

Curriculum Vitae

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POSITIONS

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens,
Department of Political Science and Public Administration,
Post-doctoral Fellow (2011-)**

EDUCATION

**Queen's University, Belfast, School of Politics, International Studies and
Philosophy, Ph.D. (2007-2011)**

Provisional title: *'Unearthing the Truth: The Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain'*.

Supervisors: Prof. Adrian Guelke, Dr. Neophytos Loizides.

**University of Wales, Aberystwyth, MScEcon International Politics (Distinction)
(2005-2006).**

Modules: International Politics I, International Politics II, Politics of the European Union, Comparative Analysis of Peace Processes and Peace Building.

MScEcon Thesis: *'A Critical Assessment of the UN's Moral Responsibility in the 'Spill-over' of the genocide from Rwanda to the Democratic Republic of Congo'*

Panteion University of Athens, Ptychion Political Science and History 2000-2005.

Subjects Studied: Political Science, History and Historiography, Conflict Analysis, Minorities, Citizenship, Nationalism, Constitutional Law. Graduation grade: 8.45/10.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Iosif Kovras, (Forthcoming, 2013) 'Explaining Prolonged Silences in Transitional Justice: the Disappeared in Cyprus and Spain', *Comparative Political Studies*.

Katia Andronikidou and Iosif Kovras, (forthcoming 2012) 'Culture of Rioting and Anti-Systemic Movements in Southern Europe', *West European Politics*, (equal contribution by both authors).

Iosif Kovras, (Forthcoming 2012) 'Delinkage Processes and Grassroots Movements in Transitional Justice', *Cooperation and Conflict*.

Neophytos Loizides and Iosif Kovras (Forthcoming, 2012), 'Protracted Peace processes: Policy (Un)learning and the Cyprus Debacle', *Ethnopolitics* (equal contribution by both authors).

Kathleen Ireton and Iosif Kovras, (forthcoming, 2012) 'Non-Apologies and Prolonged Silences in Post-Conflict Settings', special issue on "Memory and Historical Injustice", *Time and Society* (equal contribution by both authors) (guest editors Kate McGregor and Klaus Neumann)

Iosif Kovras and Loizides Neophytos (2011) 'Delaying Truth Recovery for Missing Persons', *Nations and Nationalism*, Vol. 17(3), pp.520-540 (Cited by the *Economist Magazine*, March 13, 2010).

Iosif Kovras (2011) 'The UN's Moral Responsibility in the 'Spill-Over' of Genocide from Rwanda to the Democratic Republic of Congo', *The African Journal of International and Comparative Law*, (Vol.19(1)).

Iosif Kovras (2010) 'The Parliamentary Election in Greece, October 2009', *Electoral Studies*, Vol.29(2), pp.293-296

Iosif Kovras (2008) 'Unearthing the Truth: The Politics of exhumations in Cyprus and Spain', *History and Anthropology*, Vol.19(4), pp.371-390.

Special Issues

'Federalism, Reconciliation and Power-Sharing', *Federal Governance* (guest editor with Neophytos Loizides and Kathleen Ireton-forthcoming in 2011 with contributions by postgraduate students)

Under Review

Iosif Kovras and Neophytos Loizides, 'Majoritarian vs. Consensus Democracies in the Eurozone Debacle', (under review), *European Journal of Political Research*

Iosif Kovras, 'The Crumbling of the Spanish Pact of Silence', (under review), *Journal of Democracy*

Neophytos Loizides and Iosif Kovras. 'Interstate and internal Negotiations: Cypriot stalemate?' invited for a book project on *Breaking Patterns of Conflict* (editors John Coakley and Jennifer Todd – equal contribution by both authors)

Book Projects

Iosif Kovras, *Truth Recovery for Missing Persons*, (Invited for full manuscript submission by University Press)

Loizides Neophytos and Kovras Iosif, *Greek Nationalism and Global Uncertainties* (proposal and sample chapter reviewed by Syracuse University Press-invited for full manuscript submission for Series on Peace and Conflict Resolution edited by Robert A. Rubinstein).

Book Reviews

Iosif Kovras (2010), Book Review of Jennifer Lind, *Sorry States: Apologies in International Politics*, *The Athens Review of Books* [in Greek] (invited).

Iosif Kovras (2009), Book Review of Omar Encarnación, *Spanish Politics. Democracy after Dictatorship*, *Cyprus Review*, Vol.21(1), pp.259-261 (invited)

Databases

Enforced Disappearances, Political Violence and Acknowledgment (available upon request)

Referendums in Peace Processes Dataset, contribution with two entries: 'Spain 6 December 1978' and 'the Basque Country and Catalonia, 25 October 1979' (available at <http://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/CentrefortheStudyofEthnicConflict/TeachingResearch/Data sets/ReferendumsinPeaceProcesses/>)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2012 Nominated by the School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy (Queen's University, Belfast) for the ECPR Jean Blondel PhD prize

2011-2014 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

2009 Travel Grant for Field Research in Cyprus by Press and Information Office (PIO), Cyprus

2008 Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs Grant, Cyprus and Divided Societies Workshop at Queen's University, Belfast 20-21, May 2008 (awarded to the Organizing

Committee, April 2008 in collaboration with the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy-ELIAMEP- € 6,000)

2007 International PhD Studentship by Queen's University of Belfast (2007-2010)

2007 Fulbright Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies in the United States (Declined).

2004 ranked 5th in the department of Political Science and History (Panteion University) and received the departmental scholarship and Greek State Scholarship Foundation (IKY).

2003 ranked 3rd in the department of Political Science and History (Panteion University) and received the departmental scholarship and Greek State Scholarship Foundation (IKY).

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Cyprus and Divided Societies, Queen's University, Belfast, 20-21 May, 2008 (Organizing Committee)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

'Interstate and Internal Negotiations: Cyprus Stalemate?' Neophytos Loizides and Iosif Kovras, *Breaking Patterns of Conflict Workshop: Britain, Ireland and the Northern Ireland Problem*. Institute for British-Irish Studies, UCD, 9 September 2010

'Truth Recovery in Spain: Political Opportunities and International Human Rights Norms', *Violent Conflicts and Societies in Transition*, Queen's University, Belfast, 14 May, 2010.

'Unearthing the Truth in Cyprus and Spain', *PSAI Annual Conference: The Politics of Peace and Conflict, Galway, 17-19 October, 2008*

'Unearthing the Truth: The Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain', *Cyprus and Divided Societies*, Queen's University, Belfast, 20-21 May, 2008

MEDIA

'Unearthing the Truth in Post-conflict settings', preparation of a memo on transitional justice initiatives, for *The Economist Magazine*, 28 November 2009.

'Truth and Justice in the Management of the Greek Crisis' [in Greek], *Kathimerini*, December 4, 2011.

'The Greek Tragedy in Comparative Perspective: Similarities and Differences among Southern European States and the Sovereign Debt Crisis', *Samenleving en politiek (Society and Politics)* [in Dutch], (forthcoming issue March 2012).

'The Northern Ireland Peace Process: Lessons and Prospects', *Politis*, [in Greek], Greek Cypriot Daily, January 12, 2008

'The Exhumations of Truth', *Politis*, [in Greek], Greek-Cypriot Daily, August 3, 2008.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Fellow guest editor of a Special Issue on 'Federalism, Power-Sharing and Reconciliation', *Federal Governance*, online Postgraduate Journal. (2010)

(Invited Talk) Iosif Kovras and Neophytos Loizides, "Hegemonic Beliefs and Delay in Truth Recovery for Missing Persons in Spain and Cyprus", *PRIO- International Peace Research Institute, Oslo Cyprus Center, February 2009*.

Speaker at Research Panel Discussion: '*The impact of Europeanization on the Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain*', organized by Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Cyprus, February 12, 2009.

Speaker at Research Panel Discussion: '*The EU as a tool and context for reconciliation and conflict resolution: the role of culture and social values*', organized by Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the University of Cyprus, July 20, 2008.

Occasional ad hoc reviewer for: *International Journal of Transitional Justice, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* and *Social Movement Studies*.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Institute of International Relations (IDIS) October 2003-May 2004 and February 2005-June 2005.

Co-editor in a newsletter on Middle East.

LANGUAGES

Native in Greek; Proficient in English; Advanced knowledge of Spanish and French; Elementary knowledge of Turkish.