

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

When the Cemetery Becomes Political

Dealing with the Religious Heritage in Cyprus
and its Neighbouring Countries

Friday, 16 March 2018, Nicosia

University of Nicosia

Cine Studio

Makedonitissis 46, Nicosia 2417



Programme

- 10:00 Registration
- 10:30–11:00 Opening and Welcome:
Prof. Andreas Theophanous, Head of the Department for Politics and Governance of the University of Nicosia
Prof. Hubert Faustmann (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Office Cyprus/University of Nicosia)
Dr. Sabine Rogge (Institute for Interdisciplinary Cypriot Studies, University of Münster)
- 11:00–12:30 **Panel 1: The religious heritage in Cyprus: Legal framework and previous examinations**
Theodosios Tsivolas (Athens, Greece)
Cypriot Religious Heritage: Legal Reflections on a Divided Cultural Property
Thorsten Kruse (Münster, Germany)
The Fate of the Religious Heritage of Cyprus in the Reports of International Organisations: the Occupied Part of Cyprus
Marina Vasilara & Kemal Baykalli (Nicosia)
The Cypress Tree Project – A First Attempt at Restoring Respect
- 12:30–13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30–14:45 **Panel 2: Dealing with the religious heritage in the neighbouring countries**
Leon Saltiel (Geneva, Switzerland)
Dehumanizing the Dead: The Destruction of Thessaloniki's Jewish Cemetery during World War II
Malek Sharif (Münster, Germany)
Cemeteries and Places of Worship in Multi-Religious Lebanon
- 14:45–15:15 Coffee break
- 15:15–16:45 **Panel 3: Current developments in the northern part of Cyprus**
Theopisti Stylianou-Lambert (Limassol)
Politics, "Cultural Wars", and the St. Barnabas Icon Museum
Mete Hatay (Nicosia)
"I want it just like Ayia Sophia": Replicating Heritage in the Religious Landscape of Cyprus
Petros Savvides (Nicosia)
The New Minaret in the Occupied Part of Cyprus: The Imposition of Turkish Islamism on Turkish Cypriot Secularism
- 16:45–17:30 Discussion and closing comments

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The conference, mainly initiated by Dr. Thorsten Kruse (research associate of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Cypriot Studies, University of Münster), focusses on the way the religious heritage of “the others” is dealt with in multi-ethnic/religious countries, such as Cyprus, Lebanon and Greece. It will present a closer look at the reasons, why one group destroyed or desecrated the cemeteries and places of worship of the other group(s) during interreligious or interethnic conflicts and it will critically analyse the intentions behind such measures. The conference will give further insights into the complex and complicated interaction between religion and politics.

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