

Dealing with Conflict: Lessons from and for Cyprus

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PANEL DISCUSSION

What drives conflict? How are societies impacted? How can conflict be managed or resolved? This panel brings together scholars from the School of Government and Society, University of Birmingham, working on issues of international security, self-determination and secession and areas such as Kosovo, Georgia, Cyprus and the wider Europe. The panel seeks to trigger a discussion on lessons that we can draw from across seemingly different cases and open up the dialogue for how reconciliation in Cyprus can be encouraged.

Speakers:

Nino Kemoklidze Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Birmingham
'Georgia, Russia and Conflicts in Abkhazia and South Ossetia'

Argyro Kartsonaki Research Fellow, University of Birmingham
'Assessing the EU's Approach of Constructive Ambiguity on Kosovo's Blended Conflict'

George Kyris Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Birmingham
'Lessons for the Cyprus problem'

Chair: Leonidas Pantelides Ambassador (ret.)

Nino Kemoklidze is Leverhulme Early Career Fellow specialising in secession and ethnic violence, particularly in the post-Soviet space. She has worked on a series of research projects and closely with international organisations, such as the OSCE, and published extensively in both academic and policy circles.

Argyro Kartsonaki is a research fellow specialising in secession and ethnic conflict, currently working on an ESRC-funded project on Iraq's disputed territories and the author of *'Breaking Away: Kosovo's Unilateral Secession'* (Rowman and Littlefield Lexington Books 2018).

George Kyris is Leverhulme Early Career Fellow specialising on secession, international organisations and unrecognised states and the author of *'The Europeanisation of Contested Statehood: The EU in northern Cyprus'* (Routledge 2015).

Leonidas Pantelides has just retired after 31 years of serving as a member of the Diplomatic Service of the Republic of Cyprus. He has served as ambassador to The United States, Russia, Greece, Sweden and the United Nations in Geneva. He has also served as Director for the Middle East in the Cypriot Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His educational background is in Philosophy where he holds a Ph.D from the University of Kent at Canterbury.