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### **EMPLOYMENT**

- March 2020-* **University of Cyprus**  
Department of Social and Political Sciences  
Associate Professor of Political Science
- December 2015 –  
March 2020* **City University of London**  
Department of International Politics  
Reader (Associate Professor) (2018-)  
Senior Lecturer (2015-2018)
- July 2013 – November  
2015* **Queen’s University, Belfast**  
Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation & Social Justice  
Research Fellow
- August 2012 – June  
2013* **Princeton University**  
Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- January 2012 –  
August 2012* **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**  
Department of Political Science and Public Administration  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

### **EDUCATION**

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- July 2011* **Queen’s University, Belfast**  
Ph.D., School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy
- December 2006* **University of Wales, Aberystwyth**  
MScEcon International Politics  
(Awarded with Distinction)
- May 2005* **Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences,**  
Ptychion Political Science and History

## **GRANTS, INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2021 Routledge Prize for Best Paper - Innovative Approach, titled 'Technologies of Justice: Accountability in Post-Conflict Settings', Political Studies Association, Questions of Accountability conference, 1-5 November
- 2020-2022 'LowGeo Project: Mapping New Actors and Dynamics in the Eastern Mediterranean from a Low Geopolitical Perspective'[University of Cyprus Internal Competitive Grants', (Principal Investigator, total: € 29,590)]
- 2018 Honorable Mention for the Best Book Award, by the International Law Committee of the International Studies Association (ISA)
- 2016-2019 'Truth, Accountability or Impunity? Transitional Justice and Economic Crisis' [ESRC Standard Research Grant, (Principal Investigator, total £521,277)]
- 2015-2016 'Missing Migrants and Deaths at the EU's Mediterranean Border: Humanitarian Needs and State Obligations' [ESRC 'Strategic Urgency' Grant, (Co-investigator, total £199,443)]
- 2014-2015 'Missing Migrants in the Mediterranean' [Small Research Grants, Principal Investigator, British Academy/Leverhulme, (£ 4,750)]
- 2014-2017 'Legal, Ethical and Moral Issues in Researching Conflict, Violence and Peace', ESRC Advanced Training Initiative, (Co-Investigator) [£ 29,745]
- 2012 Basil Chubb Prize for best PhD thesis (awarded by the Political Studies Association of Ireland)
- 2012 Mary Seeger O'Boyle Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2011 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens ('Support of Postdoctoral Researchers'), Principal Investigator
- 2009 Travel Grant for Field Research in Cyprus by Press and Information Office (PIO), Cyprus [€ 2,000]
- 2008 Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant, Cyprus and Divided Societies Workshop at Queen's University, Belfast 20-21, May 2008 (awarded to the Organizing Committee, April 2008 in collaboration with the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy-ELIAMEP- € 6,000)

- 2007 International PhD Studentship by Queen's University of Belfast (2007-2010) [£ 37,000]
- 2007 Fulbright Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies in the United States (Declined)
- 2003 Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the department of Political Science and History (Panteion University) and received the departmental scholarship and Greek State Scholarship Foundation (IKY).

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## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

- *Grassroots Activism and the Evolution of Transitional Justice. The Families of the Disappeared*, 2017 Cambridge University Press
  - Honorable Mention, International Law Section, of the *International Studies Association*
- *Truth Recovery and Transitional Justice. Deferring Human Rights*, 2014, Routledge
  - Reviewed in *Journal of Politics, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, and Political Studies Review*.

### *Journal Articles*

- 'The EU's Truth by Omission: Learning and Accountability after the Eurozone Crisis', *British Journal of Politics & International Relations*, forthcoming, (DOI: 10.1177/13691481211013705/), with Mustafa Kutlay.
- Crisis and Punishment? Explaining Politicians' Appetite for Retribution in Post-Crisis Europe', *Comparative Politics*, (2021) Vol.53(4), pp. 595-615, (with Stefano Pagliari).
- 'The Perils Of Accountability After Crisis: Ambiguity, Policy Legacies, And Value Trade-Offs', *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, (2020), Vol.34(1), with Nadia Hilliard and Neophytos Loizides.
- 'Explaining Disappearances as a Tool of Political Terror', *International Political Science Review*, (2019), 40(3), pp.437-452. (with Paloma Aguilar)
- 'Truth Commissions after Economic Crises: Political Learning or Blame Game?', *Political Studies*, 2018, Vol.66 (1), pp.173-191 (with Shaun McDaid)

& Ragnar Hjalmarsson).

- ‘Exposure to Violence, War-Related Losses and Attitudes Towards Transitional Justice: Evidence from Post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina’, *Political Psychology*, Vo.39(2), pp.345-363 (with Jonathan Hall, Djordje Stefanovic & Neophytos Loizides).
- ‘Death as the border: Managing missing migrants and unidentified bodies at the EU's Mediterranean frontier’. *Political Geography*, (2016) Vol.55, pp.40-49 (with Simon Robins).
- • ‘The Greek Debt Crisis and Southern Europe: Majoritarian Pitfalls?’, *Comparative Politics* (2014), Vol. 47(1), pp.1-20 (with Neophytos Loizides)
- ‘Explaining Prolonged Silences in Transitional Justice: the Disappeared in Cyprus and Spain’, *Comparative Political Studies*, (2013) Vol. 46, pp. 730-756
- ‘Cultures of Rioting and Anti-Systemic Movements in Southern Europe’, *West European Politics*, (2012) Vol. 35(4), pp. 707-725 (with Katia Andronikidou)
- ‘Delinkage Processes and Grassroots Movements in Transitional Justice’, *Cooperation and Conflict*, (2012) Vol. 47(1), pp.88-105
- ‘Protracted Peace processes: Policy (Un)learning and the Cyprus Debacle’, *Ethnopolitics*, (2012) Vol. 11, No. 4, 406–423 (with Neophytos Loizides).
- ‘Non-Apologies and Prolonged Silences in Post-Conflict Settings’, special issue on “Memory and Historical Injustice”, *Time and Society*, (2012) Vol.21(1), pp.71-88 (with Kathleen Ireton)
- ‘Delaying Truth Recovery for Missing Persons’, *Nations and Nationalism*, (2011) Vol. 17(3), pp.520-540 (with Neophytos Loizides)
- ‘The UN’s Moral Responsibility in the ‘Spill-Over’ of Genocide from Rwanda to the Democratic Republic of Congo’, *The African Journal of International and Comparative Law*, (2011) Vol. 19(1), pp.145-163.
- ‘The Parliamentary Election in Greece, October 2009’, *Electoral Studies*, (2010) Vol. 29(2), pp.293-296
- ‘Unearthing the Truth: The Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain’, *History and Anthropology*, (2008) Vol. 19(4), pp.371-390.

*Book Chapters &  
Online Entries [peer-  
reviewed]*

- ‘The future of transitional justice: Mercy or impunity?’, in *A Research Agenda for Human Rights* Michael Stohl & Alison Brysk (eds), 2021 Elgar Publishers. Pp.75-88
- ‘Post-Conflict Transitional Justice’ (2016), *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*, Patrick James (Ed), Oxford University Press.
- Katherine Stefatos and Iosif Kovras, (2015) ‘Buried Silences of the Greek Civil War’, in *Necropolitics: Mass Graves and Exhumations in the Age of Human Rights*. Francisco Ferrándiz and Antonius Robben (eds), University of Pennsylvania Press (Human Rights Series) pp.161-184
- Iosif Kovras and Simon Robins, (2017) ‘Missing Migrants: Deaths at Sea and Addressing Migrant Bodies in Lesbos’, *Border Crossings* (eds) Hastings Donnan, Madeleine Hurd, and Carolin Leutloff-Grandits (Manchester University Press)

*Special Issues*

- ‘Federalism, Reconciliation and Power-Sharing’, *Federal Governance*, 8 (2). pp. 1-14 (guest editor with Neophytos Loizides and Kathleen Ireton)

*Policy Briefings*

- Addressing Migrant Bodies on Europe’s Southern Frontier An agenda for research and practice [with Simon Robins and Anna Vallianatou] (translated in Arabic)
- Missing Migrants: Management of Dead Bodies in Lesbos, August 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carasco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Greek)
- ‘Missing Migrants in the Mediterranean: Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis’, September 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carasco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Arabic, Italian, Greek)
- Missing Migrants: Management of Dead Bodies in Sicily’, September 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carasco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Italian)
- ‘The impact on families of a relative missing in migration across the Mediterranean’, September 2016, [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carasco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Arabic)

## *Under Review*

- ‘Individual Accountability: The Missing Piece in the Agenda of International Economic Institutions?’ (with Stefano Pagliari)
- ‘Technologies of Justice: Accountability after Atrocity’

## *Databases*

- ‘Policies of Accountability after Crisis’ (including on prosecutions, truth commissions and apologies in Ireland, Greece, Iceland, Cyprus, Spain and Portugal in the period 2010-2017)
- *Enforced Disappearances, Political Violence and Acknowledgment* (available on request)
- Referendums in Peace Processes Dataset, contribution with two entries: ‘Spain 6 December 1978’ and ‘the Basque Country and Catalonia, 25 October 1979’

## **MEDIA & EDITORIALS**

Research appeared in: *The Associated Press, the New York Times, The Economist, Washington Post*

2018

‘How to Deal with the Next Financial Crisis – Take Some Lessons from Iceland’, *The Conversation*, 4 October 2018 [republished by the *World Economic Forum, Metro*, and *Global Policy* among others]

2017

‘Should we Prosecute Political Leaders after a Crisis? Lessons from Iceland’, *LSE EUROPP blog*, 5 December 2017 (with Ragnar Hjalmarrsson)

2016

‘Italy votes Sunday on changing its political system. Here are 3 lessons from Greece’. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, November 2016 (with Neophytos Loizides)

2015

‘The Problem with Recurrent Elections’, [in Greek] August 2015, *Protagon.gr* (with Neophytos Loizides)

2015

‘The Problem with the Greek Democracy’, *Wall Street Journal*, 9 January 2015 (with Neophytos Loizides) (translated in Greek)

2015

‘(How) Do We Learn from the Past?’, [in Greek] *Kathimerini*, 10 May 2015, (with Phyllis Papadavid)

- 2015 ‘SYRIZA: The Radical Left’s Greek Spring?’, *Open Democracy*, 30 January 2015, (with Neophytos Loizides), (translated in Turkish)
- 2012 ‘Governing Greece: Consensus should be the Priority’, [in Greek] *to Vima*, and *Radikal* [in Turkish]  
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- 2012 ‘The Greek Tragedy in Comparative Perspective: Similarities and Differences among Southern European States and the Sovereign Debt Crisis’, *Samenleving en politiek (Society and Politics)* [in Dutch]
- 2011 ‘Truth and Justice in the Management of the Greek Crisis’ [in Greek], *Kathimerini*
- 2010 ‘Unearthing the ‘Truth in Post-conflict settings’, 10 March, *The Economist*
- 2008 ‘The Northern Ireland Peace Process: Lessons and Prospects’, *Politis*, [in Greek], Greek Cypriot Daily
- 2008 ‘The Exhumations of ‘Truth’, *Politis*, [in Greek], Greek-Cypriot Daily

## SUPERVISION

Current PhD Students Ms Begum Zorlu, ‘*Sustained Contention: The Dynamics of Campaigns Against Increasing Authoritarianism in Venezuela under Chavismo and Turkey under the AKP*’, City University of London, February 2018 -

Ms Maria Diplarou, ‘*Intergroup Conflicts: Designing transitional justice taking into consideration the rights and emotions of victims*’, University of Cyprus, Sept 2021 –

Past PhD Students (completed) Dr. Ragnar Hjalmarrsson, ‘*Transitional Justice after Economic Crisis*’. (2<sup>nd</sup> supervisor, Hertie School of Government), Awarded *Summa cum laude*, 2021

Post-doctoral researchers supervised Dr. Nadia Hilliard (2016-2018, funded by ESRC, currently Assistant Professor at University College, London)

## ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES & SERVICE (SELECTED)

- 2020- Director (and designer) of new MA in Peace, Conflict & Democracy  
Director of BSc Political Science, (University of Cyprus)
- 2016-2018 Director of Research & Ethics, (City, University of London)  
Director (designer) of new BSc in Politics (City, University of

- London)
- 2018 International Studies Association Member of the Book Prize Committee, International Law Section
- 2016 - Member of the Economic and Social Research Council Peer Review College
- 2013- *Grant reviewer* for: National Science Centre (Poland), The Leverhulme Trust (UK), Economic and Social Research Council (UK), British Academy (UK), University of Nicosia (Cyprus).

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- 2018 ‘How to Deal with the Next Financial Crisis – Take Some Lessons from Iceland’, *The Conversation*, 4 October 2018 [republished by the *World Economic Forum, Metro, and Global Policy* among others]
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- 2016 ‘Italy votes Sunday on changing its political system. Here are 3 lessons from Greece’. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, November 2016 (with Neophytos Loizides)
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- 2015 ‘The Problem with the Greek Democracy’, *Wall Street Journal*, 9 January 2015 (with Neophytos Loizides) (translated in Greek)
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- 2010 ‘Unearthing the Truth in Post-conflict settings’, 10 March, *The Economist*
- 2008 ‘The Northern Ireland Peace Process: Lessons and Prospects’, *Politis*, [in Greek], Greek Cypriot Daily
- 2008 ‘The Exhumations of Truth’, *Politis*, [in Greek], Greek-Cypriot Daily

## OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Reviewer
- Member of the ESRC Peer Review College;
  - British Academy;
  - Leverhulme Trust
  - Member of the book award committee (ISA, ILAW section, 2018-2019)
- Administrative Duties  
(City University of London)
- Director, BSc Politics (December 2015- )
  - Director, Research Committee (December 2016 - )
  - Director, Ethics Committee (January 2016 – December 2016)
- Occasional ad hoc reviewer
- International Journal of Transitional Justice, Political Geography, Cooperation and Conflict, Party Politics, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Ethnic & Racial Studies, and Social Movement Studies.*
- 2010 Fellow guest editor of a Special Issue on ‘Federalism, Power-Sharing and Reconciliation’, *Federal Governance*, online Postgraduate Journal.

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- 9 May 2022 *3<sup>rd</sup> Interdisciplinary Forum*, University of Cyprus (organizing Committee)
- 22 May 2018 *Accountability after Economic Crisis*, (Organizer) ESRC-funded interdisciplinary conference with academics, policymakers and activists from European countries
- 5 May 2013 *Modern Greece: Works in Progress*, Princeton University, (organizing

Committee)

20-21 May 2008 *Cyprus and Divided Societies*, Queen's University, Belfast (Organizing Committee)

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

- 2022 *Missing Memorials: Making sense of loss in Cyprus*, British Academy Conference - Building Peace through Culture: Art, Memory, Landscape, Time, March 2022, University of Cambridge
- 2022 *Technologies & Accountability after Crises*, May 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> Interdisciplinary Forum, University of Cyprus
- 2021 *Technologies of Justice: Accountability after Atrocity*, November 2021, Questions of Accountability Conference, Universities of Sheffield & Worcester.
- 2021 *Explaining Apologies in post-crisis Europe*, July 2021. Series on Modern Greek Studies, Organized by the British School of Athens (BSA) and the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG)
- 2021 'Policies in the Management of Missing Migrants & their Impact on Families of the Missing', January 2021, Online workshop 'The borders of Family Reunification after Death', Center for the Study of Humanities (Keynote lecture)
- 2018 'Grassroots Activism & the Evolution of Transitional Justice', September 2018, Anahuac University, Mexico (keynote lecture)
- 2018 *'Who's Sorry Now? Explaining (Non)Apologies in Post-Crisis Europe'*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, August 2018
- 2018 *'Crisis & Punishment? Explaining post-crisis bankers' prosecutions'* (with Stefano Pagliari). Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Kyoto, July 2018.
- 2018 'Truth Commissions After Economic Crises: Learning or Blame Game?', International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2018.
- 2016 *Forensic Truth Recovery: Merits & Pitfalls*, Conference Confronting Violent

Pasts and Historical (In)Justice, Amsterdam, 3 December 2016

- 2014 *'Addressing Migrant Bodies in Europe's Southern Frontier: The Case of Lesbos'*, Vrije University, Amsterdam
- 2013 *'The 'Missing' Tale of Human Rights'*, Working Papers Series, ISCT&SJ, Queen's University, Belfast
- 2013 *'The Social and Political Reactions to the Politics of Austerity in Southern Europe'*, University of Cyprus (*invited talk*)
- 2013 *'Post-Transitional Justice and Prolonged Silences in Spain and Greece'*, LSE IDEAS, International Workshop II: The Road to Democracy in Southern Europe: The International Dimension Lisbon (FCSH-UNL)
- 2013 *'Missing Persons and Transitional Justice'*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco
- 2012 *'Post-Transitional Justice and Truth Recovery for Missing Persons: Lessons from Southern Europe'*, Yale University
- 2012 *'The Politics of Exhumations and Reconciliation in Southern Europe: Cyprus, Spain and Greece'*, Princeton University
- 2012 *'Prolonging Silences of Post-Civil War Victims' Groups'*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2011 *'Comparative Politics and Culture'*, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 2010 *'Interstate and Internal Negotiations: Cyprus Stalemate?'*, Breaking Patterns of Conflict Workshop: Britain, Ireland and the Northern Ireland Problem. Institute for British-Irish Studies, UCD, (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2010 *'Truth Recovery in Spain: Political Opportunities and International Human Rights Norms'*, Violent Conflicts and Societies in Transition, Queen's University, Belfast
- 2009 *'The impact of Europeanization on the Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain'*, organized by Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Cyprus
- 2009 *'Hegemonic Beliefs and Delay in Truth Recovery for Missing Persons in Spain and Cyprus'*, PRIO- International Peace Research Institute, Cyprus Center (with Neophytos Loizides)

- 2008 *'Unearthing the Truth in Cyprus and Spain'*, PSAI Annual Conference: The Politics of Peace and Conflict, Galway
- 2008 *'The EU as a tool and context for reconciliation and conflict resolution: the role of culture and social values'*, organized by Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Cyprus
- 2008 *'Unearthing the Truth: The Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain'*, Cyprus and Divided Societies, Queen's University, Belfast

## **MODULE DESIGN & TEACHING**

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<i>Modules designed &amp; Taught</i>	<p>Fundamentals of Peace &amp; Conflict Transformation (PG)</p> <p>International Relations (1<sup>st</sup> Year UG)</p> <p>Human Rights &amp; Reconciliation after Conflict (3<sup>rd</sup> Year, YG)</p> <p>The Puzzles of Comparative Politics (1<sup>st</sup> Year, UG)</p> <p>Academic &amp; Writing Skills in Political Science (3<sup>rd</sup> Year UG)</p> <p>European Integration (1<sup>st</sup> Year)</p> <p>Comparative Methods in the study of Conflict Transformation (offered as a mini-module) -</p> <p>Conflict Analysis</p> <p>International Politics</p> <p>Transitional Justice (also offered as a mini-module)</p>
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## **LANGUAGES**

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Greek: Native  
 English: Proficiency  
 Spanish & French: Advanced