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Contemporary Security Frameworks and the Peace Talks in Cyprus

London, The Hellenic Centre, Sept. 16, 7pm

A roundtable on new ideas for addressing the security concerns of Cypriots in a reunited island and the role of new international actors in supporting a negotiated agreement. The event will feature brief presentations by Professor Yuji Uesugi, Dr Emel Akcali and Professor Neophytos Loizides followed by discussion with the audience. The panel which is open to the public will offer an opportunity to discuss new ideas for the reunification of Cyprus and the Cypriot diaspora's own views and expectations from the forthcoming peace talks.

The Hellenic Centre 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone, London W1U 5AS

Monday 16 September 2019 at 7pm

Free entry, RSVP with Phone: 07735575004 Email: h.souzou@gmail.com

International Speakers' Bios:

Yuji Uesugi is a professor at the Faculty of International Research and Education, Waseda University in Tokyo. As a field-oriented academic, he has edited two books on peacebuilding both featuring Asia: *Hybrid Peacebuilding in Asia* (Palgrave, 2019) and *Peacebuilding and Security Sector Governance in Asia* (LIT, 2014). As a peace activist, he has established a peacebuilding NGO operating mainly in Timor-Leste and Cambodia, and served as the secretary-general (2002-2004) and the deputy executive director (2002-present). As a reflective practitioner, he served for the Ministry of Defense and Security of the Timor-Leste as a conflict prevention expert, and was appointed as the Japanese government representative to the Independent Commission on Policing for the Bangsamoro peace process in the Southern Philippines. As a professional trainer, he has been active in civilian peacebuilding training, which has been operated through the Hiroshima Peacebuilders Center and commissioned by the Japanese Government since 2007. In 2018, he was awarded a testimonial from the Chief of Joint Staff of the Japanese Self-Defense Force for his decade of dedication to education and training of the military officers preparing for peace operations. He obtained his master's degree from the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Gorge Mason University, and his PhD in International Conflict Analysis from the University of Kent.



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Emel Akçali is Senior Lecturer at the Department of Politics and International Relations. Prior to coming to Swansea, she was a resident fellow at the IMERA - Institute of Advanced Study of Aix Marseille University in France and an assistant professor at the International Relations Department of Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. Her teaching and research interests span the state, society, conflict and politics in the Middle East and North Africa, social movements, upheavals and (trans-)formation of collective identities in the age of globalization, the limits of neoliberal governmentality outside of the Western realm, critical realist philosophy and non-Western and alternative globalist geopolitical discourses. She has been awarded the CEU Institute of Advanced Study and Aix-Marseille University Institute for Advanced Study resident fellowships for her on-going research on the challenges of state and societal transformation in post-revolutionary Tunisia. She is the author of *Chypre: Un enjeu géopolitique actuel* (l'Harmattan, Paris, 2009) and her work has been published in *Political Geography*, *Security Dialogue*, *South European Society and Politics*, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, *Antipode*, *Annals of the American Geographers*, *Asian Journal of Social Sciences* and *Geopolitics*. She has also recently published an edited volume from Palgrave entitled *Neoliberal Governmentality and the Future of the State in the Middle East and North Africa*.

Neophytos Loizides is a professor in International Conflict Analysis at the University of Kent. He has previously taught at Queen's University Belfast and Princeton University and held a fellowship at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Professor Loizides is the author of 'The Politics of Majority Nationalism: Framing Peace, Stalemates, and Crises' Stanford Press (2015), 'Designing Peace: Cyprus and Institutional Innovations in Divided Societies' University of Pennsylvania Press (2016) and 'Mediating Power-Sharing' Routledge (2018 with Feargal Cochrane and Thibaud Bodson). He is currently working on a new public opinion survey focusing on the Greek and Turkish Cypriots views on the future of reunification with those of the global Cypriot diaspora funded by the US Institute of Peace and the British Academy.