



**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
EUROPE AND NORTH CYPRUS RELATIONS:  
PERSPECTIVES IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND  
STRATEGIC ISSUES**

**A Two Day Conference on 12-13 November 2009**

**At**

**Eastern Mediterranean University,  
North Cyprus**

**Principal Sponsor: Center for Strategic Studies (CSS)**

*This Conference aims at strengthening collaboration between CSS and likeminded think-tanks, strategic research centers and academic institution in the Europe with a view to enhancing relations between North Cyprus and European countries.*

*The Conference is conceived as an academic event of the highest standards, intended to bring world-class researchers, academics and policymakers to share research findings and ideas on the following vital topics of mutual interest.*

*POLITICAL: North Cyprus is still suffering from political isolation, despite having voted overwhelmingly for the UN Peace Plan, known as the Annan Plan, in Referendum on 24 May 2004. Even though the Greek Cypriot side resoundingly rejected this Plan, it was rewarded by becoming a Member of the European Union which ignored the ethnic division in Cyprus. The 2009 Conference is intended to explore ways and means of enhancing the status of North Cyprus internationally, particularly in the Europe.*

*ECONOMIC: Despite political isolation and economic barriers, North Cyprus has experienced rapid economic growth since 2002, achieving GNP growth rates averaging in excess of 10% p.a. Income per capita currently exceeds US \$11,000 and is projected to rise to US\$15,000 by*

2012. We are interested in academic papers exploring growth prospects in small island economies such as North Cyprus dependent on tourism, higher education and offshore banking services, as well as on how to attract foreign investment and more trade relations with European countries.

**STRATEGIC:** North Cyprus has become an especially strategic location as a result of two developments in the energy sector:

- The opening of the Baku-Ceyhan Oil Pipeline Terminal at Iskenderun less than 70 kms. Away from the tip of Karpaz peninsula in TRNC, and
- Oil exploration agreements between Greek Cypriot authorities and Egypt and Lebanon. It will be useful to have a few academic papers focused on these topics, again within the larger European perspective.

### **Important Dates**

*Deadline for Abstracts: 10 July, 2009*

*Notification of Outcome: 3 August, 2009*

*Deadline for Full Paper Submission: 16 October, 2009*

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