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(Curriculum Vitae)

OBJECTIVES:

I am interested in undertaking an internship at PRIO Cyprus Centre, to do the research for and write my Masters dissertation entitled "How Ethnic Is Ethnic Conflict".

Proposed internship dates: 30/06/2011 - 30/09/2011 (approx.).

EDUCATION:

- **MA in International Relations (Security)**, Oct. 2010 to date, University of Birmingham.
- **BSc in Mediterranean Sciences**, September 2006 to June 2010, University of the Aegean (Rhodes Department), Greece. Major in International Relations and Organizations; minor in Archaeology and Linguistics. Cumulative **GPA** 7.57 out of 10.
- **Arch. Makarios III Lyceum (High School)**, September 2001 to June 2004, *Core Subjects:* Political Economy, History, English and Biology. Optional: Sociology, Gymnastics. Leaving Certificate: 16.5 out of 20.

COURSEWORK:

BSc Mediterranean Sciences (IR&IOs)

International Relations I
International Relations II
Theory and Methodology of IR
International Organisations I
International Organisations II
International Relations of the M. East
Political Economy of International Relations
Political Economy
Policy of the European Integration
International Economic Relations I
Introduction to Political Science
Introduction to International Law
European Law I
Diplomacy & Strategy of the Great Forces
Euro-Mediterranean Relations
Greek Foreign Policy
Matters of Regional Security
Greco-Turkish Relations
Turkish Foreign Policy
Regional Cooperation in the Black sea and Caucasus
Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean and South-eastern Europe
Foreign Relations of the EU
International Law of the Sea and Environment
History of the Ottoman Empire
International Crisis and Conflict Resolution
Special Topics on International Relations
Special Topics on International Politics
Globalisation and the EU
Diplomatic History
Ancient Greek Literature: Political Relations

MA International Relations (Security)

-Security Studies
-Strategic Studies
-Civil Wars, Conflict Management-
and Peacekeeping
-Security in a Globalised World: New and
Emerging Challenges (at the Uni. of Delhi)
-Ethical Dimensions of Terrorism, Political
Violence and War

Related (Mediterranean Sciences)

History of Hellenistic and Roman Period
Sociolinguistics
Modern History of the Mediterranean
Ancient Greek History
History of the West in the Middle Ages
Languages of the Mediterranean
Minority Languages of the Mediterranean

Thesis/Dissertation Abstract (undergraduate):

The title of my undergraduate dissertation is "Turkey's European accession process and the Cyprus Problem". It is approximately 33.000 words long (in Greek) and analyses the Cyprus Problem; the geopolitical importance of Cyprus; the reasons why Turkey keeps the illegal occupation of the 37% of Cyprus; the arguments within Turkey and EU about the Turkish accession; the role of the USA in the Turkish accession process; the Cyprus' Problem role in Turkish accession; and, Turkey's deviations of the European aquis in Cyprus. These issues are examined on a local, regional and international lever underpinning the argument that even though

Turkey, from a legal perspective, cannot (at least for now) enter the EU, the political interests of certain EU members and the USA as well as the great (geo)political/(geo)strategic importance that Turkey has for them lead to the gradual disregard of the legal and moral issues.

Other Assessments/Presentations (undergraduate):

Why did the Greek-Cypriots say "NO" to the "ANAN Plan"? -NATO, PfP and Cyprus
The different opinions within the EU about the Turkish accession. -The Jewish Lobby in the US
The delimitation of Cyprus' Exclusive Economic Zone. -The Kurdish Problem
The role of Turkey in the Black Sea area.
The role of Multinational Companies in the global economy.

Other Assessments/Presentations (postgraduate) to date:

How should security be conceptualised? -Is Realism Relevant today?
Does strategic coercion work? -Coercion and Deterrence.
Are so-called 'new wars' different from the 'old wars'? Is the distinction between 'new' and 'old' wars helpful?

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

The Cyprus Conflict; Turkish Politics and Foreign Policy; International Relations and Political Theory; Ethnic Conflict; Civil Wars; Geopolitics; Turkey and the EU.

COCORICULAR:

- **Membership.**
I am waiting for my membership to the "Association for Cypriot, Greek and Turkish Affairs" (London) to be granted.
- **University Chess Club (Rhodes). 2008-2010**
I co-established the Aegean University (Rhodes branch) chess club.
- **Syndicalist.** From November 2006 to 2010.
Undergraduate syndicalist of a student party (political union) within the University community. Participated in the department's committee and assemblies. In 2008, I was called to appear on a live television debate along with politicians and Members of the Greek Parliament to analyze the riots that took place in Athens in December of 2008. I also gave a number of interviews to the local (twelve-island group) media for similar political matters.

EXPERIENCE:

- **Studies in India (module: Security in a Globalised World: New and Emerging Challenges)** Jan. 29th to Feb. 5th 2011.
I have been awarded one of the five (5) partial bursaries to attend a collaborative Masters-level module, involving students and staff from the University of Birmingham, University of Delhi, and University of Melbourne. It will be delivered at the University of Delhi. This will constitute an extra 20 credits module in my Masters degree.
- **Study Trip.** 22nd to 27th of January 2011
I will participate in a study trip with the University of Birmingham in Brussels to visit the NATO and EU headquarters and also the British agency.
- **Research Assistant (University of Birmingham):** from November 2010 to Date
I have been chosen to be a literature and electronic sources researcher for a project entitled "Natural Resources and Conflict Management" under Professor Stefan Wolff.
- **Research Assistant (University of Cyprus):** from July 2010 to September 2010
Volunteer, Press Researcher regarding the intercommunal relations in Cyprus after the partial withdrawal of restrictions in 2003; a Social-psychology project under Dr. Charis Psaltis.
- **National Guard of Cyprus service (National Army):** from June 2004 to August 2006
-Trained for battles and survival under difficult circumstances.
-Secretary of the training and intelligence office of my battalion.
-Officially authorized to manage top-secret records.
-Mediate and interpreter between my battalion, the UN and the Turkish side (through UN).
-Responsible for collecting intelligence from and transferring orders to one of the biggest sectors along the neutral zone (green line).
- **Research Workshop/Conference.** March-April 2010
In the final year of my undergraduate studies I co-organised a research workshop along with other students and professors entitled "The wars of tomorrow and contemporary threads".

The results of this workshop were presented and discussed at an open academic conference. I presented a paper on "The Cyprus Conflict as Security Problem".

• **High School Experiences:**

-Member of the school's environmental team that participated in a student exchange program in cooperation with Greece. Presented an assignment at a conference in Greece in cooperation with Greek students.

-Participated in two conferences my school organized on the following topics: "*Chemistry and Citizen*" and "*Greek language and modern reality*".

-A member of the chorus and the orchestra and also participated in music contests.

-I was writing articles for my school's newspaper.

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

Greek (Native) • English (Fluent) • Turkish (Pursuing)

Year	Exam	Grade
June 2003	IGCSE- English Language	B
Oct. 2009	IELTS - English Language	6.5
	University Exams – Turkish Language	

OTHER SKILLS:

Very good computer, communication, writing, organisational and research skills.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **"Rodion Pedia" Private Primary School:** from September 2008 to June 2010

- **Rhodes Chess Club "Knight":** from October 2009 to June 2010

I worked as a chess teacher. I was responsible for teaching chess rules and strategies to children from 6 to 12 years old forwarding chess as game that helps in the evolution of the way of thinking and arranging chess tournaments in cooperation with other schools and the Rhodes Chess Club "Knight".

School Head Master: Dionysis Spanopoulos; Chess Club President: Vaggelis Michaelakis

- **Rai Consultants Company:** from Febuary 2008 to June 2008.

I worked as a survey agent, making surveys through a telephone and filling questionnaires on a specific computer program.

Call Centre Supervisor: Eleni Stylianou

PUBLICATIONS:

Cypriot Newspaper Publications

-Cypriot Political Culture (Κυπριακή Πολιτική Κουλτούρα), Phileleftheros, 12/08/2010, p.8.

-Cypriot Political Culture (Κυπριακή Πολιτική Κουλτούρα), Border News (Ακριτικά Νέα), Aug. 2010, p.27.

-Turkey, the Referendum (Sept. 12th) and the Cyprus Problem (Η Τουρκία, το Δημοψήφισμα και το Κυπριακό), Phileleftheros, 23/09/2010, p.26

-Turkey's "Unknown" (Grand) Strategy (Η «άγνωστη» (Υψηλή) Στρατηγική της Τουρκίας), Phileleftheros, 10/12/2010, p.8.

-The "Achilles' Heel" of the Cyprus Problem Settlement (Η «Αχίλλειος πτέρνα» της Λύσης του Κυπριακού, Border News (Ακριτικά Νέα), Dec. 2010, p.6.

"Global Politics" Online Magazine Publications (<http://www.global-politics.co.uk/>)

-Turkey and the EU, <http://www.global-politics.co.uk/blog/2010/10/22/turkey-and-european-union/>, 22/10/2010.

-Turkey's Grand Unknown Strategy, <http://www.global-politics.co.uk/blog/2010/12/10/turkeys-grand-unknown-strategy/>, 10/12/2010.

INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES:

Composing and playing music; creating video clips and short films; playing chess; reading; watching films and travelling. I have been to Greece, United Kingdom and Germany. Subscriber of the *Foreign Affairs*.