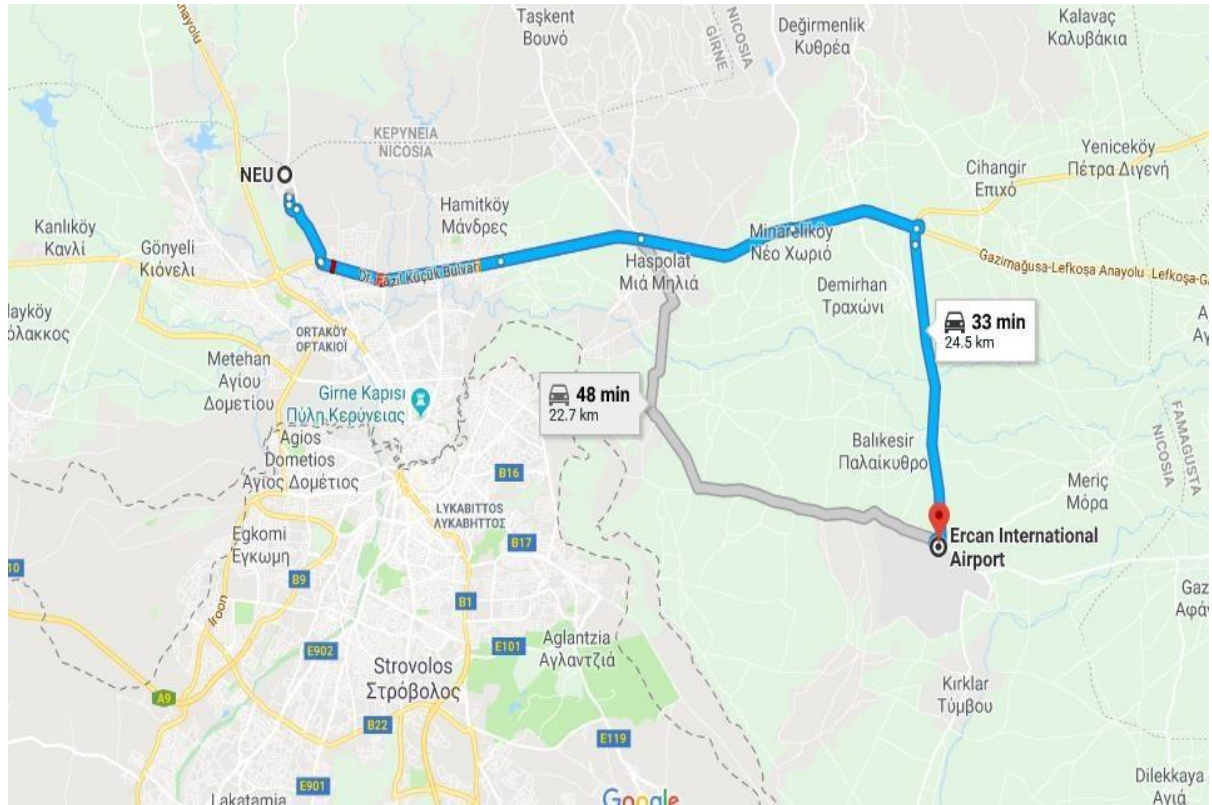
Full registration includes the following:

- 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

Terms of Cancellation:

- 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 for the conference participants free of charge by Near East University.

Conference Venue:

Atatürk 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.

A maximum of 3 abstracts can be submitted: no participant may be the first author of more than one oral paper and two posters.

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 several **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 provided.

Final Submission: Abstracts and full papers submission can be submitted 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 Hydro-political Effect of Water and Hydrocarbon on the
Mediterranean Region"**

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 provided 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**
- iv. Cyprus Question within the context of regional and international dynamics**
 - a. Migration and Syrian refugees
 - b. Issues in global migration
- v. Energy and Hydrocarbon Issues**
- vi. Possible effects of water transferred from Turkey to Cyprus on the 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 our Southern Neighbours
 - d. The effect of potential water transfer to Middle Eastern and Gulf countries by additional pipelines on regional peace
- vii. Relations with Turkey**
 - a. Media-Relations/Reflections
 - b. Rhetoric Analysis
- viii. Relations with international and transnational actors**

- ix. The Cyprus question and the United Nations (UN) Revisited**
 - a. The changing role of the UN: Where to go? (UNSG Antonio Guterres' Framework)
 - b. Rethinking the UN Good Offices
 - c. The UN peacekeeping forces under UNSC Resolution 186
 - d. Re-discussion of the Mission of the United Nations in Cyprus

- x. The Soft Power capabilities of North Cyprus/ TRNC**
 - a. Higher Education (Universities)
 - b. Tourism
 - c. Interest Groups and Lobbying

- xi. The Minorities in Cyprus: The Maronite Community in North Cyprus**

- xii. The Cyprus Issue and the European Union integration process**
 - a. Direct Trade Regulation
 - b. Green Line Regulation
 - c. Future of the EU and the Cyprus Question

- xiii. 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)

- xiv. Cyprus Issues and Mass Media**
 - a. Newspapers
 - b. Radio and TV
 - c. Social Media

- xv. Cyprus Issue on the basis of International Law**

- xvi. The role and importance of Cyprus in the new security concept**

- xvii. The effects of political psychology on the Cyprus issue**