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SUMMARY

Professor of International Relations at Eastern Mediterranean University. Published research reports for the United Nations in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the Centre for European Studies (CEPs) in Brussels, Interpeace, and other organizations. Co-founder and former director of a Cyprus-based think tank, the Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development (SeeD).

Alongside research and academia, straddles politics and public diplomacy. Coordinator for the Cyprus Chapter of the Greek Turkish Forum that aims to contribute to bilateral relations between Greece and Turkey. Founding member of the People's Party (*Halkın Partisi*) in north Cyprus and sits on the party assembly.

Professional Experience

1999 – Present

Professor | Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus

- Served as Department Chair (9 years in total)
- Established academic programs, including PhD
- Teaches graduate level courses, including research design
- Supervises honours and undergraduate students
- Information on the Department: <https://fbe.emu.edu.tr/en/academic-units/political-science-and-international-relations>

2014 – present

Co-Coordinator | Greek-Turkish Forum (GTF), Athens, Greece, Istanbul, Turkey, and Nicosia, Cyprus

The GTF is a Track 1.5 organization. It functions consensually, comprised of coordinators from Greece, Turkey and the Cyprus chapter. Meetings with political leaders and stakeholders are organized. GTF intervenes in bilateral Greco-Turkish affairs.

- The link below provides an excellent synopsis of GTF's role in diplomacy:
<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/66227/>

2013 – 2014

Senior Research Director | Sustainable Democracy and Democratic Development (SeeD), Nicosia, Cyprus

Co-founder and Senior Research Director of SeeD.

- Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development (SeeD) is a think-tank organisation that uses participatory research to contribute to transformative peace by making effective and sustainable policy recommendations that seek to support informed decision-making, based on the values of inclusivity, accountability and democracy. SeeD specializes in the development of innovative quantitative methodologies for use in peacebuilding contexts. Originally growing out of a Cyprus-based initiative (a.k.a Cyprus 2015), SeeD is now implementing programmes across multiple contexts in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia.
- Initiated Frameworks for Assessing Resilience (FAR) services by SeeD
- Oversaw initial development of SCORE index
- For more details on SeeD: <https://www.seedsofpeace.eu/>

2009 – 2012

Research Director | Interpeace, Geneva, Switzerland

- Cyprus 2015 was the precursor to SeeD, funded through UNDP. For an overview of the evolution see: <https://www.seedsofpeace.eu/index.php/about-us-1/our-history>
- Research director for 'Cyprus 2015' project that included a broad array of methods. The project was designed to provide subjective and objective information on peace dynamics and to engage with stakeholders in the peace process.
- Production of reports
- Advocacy
- <https://www.interpeace.org/2011/06/solving-the-cyprus-problem-hopes-and-fears/>

2010 – 2015

Advisory board membership | Presidential Consultative Committee for Cyprus negotiations, Nicosia, Cyprus

- Participated in strategic level planning for Turkish Cypriot leadership as part of the formal Track 1 negotiations
- Met for regular weekly meetings with negotiation team and with the president
- Incorporated evidence-based findings from research projects
- http://www.kibrispostasi.com/c35-KIBRIS_HABERLERI/n35924-Eroglu-muzakere-heyetini-tanitti

2007 – 2016

Editorial Board member | Cyprus Review, Nicosia, Cyprus

- Editorial responsibilities

2012 – 2014

Analyst | Frederick Ebert Stiftung Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus

- (co-authored with Hubert Faustmann, Sertac Soner, Yiannis Charalambous, Ute Ackerman-Boeros, Gregoris Ionannou and Sophia Papastavrou) „FES Cyprus News/FES Zypern Nachrichten“. Monthly Newsletter of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Cyprus (English and German editions) available on
- <http://www.fescyprus.org/pages/english/home.php> 2012- 2014

2010 – 2013

Editorial Board member | Journal of Cyprus Studies, Famagusta, Cyprus

- Editorial responsibilities

2008 – 2009

Primary Analyst | Centre for European Studies (CEPS), Brussels, Belgium

- The project was led by Dr Nathalie Tocci (currently Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali) with Alexander Lordos and Erol Kaymak.
- The core research work was based on a series of opinion polls undertaken in both the Greek and Turkish parts of the island. These polls were undertaken in parallel with the re-opening of official negotiations.
- Two books were published:
- <https://books.google.com.cy/books?id=kRpCDWD6yxwC&printsec=frontcover&dq=nathalie+tocci+kaymak&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewjgh8Kr7dPfAhUthuAKHSE2DuEQ6AEILTAB#v=onepage&q=nathalie%20tocci%20kaymak&f=false>
- <https://books.google.com.cy/books?id=89vAL9xtzJgC&printsec=frontcover&dq=nathalie+tocci+kaymak&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewjgh8Kr7dPfAhUthuAKHSE2DuEQ6AEIJjAA#v=onepage&q=nathalie%20tocci%20kaymak&f=false>

2006 – 2007

Primary Analyst | United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), Nicosia, Cyprus

- *Primary analyst for the project "An Inter-communal Survey of Public Opinion".*
- *Brief description of the project:* An island-wide poll, commissioned by UNFICYP, was conducted with a sample of 1,000 Turkish Cypriots and 1,000 Greek Cypriots, who were interviewed in their respective languages, face-to-face..
- <https://zapdoc.tips/the-un-in-cyprus-an-inter-communal-public-opinion-poll-by-un.html>

2005 – 2006

Primary Analyst | CIVICUS, Nicosia, Cyprus

- Author for report coordinated by CIVICUS and produced by the Management Centre of the Mediterranean in collaboration with Intercollege. From March to September 2005, the CIVICUS Civil Society Index project (CSI) collected information and input from a broad range of civil society representatives, citizens, experts and researchers on the state of civil society in Cyprus.
- https://books.google.com.cy/books?id=g7Z6Nkxq-g0C&pg=PA402&lpg=PA402&dq=Civicus+Kaymak&source=bl&ots=1pZMgt1cCb&sig=Yv45McUKH3-72zxxZC_jLivRvMI&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKewjlmPXs7tPfAhUPJt8KHR7mBREQ6AEwAnoECACQ_AQ#v=onepage&q=Civicus%20Kaymak&f=false

2004

Primary Analyst | Post-Referendum Analysis Project sponsored by AMIDEAST, Nicosia, Cyprus

- *The Annan Plan 2004: A Study of the Information Environment & an Outline of International Referendum Standards*, 2005, Coordinator and co-authored with INDEX and Ridder/Braden, Inc., and Politicks.
- BiCommunal Support Program funded by AMIDEAST and prepared by Ridder/Braden, Inc., Politicks Index, October 2004-February 2005.

2004

Committee member | Committee for the proposed Federal Law for Legislative Procedure

(joint committee comprising of Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots), Nicosia (Buffer Zone), Cyprus

- Participated at the technical level negotiations of the "Annan Plan" for a comprehensive settlement to the Cyprus problem
- Negotiated the details of the Federal Law with aid of UN experts.

1994-1998

Instructor | Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, USA

- Taught gateway political science courses

EDUCATION

1995 – 1999

Texas Tech University | Lubbock, TX, USA

PhD: Political Science

1992 – 1994

Texas Tech University | Lubbock, TX, USA

MA: Political Science

1985-1990

State University of New York (SUNY) | Buffalo, NY, USA

BA: Political Science

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- **Software:** SPSS, including data input and variable coding, multivariate analysis techniques.
- **Languages:** Fluent in English and Turkish
- **Management and Administration**
- **Data Collection and Analysis**
- **Teaching, Tutoring and Presenting**

PUBLICATIONS

"The Europeanisation of Contested Statehood: The EU in northern Cyprus." *The Cyprus Review* 29.1 (2017): 247-250. (ISSN:1015-2881)

"If at First You Don't Succeed, Try, Try Again: (Re)Designing Referenda to Ratify a Peace Treaty," In Qvortrup, Matt, ed. *Nationalism, Referendums and Democracy: Voting on Ethnic Issues and Independence*. Routledge, 2016. (ISBN: 978-0415831116)

"Cyprus," *European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook*, v 53 (1) 2014,, pp. 78-91, with co-authors Hubert Faustmann and Ahmet Sozen (ISSN: 2047-8852)

"Beyond the Deadlocks: Redesigning the Cyprus Peace Process", 2013, Author for the Report, Report by the Center for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development (SeeD).

"Cyprus," *European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook*, v 52 (1), 2013, pp. 42-49, with co-author Hubert Faustmann (ISSN: 2047-8852)

"Wealth Sharing and Geopolitical Strategies: Excluding Hydrocarbons from the Cyprus Negotiations," (2012) In *Cyprus Offshore Hydrocarbons: Regional Politics and Wealth Distribution*, Hubert Faustmann, Ayla Gurel, Gregory M. Reichberg (editors), (pp. 17-22), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). (ISBN: 978-82-7288-441-2)

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Cyprus," *European Journal of Political Research Political Data Yearbook*, v 51 (1), 2012, pp. 62-75, with co-author Hubert Faustmann (ISSN: 2047-8852)

"Federation Remains the Only Negotiated Settlement, but Public Skepticism and Mistrust Remain a Challenge," (2011) In Petková, Lenka (editor). *The Heybeliada Talks: Two Years of Public Diplomacy on Cyprus*. GPoT.

"Next Steps in the Peace Talks: An island-wide study of public opinion in Cyprus." Nicosia: Cyprus2015. Retrieved December 1 (2011): 2011.

"Cyprus," *European Journal of Political Research*, v 50, n 7-8, December 2011, pp. 934-947, with co-author Hubert Faustmann (ISSN: 0304-4130)

Solving the Cyprus Problem: Hopes and Fears", 2011, Author for the Report, Report by the Cyprus 2015 Initiative published by Interpeace, Geneva.

"Cyprus," *European Journal of Political Research*, v 49, n 7-8, December 2010, pp. 923-938, with co-author Hubert Faustmann (ISSN: 0304-4130)

"Daily Life in a Post-Settlement Era: An Analysis of Hopes and Fears," *Interpeace Report*, 2010.

"Cyprus and the European Union," *The Cyprus Review*, v 21, n 2, Fall 2009, pp. 139-143 (ISSN: 1015-2881).

"Cyprus", *Political Data Yearbook, European Journal for Political Research*. 2009 (ISSN: 0304-4130)

A People's Peace. Alexandros Lordos, Erol Kaymak, Nathalie Tocci. Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, Belgium. 2009

Building Confidence in Peace: Public Opinion and the Cyprus Peace Process. Erol Kaymak, Alexandros Lordos, Nathalie Tocci. Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, Belgium: 2008.

"Intra-communal Dynamics: EU Discourses Among Turkish Cypriot Political Actors Before and After the Failed Referenda" co-authored with Yucel Vural, In *Cyprus: A Conflict at the Crossroads*, with Thomas Diez and Nathalie Tocci (editors), Manchester University Press, 2008.

"Cyprus", *Political Data Yearbook, European Journal for Political Research*. 2008.

"The Turkish Cypriot Views of the Annan Plan" In *The Failure to Reunify Cyprus: The Annan Plan, the Referendums of 2004 and the Aftermath*, Andrekos Varnava and Hubert Faustmann (editors), I. B. Tauris, 2008

"Turkish Cypriot Politics" In *Government and Politics of Cyprus*, James Ker-Lindsay and Hubert Faustmann (Editors), Peter Lang, 2008.

"Growing Apart, Cementing Division: Civil Society and the Dearth of Ideas", In *The Cyprus Conflict: Looking Ahead*, Ahmet Sözen (editor), Eastern Mediterranean University Printing House, 2008, pp. 235-254. (ISBN: 978-975-01580-1-8).

"Update on the Cyprus Conflict" by Clement Dodd, *Cyprus Review*, Vol. 20, No.1, Spring 2008, pp. 145-148, (ISSN: 1015-2881).

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"Does Cyprus Need a Truth and Reconciliation Commission?", Cyprus Review, Vol. 19, No.1, Spring 2007, pp. 71-89, (ISSN: 1015-2881).

"An Assessment of Civil Society in Cyprus: A Map for the Future, CIVICUS: Civil Society Index Report" 2005.

"Transforming Identities: Beyond the Politics of Non-Settlement in North Cyprus", Mediterranean Politics, Vol. 10, No. 2, 2005., with co-author Hannes Lacher. (ISSN: 1362-9395).

"The Annan Plan 2004: A Study of the Information Environment & an Outline of International Referendum Standards", 2005, Coordinator and co-authored with INDEX and Ridder/Braden, Inc., and Politicks.

"On the Brink of Peace?" Bitterlemons-international, v.2, n.13, 1 April 2004.

"December's Parliamentary Elections in the North: Before and After," Perihelion, August 2003.

"Defeat Narrow-mindedness, not 'Hard Science'." PS: Political Science & Politics, Vol. 34, No. 4, December 2001, pp.768-9. (ISSN: 1049-0965).

"Populism and the Triumph of the Politics of Identity: The Transformation of the Canadian Party System." Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Vol. 6, No. 1, Spring 2000, pp. 72-102. (ISSN: 1353-7113), with co-authors Lawrence C. Mayer and Jeff W. Justice.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Studies Association

American Political Science Association

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) - EMU official representative

Greek Turkish Forum (coordinator)

Turkish Cypriot Human Rights Foundation (board member, 2010-2012)

REFERENCES ON REQUEST