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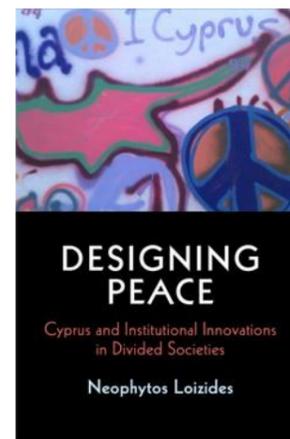
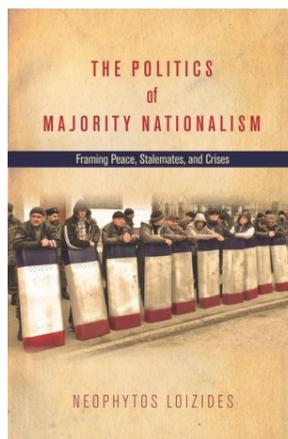
## Public Lecture

### Rethinking Conflict Resolution in the Contemporary Post-Ottoman Neighborhood and Beyond

With **Dr. Neophytos Loizides**  
Reader In Conflict Analysis at Kent University

**28 April 2016, Thursday, 12:00-14:00, S0.20**

Refreshments will be served



The presentation introduces *The Politics of Majority Nationalism* (Stanford University Press, 2015) and *Designing Peace* (UPENN Press 2016) to address three interrelated questions of interest to the ‘post-Ottoman neighborhood’ today. First, it examines the failures of peacemaking in the region focusing in particular on the absence of consensus politics and power-sharing arrangements in the past two centuries. Second, it focuses on the Balkans and the Middle East to explore conflict management in Greece, Turkey and Cyprus highlighting the ideational constraints societies face when trapped in antagonistic frames. Thirdly, it examines whether and how conflict-mitigating institutions could be effective in bringing peace and reversing radicalization. Analysing the return of displaced persons in Bosnia, the breakthrough that led to the exhumations of the missing in Cyprus, the inclusive power-sharing arrangements in Northern Ireland, and the preparatory mandate referendum in South Africa, the presentation will demonstrate how divided societies have implemented novel solutions despite conditions that initially seemed prohibitive.

**Dr. Neophytos Loizides** is Reader in International Conflict Analysis at the University of Kent. His research focuses on power-sharing, nationalism and conflict regulation in deeply divided societies. Dr. Loizides is the author of *The Politics of Majority Nationalism: Framing Peace, Stalemates, and Crises* published by Stanford University Press (2015) and *Designing Peace: Cyprus and Institutional Innovations in Divided Societies* published by the University of Pennsylvania Press (2016). He is also the co-editor (with Oded Haklai) of *Settlers in Contested Lands: Territorial Disputes and Ethnic Conflicts* while his most recent articles appeared in *West European Politics*, *the European Journal of Political Research*, *Comparative Politics* and *the Journal of Refugee Studies*. Dr. Loizides received his PhD at the University of Toronto and held fellowships funded by the Belfer Centre at the Kennedy School of Government, the Solomon Asch Centre at the University of Pennsylvania and the British Academy (Mid-Career Fellowship). He has contributed commentaries to international media outlets such as the *Guardian*, *the Washington Post* and *the Wall Street Journal*. Dr. Loizides is currently the Associate Editor of *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* and a Leverhulme Trust Research Fellow.