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### **RESEARCH**

I am a political scientist and my principal research interests lie in the field of politics of memory, official and unofficial histories of nations as well as the uses of “cultures of commemoration” by politics and the state in the world in general and in Cyprus in particular. After I submitted my thesis in September 2013 and had my Viva on 17th December 2013, I have been awarded a PhD degree in Politics and International Relations by Keele University in June 2014.

My future research plans are to build on the foundations of my PhD to further develop the use of politics of memory, history, anthropology and sociology. I have a particular interest in the use of politics of memory in post-conflict societies; my research plans include further analysis of development of the memory politics in Cyprus especially concerning minorities in Cyprus.

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### **EDUCATION**

**September 2006 - June 2014 PhD in Politics and International Relations, Thesis Title: “Cultures of Commemoration in Cyprus”**

Keele University, School of Politics, International Relations and Philosophy

**September 2000 - July 2001 MA in Global Security, International Relations, Thesis Title: “The Political Reformation of Religious Identity in Cyprus”**

Keele University, School of Politics, International Relations and Environment

**September 1995 - January 2000 BA in International Relations**

Bilkent University, Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Social Sciences

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

Negotiating Memory and the Self: an inquest into the body politic of poems from “other Europes” - with Rohee Dasgupta, Forthcoming 2016

Azizbeyli, Z. 2010, ‘Cultures of Commemoration in Cyprus’, *Richie Europa Newsletter, Special Issue: European Memories*, no. 8, <[http://www.europe-richie.org/REN/REN\\_08\\_02-2010.pdf](http://www.europe-richie.org/REN/REN_08_02-2010.pdf)>

Azizbeyli, Z. 2007, ‘Introduction – Deconstruction, Critique and Praxis: Towards a New Culture of Politics’, *In-spire Journal of Law, Politics and Societies*, vol. 2, no. 1 <<http://inspirejournal.wordpress.com/issues/vol-2-no-1-june-2007/>>

Azizbeyli, Z. 2006, Faces of the State: Secularism and Public Life in Turkey, by Yael Navaro-Yashin, Reviewed in: In-spire journal of Law, Politics and Societies, <<http://inspirejournal.wordpress.com/issues/previous-articles-and-book-reviews/>>

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## TEACHING/ WORK EXPERIENCE

- February 2015- Near East University, part-time lecturer in the department of International Relations, in Cyprus Issue, Diplomatic History
- September 2015- Member of the Project Advisory Board at the Education for a Culture of Peace project/ POST RI/ Cyprus
- March 2014- Research Assistant at the AHDR/ H4C Nicosia Research Project: “Nicosia as a Shared & Contested City”
- 2011- Acting as Financial Coordinator and researcher at the POST Research Institute
- 2010 Worked as an external Research Associate for the POST Research Institute’s ‘Study Tours’ project, as part of the Education for Peace III project.
- 2009-2010 Worked as a Research Associate for the Multiperspectivity & Intercultural Dialogue in Education (MIDE) team on the Representations of History project for Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR)
- 2008-2009 Cyprus International University, part-time instructor in the department of International Relations, in Diplomatic History I, Diplomatic History II and European Union Social Policy
- 2006-2009 International Relations subject-editor of In-spire e-journal of politics, international relations and the environment – presently renamed as In-spire journal of law, politics and societies. ([www.in-spire.org](http://www.in-spire.org), a peer-reviewed Journal of SPIRE & RILPJ, Keele University)
- 2007 Keele University, HESS Summer Programme 2007 Sessional teacher on “Global Terrorism”
- 2007 Keele University, Sessional Tutor, at SPIRE. Module name: Introduction to Global Politics
- 2005-2006 Cyprus International University, part-time instructor in the department of International Relations, in Diplomatic History I, Diplomatic History II
- 2005- 2006 SOAS University of London- European University of Lefke, International Foundation Courses and English Language

Studies, Intermediate Certificate course in Comparative International Studies (ICC), part-time lecturer in Politics

- 2002-2004 Cyprus International University, part-time instructor in International Relations Department, in Diplomatic History I, and Introduction to Political Science
- 2001-2003 Eastern Mediterranean University, part-time instructor in the department of International Relations, in Sociology and Political History of Europe

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Nov 2015 "Monuments and memories - A debate on the relevance of remembering the past through memorials" organised by the Association of Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR) as part of the Photo exhibition "Iconoclastic Controversies: A visual sociology of statues and commemoration sites in the southern part of Cyprus"
- Oct 2015 Workshop facilitator on Peace Education, Within the context of the Education for a Culture of Peace project, POST Research Institute (POST RI) and the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research (AHDR)
- Feb 2014 "Web-memorializing Practices and the Uses of Photography within the Commemorative Culture of Cyprus", organised by the Rita & Costas Severis Foundation, delivered at Famagusta Gate on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014
- July 2013 "Web-memorialization through Virtual Ethnography in Cyprus", organised by the "Anthropology of Cyprus Workshop", University of Nicosia, Research Foundation Cyprus
- June 2013 "Re-Mapping Victoria Road", group presentation at the "Learning with one Another" History Workshop, organised by the AHDR, Nicosia
- May 2011 "Landscape of Memory: Ledra Street- Lokmacı Axis as a Symbolic Site of Divided Memory", Materiality, Memory and Cultural Heritage Conference, organised by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, İstanbul Technical University and the Department of Anthropology, Yeditepe University in İstanbul, Turkey
- April 2011 "Ledra Street- Lokmacı Axis as a Symbolic Site of a Communal Heritage" Poster presentation at the 12th Cambridge Heritage Seminar of The Heritage of Memorials and Commemorations

- Nov 2010 “Landscape of Memory: Ledra Street- Lokmacı Axis as a Symbolic Site of Divided Memory”, The 2010 PRIO Cyprus Centre conference on Conflicts and Values of Heritage, the Cyprus Case and Beyond, Nicosia, Cyprus
- Feb 2010 A special report is presented (with Yiorgos Philippou) on “Oral History Accounts Collection: A case study of 2 formerly mixed villages in Cyprus, Discussing initial findings as part of the AHDR’s Representations of History project
- May 2008 “Cultures of Commemoration in Cyprus” Graduate Research Symposium, Keele University
- March 2008 “Virtual Memory and Web-Memorials in Cyprus”, Carleton University Graduate Conference on Memory as Medium: Experience, Exchange, Representation, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- April 2007 “Cultures of Commemoration in Cyprus: The Importance of the ‘21st December’ Commemorations”, University College Dublin, Humanities Institute of Ireland: Upheavals of Memory: Defining, Imagining, Creating, Contesting, Dublin, Ireland
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### **OTHER SKILLS**

Excellent command in Turkish as mother tongue, Excellent command of both written and spoken English, Greek and German written and spoken at an intermediate level

Proficient user of Microsoft packages including PowerPoint, Word and Excel

Able to work effectively both as a team member and independently

Highly motivated, enthusiastic and dedicated educator with strong presentational skills

Possessing excellent verbal and written communication skills that relates to effective classroom communication

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### **REFERENCES**

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