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Gregoris Ioannou’s research work primarily focuses on labour relations and trade unionism, class conflicts and social movements, contentious politics and the South European crisis. His first monograph titled *The Normalization of Cyprus’ Partition Among Greek Cypriots: Political Economy and Political Culture in a Divided Society* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020) was originally published in a slightly shorter form in Greek in 2019 with a second edition in 2020 and translated and published also in Turkish in 2020. His co-edited book volume *Populism and the Radical Left in Europe* was published by Routledge in 2019 while his second monograph titled *Employment, Trade Unionism and Class: The Labour Market in Southern Europe since the Crisis* is currently in press by Routledge and is expected to be out in June 2021.

Niyazi Kızılyürek is a professor of political history at the University of Cyprus specialising on the political history of Turkey and Cyprus. Born in Potamia, his family fled to Louroujina in the face of intercommunal violence in 1964. His later studies in sociology, politics, and economics at the University of Bremen led to an academic appointment at the University of Cyprus in 1995. Upon his entry, he was targeted by fascists, nationalist politicians and media, facing a year-long campaign for his expulsion from the university. He resisted with the support of his co-workers and the university and remained there. In 2014, he was elected Dean of the School of Humanities.



In 2019, Kızılyürek entered politics as a candidate for 2019 European Parliament elections with the left wing Progressive Party of Working People (AKEL). Though his candidacy proved controversial, he was elected to the European Parliament with 25,051 votes, coming second among AKEL's candidates. His election led to renewed controversy because he said that he will promote the Turkish language as an official language of the European Parliament (because it is an official language of the Republic of Cyprus). A

longtime advocate for the peaceful reunification of Cyprus, and a leading public intellectual in Cyprus, Kizilyürek has authored and edited numerous books on the Cyprus dispute, including the *Path of A Country* in collaboration with the late President of Cyprus, Glafkos Klerides ,and the two-volume *A History of Violence and Resentment: The Genesis and Evolution for the Ethnic Conflict in Cyprus*

In the early 1990s he produced a documentary called *Our Wall* with Panikkos Chrysanthou, which later won the Apdi İpekçi Peace Award in 1997. Its first international screening was at the *Cyprus & Its People* conference, organized by Vangelis Calotychos, at Harvard University in 1994.