

Shared Spaces and their Dissolution: Practices of Coexistence in Cyprus and Elsewhere

Reconciliation efforts in Cyprus often refer to a period of “coexistence” before the island’s division as proof that the various communities of the island have lived together in the past and can live together again. However, “coexistence” is a term of broad scope that can refer to practices of living together separately or antagonistic tolerance, as well as to forms of closer interaction or entanglement with the lives of members of another community. In its root, the word already implies a separation brought together through spatial practices. In recent years, social science studies of conflict have increasingly turned to analysis of the everyday practices of coexistence in order to ask where such practices may succeed, and where they may fail or be caused to fail. In particular, many studies of ongoing conflicts or post-conflict societies have asked what mechanisms enable communities to repair ruptures in the social fabric and to re-engage in coexistence, and what circumstances or factors may disrupt the capacity for repair.

This conference aims to interrogate “coexistence” in Cyprus and other related cases and to ask what practices enabled centuries of cooperation and sharing, as well as how and when such sharing was disrupted. “Shared spaces” may be religious sites with meaning for more than one confessional group; the market, mine, or other site of economic activity; or the common space of the mixed village. Shared spaces may be characterized by political, economic, or social cooperation or antagonism. The everyday cooperative practices that enable the sharing of space may entail friendship or simple pragmatic accommodation. Moreover, the sharing of space may be altered by nationalist practices such as the renaming of sites, or it may continue unaltered even through episodes of violence. More importantly, daily interaction may be shaped by state policy, including more recent policies that encourage an understanding of coexistence as “social harmony.”

The conference will use analyses of particular sites, practices, or events to address the following and similar issues:

- * Theorizing the texture of everyday intercommunal relations pre-74
 - * The “nationalization” of place and its effects on daily relations
 - * Identifying dynamics of cooperation and conflict
 - * Local histories of violence and its effect on the sharing of space
- * The effects of state policy on quotidian cooperation, including resistance to such policies
- * The way that a discourse of “coexistence” has become implicated in the conflict context
 - * The effects of closed and/or open checkpoints on understandings of past coexistence

Although our immediate focus is on historical and ethnographic studies of coexistence in Cyprus, the conference will also include comparative case studies with relevance for the island.

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Program outline

DAY 1 – Friday 14.10.11 HOME FOR COOPERATION (H4C)	
08:30-09:00	REGISTRATION
09:00-09:30	Welcome by representatives of AHDR, PCC, and FES
09:30-11:00	<u>Plenary session I:</u> <i>Historical perspectives on the Ottoman sphere</i> Molly Greene, Professor of History, Princeton University <i>Coexistence in the Ottoman Empire: 500 Plus Years of History</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break – H4C
11:30-13:00	<u>Simultaneous panels Home for Cooperation (H4C) and Fulbright Centre (FC)</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel 1: H4C</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mixed villages I: Patterns of interaction in the colonial context</i> (Chair: Hubert Faustmann) Jan Asmussen, ECMI Flensburg <i>Cooperation or Separation? – Mixed Villages in Cyprus</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Irene Dietzel, University of Erfurt <i>Property Relations and Traditional Patterns of Land Use – Considering the ‘Ground’ for Coexistence in Pre-modern Cyprus</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diana Markides, historian <i>The Young Turks, Enosis and the Pattern of Inter-communal Tension in Cyprus and Crete 1908 – 1913</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel 2: FC</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Living together in antagonism</i> (Chair: Stavros Karayannis) Aris Anagnostopoulos, University of Southampton <i>Cosmopolitanism or Constitutive Violence? The Creation of “Turkish” Heraklion</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Metė Hatay, PRIO Cyprus Centre <i>Coexistence or Domination? The Minaret and Belltower in Historical Perspective</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Karatsioli, EHES <i>From Coexistence to Cohabitation: A Methodological Displacement towards the study of Relations</i></p>
13:00– 14:30	Lunch – H4C

14:30-16:00	<u>Simultaneous panels</u>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel 3: H4C</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mixed villages II: Remembering and framing the mixed village (Chair: Kyriakos Pachoulides)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Charis Psaltis, University of Cyprus, and Eleni Lytras <i>The Past, Present and Future of Formerly Mixed Villages in Cyprus</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Eral Akartürk, University of Nicosia <i>The Intercommunal Relations between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots in the Mixed Village of Argaki</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hüseyin Alptekin, University of Texas, Austin <i>Why and How do Ethnic Groups Mobilize? Institutional Causes of Ethnic Mobilization Patterns in Cyprus</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel 4: FC</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art as catalyst for coexistence (Chair: Socratis Stratis)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Costas Constantinides, University of Nicosia, and Yiannis Papadakis, University of Cyprus <i>Romancing the Other: Myth, Politics and Reconciliation in Contemporary Cypriot Cinema</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nevena Dakovic, University of the Arts, Belgrade <i>Cityscape as Space of Conflict and Coexistence: Sarajevo 1992-2010</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zoran Poposki, EuroBalkan Institute Skopje <i>Creating Spaces of Co-Existence through Art and Activism: The Case of Skopje</i></p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break – H4C	
16:30-18:30	<u>Simultaneous panels</u>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel 5: H4C</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nicosia as shared space (Chair: Altay Nevzat)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Esperia Iliadou, National Technical University Athens <i>Shared Urban Space: The Case of the Taht el Kale Mahalla at the End of the 19th Century</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anita Bakshi, University of Cambridge <i>Trade and Exchange in Nicosia's Common Realm – Ermou Street in the 1940s and 1950s</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kimmy Tanaka, University of Minnesota <i>Appropriating Space: The Everyday Use of Public Spaces by Various Communities of Nicosia</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evanthia Tselika, Birkbeck College, University of London <i>The "Nationalisation" of Place and its Effects on Daily Relations</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel 6: FC</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discourses and rhetorics of coexistence (Chair: Olga Demetriou)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Regev Nathansohn, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor <i>Haifa's Coexistence-from-Below: From Everyday Practices to War on History and Memory</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Evropi Chatzipanagiotidou, University of Sussex <i>A 'Peaceful' Diaspora: 'Coexistence' as Discourse and Practice amongst Cypriots in London.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Neve Gordon, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev <i>Coexistence and the Geography of Civic and Human Rights Education</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Logan Sparks, Netherlands Institute in Turkey/Tilburg University <i>Shared Pilgrimage and Edenic Nostalgia</i></p>
18:30-19:30	Wine reception Home for Cooperation	

**DAY 2 Saturday 15.10.11
HOME FOR COOPERATION (H4C)**

09:00-10:30

Plenary session II:

Anthropological perspectives on the post-Ottoman space

Glenn Bowman, Professor of Anthropology, University of Kent
Grounds for Sharing -- Occasions for Conflict: An Inquiry into the Social Foundations of Cohabitation and Antagonism

Robert Hayden, Professor of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh
Intersecting Religioscapes in Post-Ottoman Spaces

10:30 –11:00

Coffee Break – H4C

11:00 – 12:30

Simultaneous panels Home for Cooperation (H4C) and Goethe Centre (GC)

Panel 7: H4C

***Memory, materiality, and coexistence in conflict* (Chair: Antonis Hadjikyriacou)**

Vassilis Koutsoukos, University of Crete:
Incorporating a New Province within the Greek Nation-State: Ambiguous Coexistence in the Capital of Greek Thrace during the 1920s

Deniz Duru, University of Sussex:
Coexistence, Memory and Space in Burgaz, Princes Islands of Istanbul

Vazken Davidian, Birkbeck, University of London:
The Figure of the Hamal in Late 19th century Istanbul: The Dissolution of a Shared Space

Panel 8: GC

***Shared space within division* (Chair: Maria Hadjipavlou)**

Yair Wallach, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London:
Shared space in Jerusalem?

Sossie Kasbarian, University of Edinburgh:
The Istanbul Armenians: Negotiating Co-existence

Sylvain Bulle, L'Ecole des hautes etudes en sciences sociales:
From the Closure to the Interaction's World: The Qualification of the Separatism in Jerusalem and its Neighborhood Communities

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch – H4C

14:00 – 16:00	<u>Simultaneous panels</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel 9: H4C</u> <i>The ambivalence of shared religious sites</i> (Chair: Ayla Gürel)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jessica Boll, University of Wisconsin-Madison <i>Altered Alterity: The Shared Spaces of Early Modern Istanbul and the Hagia Sophia</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cengiz Haksöz, University of Pittsburgh <i>From Religious to Nationalistic Shrine?: The Yenihan Baba Shrine In Southern Bulgaria</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rabia Harmanşah, University of Pittsburgh/Cyprus Critical History Archive <i>Shared Sacred Spaces and Collective Remembering in Cyprus: The case of Hazret-i Ömer Tekke/Ayii Phanontes</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yusuf Suiçmez, Near East University <i>Religion as a Dynamic of Cooperation and Conflict</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panel 10: GC</u> <i>On the futures of coexistence: Living together after conflict</i> (Chair: Nicos Trimikliniotis)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jon Calame, Minerva Partners <i>Nicosia Core as Catalyst for Non-Volitional Collaboration</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kate Flynn, University of the West of England <i>Decision-Making and Contested Heritage in Northern Ireland: The Former Maze Prison / Long Kesh</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Anna Grichting, Border Meetings / Geneva University of Art and Design <i>The Cyprus Buffer Zone. Sharing a Vision for an Ecological Landscape of Memory and Forgetting.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Woody Hanson, Queen's University, Belfast <i>Encircling the "Last Divided Capital in Europe": The Moat as a Unifying Architectural Element</i></p>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break – H4C
16:30 – 17:00	Summary session Concluding remarks

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