

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT

<i>March 2020-</i>	University of Cyprus Department of Social and Political Sciences Professor (2025-) Associate Professor (2020-2025)
<i>December 2015 – March 2020</i>	City University of London Department of International Politics Reader (Associate Professor) (2018-2020) Senior Lecturer (2015-2018)
<i>July 2013 – November 2015</i>	Queen's University, Belfast Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation & Social Justice Research Fellow
<i>August 2012 – June 2013</i>	Princeton University Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies Postdoctoral Research Fellow
<i>January 2012 – August 2012</i>	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens Department of Political Science and Public Administration Postdoctoral Research Fellow

EDUCATION

<i>July 2011</i>	Queen's University, Belfast Ph.D., School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy
<i>December 2006</i>	University of Wales, Aberystwyth MScEcon International Politics (Awarded with Distinction)
<i>May 2005</i>	Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences,

GRANTS, INTERNATIONAL AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	Best article published in the European Journal of International Relations , awarded by European International Studies Association (EISA), September 2024 – <i>‘Technologies of Justice: Forensics and the Evolution of Transitional Justice’</i>
2023-2028	“Disappearing Act: reconstructing the Crime of Disappearances in Times of Political Violence” (DISACT, ID no 101086935). [European Research Council, Consolidator Grant (Principal Investigator, total: €1,990,598)]
2021	Routledge Prize for Best Paper - Innovative Approach, titled ‘Technologies of Justice: Accountability in Post-Conflict Settings’, Questions of Accountability conference, 1-5 November (under Political Studies Association)
2018	Honorable Mention for the Best Book Award , by the International Law Committee of the International Studies Association (ISA)
2016-2019	‘Truth, Accountability or Impunity? Transitional Justice and Economic Crisis’ [ESRC Standard Research Grant, (Principal Investigator, total £521,277)]
2015-2016	‘Missing Migrants and Deaths at the EU's Mediterranean Border: Humanitarian Needs and State Obligations’ [ESRC ‘Strategic Urgency’ Grant, (Co-investigator, total £199,443)]
2014-2015	‘Missing Migrants in the Mediterranean’ [Small Research Grants, Principal Investigator, British Academy/Leverhulme, (£ 4,750)]
2014-2017	‘Legal, Ethical and Moral Issues in Researching Conflict, Violence and Peace’, ESRC Advanced Training Initiative, (Co-Investigator) [£ 29,745]
2012	Basil Chubb Prize for best PhD thesis (awarded by the Political Studies Association of Ireland)
2012	Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (‘Support of Postdoctoral Researchers’), Principal Investigator

- 2009 Travel Grant for Field Research in Cyprus by Press and Information Office (PIO), Cyprus [€ 2,000]
- 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) [£ 37,000]

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Iosif Kovras, (2025) *Accountability after Economic Crisis. Retribution, Truth, or Acknowledgment?*, Oxford University Press (ISBN: 9780198942771)
 - Translated in Greek (*forthcoming*, 2026), by Epikentro publishing house
- Iosif Kovras, (2017) *Grassroots Activism and the Evolution of Transitional Justice. The Families of the Disappeared*, Cambridge University Press
 - Honorable Mention, International Law Section, of the International Studies Association
 - Translated in Greek (2021), by Epikentro publishing house
 - Reviewed in *International Journal of Transitional Justice, Social & Legal Studies*, LSE Review of Books,
- Iosif Kovras (2014) *Truth Recovery and Transitional Justice. Deferring Human Rights*, Routledge
 - Reviewed in *Journal of Politics, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, and Political Studies Review*.

Journal Articles

- Kovras I., Vasileiou E, Ioannidis N., (accepted for publication, 2026) 'Justice on Hold: Explaining the Reluctance of Victims to Seek Accountability', *International Journal of Transitional Justice*
- Ioannides N., Kovras I. Mikellide M., Leiva M. (accepted for publication, 2026), Digging Up Crimes: Forensic Perspectives on Perpetrator-Led Exhumations, *Cooperation & Conflict*

- Mikellide M., Ioannides N., Lyritsas R., Kovras I. (2024) 'Explaining Strategic Disinterment: Forensics and the Reconstruction of the Missing in Cyprus', *Political Geography*, Vol.115.
- Iosif Kovras (2023) 'Technologies of Justice: Forensics and the Evolution of Transitional Justice', *European Journal of International Relations*, Vol.29 (1), pp.29-52.
 - Best article published in the European Journal of International Relations in 2023.
- Psaltis C., Kirchner-Haustler A., Uskul A., Kovras I., Eleftheriou A, (2023) 'Role Of Honor, Dignity, And Face Values In Transitional Justice In Post-Conflict Cyprus', *Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, Vol.29(3), pp.294-305.
- Iosif Kovras and Mustafa Kutlay (2022) 'The EU's Truth by Omission: Learning and Accountability after the Eurozone Crisis', *The British Journal of Politics & International Relations*, Vol.24(1), pp.187-204.
- Iosif Kovras and Stefano Pagliari (2021) 'Crisis and Punishment? Explaining Politicians' Appetite for Retribution in Post-Crisis Europe', *Comparative Politics*, Vol.53(4), pp. 595-615.
- Nadia Hilliard, Iosif Kovras and Neophytos Loizides (2021) 'The Perils Of Accountability After Crisis: Ambiguity, Policy Legacies, And Value Trade-Offs', *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Vol.34(1).
- Paloma Aguilar and Iosif Kovras (2019) 'Explaining Disappearances as a Tool of Political Terror', *International Political Science Review*, 40(3), pp.437-452.
- Iosif Kovras, Shaun McDaid, and Ragnar Hjalmarsson (2018) 'Truth Commissions after Economic Crises: Political Learning or Blame Game?', *Political Studies*, Vol.66 (1), pp.173-191.
- Jonathan Hall, Iosif Kovras, Djordje Stefanovic & Neophytos Loizides (2018) 'Exposure to Violence, War-Related Losses and Attitudes Towards Transitional Justice: Evidence from Post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina', *Political Psychology*, Vo.39(2), pp.345-363.

- Iosif Kovras and Simon Robins (2016) 'Death as the border: Managing missing migrants and unidentified bodies at the EU's Mediterranean frontier'. *Political Geography*, Vol.55, pp.40-49.
- Iosif Kovras and Neophytos Loizides (2014) 'The Greek Debt Crisis and Southern Europe: Majoritarian Pitfalls?', *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 47(1), pp.1-20.
- Iosif Kovras (2013) 'Explaining Prolonged Silences in Transitional Justice: the Disappeared in Cyprus and Spain', *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol. 46, pp. 730-756
- Aikaterini Andronikidou and Iosif Kovras (2012) 'Cultures of Rioting and Anti-Systemic Movements in Southern Europe', *West European Politics*, Vol. 35(4), pp. 707-725.
- Iosif Kovras (2012) 'Delinkage Processes and Grassroots Movements in Transitional Justice', *Cooperation and Conflict*, Vol. 47(1), pp.88-105
- Iosif Kovras and Neophytos Loizides (2012) 'Protracted Peace processes: Policy (Un)learning and the Cyprus Debacle', *Ethnopolitics*, Vol. 11, No. 4, 406–423.
- Kathleen Ireton and Iosif Kovras (2012) 'Non-Apologies and Prolonged Silences in Post-Conflict Settings', special issue on 'Memory and Historical Injustice', *Time and Society*, Vol.21(1), pp.71-88.
- Iosif Kovras and Neophytos Loizides (2011) 'Delaying Truth Recovery for Missing Persons', *Nations and Nationalism*, Vol. 17(3), pp.520-540.
- 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), pp.145-163.
- 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.

*Book Chapters &
Online Entries*
[peer-reviewed]

- Stefano Pagliari and Iosif Kovras (forthcoming) 'Individual Accountability: The Missing Piece in the Agenda of International Economic Institutions?' *Accountability with Adjectives: Conceptual Innovation in Studying Scrutiny*, Routledge.
- Iosif Kovras (in press) 'The Missing in Cyprus: Learning from a success story in a Frozen Conflict', *Essays in Honor of Alexis Heraclides*, Tsakonas Takis and Fragkonikolopoulos Christos (eds) [in Greek]
- Iosif Kovras (2021) 'The future of transitional justice: Mercy or impunity?', in *A Research Agenda for Human Rights* Michael Stohl & Alison Brysk (eds), Elgar Publishers. pp.75-88
- 'Post-Conflict 'Transitional Justice' (2016), *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*, Patrick James (Ed), Oxford University Press.
- Katherine Stefatos and Iosif Kovras, (2015) 'Buried Silences of the Greek Civil War', in *Necropolitics: Mass Graves and Exhumations in the Age of Human Rights*. Francisco Ferrándiz and Antonius Robben (eds), University of Pennsylvania Press (Human Rights Series) pp.161-184
- Iosif Kovras and Simon Robins, (2017) 'Missing Migrants: Deaths at Sea and Addressing Migrant Bodies in Lesbos', *Border Crossings* (eds) Hastings Donnan, Madeleine Hurd, and Carolin Leutloff-Grandits (Manchester University Press)

Special Issues

- 'Federalism, Reconciliation and Power-Sharing', *Federal Governance*, 8 (2). pp. 1-14 (guest editor, with Neophytos Loizides and Kathleen Ireton)

Policy Briefings

- Addressing Migrant Bodies on Europe's Southern Frontier An agenda for research and practice [with Simon Robins and Anna Vallianatou] (translated in Arabic)
- Missing Migrants: Management of Dead Bodies in Lesbos, August 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carassco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Greek)

- ‘Missing Migrants in the Mediterranean: Addressing the Humanitarian Crisis’, September 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carassco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Arabic, Italian, Greek)
- Missing Migrants: Management of Dead Bodies in Sicily’, September 2016 [With Simon Robins, Adrian Carassco Heiermann and Ann Singleton] (translated in Italian)

Under Review

- *The Afterlife of Violence: A comparative Forensic Study of Clandestine Violence*, Under Review (with Maria Mikellide, Nikandros Ioannides and Marisol Andrea Intriago Leiva)
- ‘*Shifting Shadows: The Impact of International Accountability on Repertoires of Violence Dynamics in Conflict Zones*, Under Review (with Nikandros Ioannides)
- ‘*Human Rights Violations Reporting Database*’, (under review) (with Tziouvas C. Ioannides N., Christodoulou C.).

In preparation

- ‘*Isle of Shadows: Explaining disappearances in Cyprus*’ (book manuscript, with Alexandros Zachariades and Nikandros Ioannidis)
- ‘*Peace or Justice? Victims’ perspectives on issues of retribution and immunity*’, journal article (with Elpida Vasileiou and Nikandros Ioannidis)
- ‘*Surveying victims attitudes towards transitional justice preferences in Cyprus*’ (with Elpida Vasileiou, Evren Celal, Bulut Unvan, and Nikandros Ioannidis).

Editor of Special Issues

Fellow guest editor of a Special Issue on ‘Federalism, Power-Sharing and Reconciliation’, *Federal Governance*, online Postgraduate Journal.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy [Awarded in May 2017]

University of Cyprus
(2020-)

Core Postgraduate (PG) module- SPS619 Fundamentals of Peace & Conflict Transformation (Convenor – new module)

Core Year 3 Undergraduate (UG) module- SPS351 Academic & Writing Skills in Political Science (Convenor – new module)
 Core Year 3 Undergraduate (UG) module- SPS458 Human Rights & Reconciliation after Conflict (Convenor – new module)
 Core Year 1 Undergraduate (UG) module- SPS153 International Relations (Convenor)
 Core Year 1 Undergraduate (UG) module- SPS155 European Integration (Convenor)

City, University of London

Core Year 1 The Puzzles of Comparative Politics (Convenor – new module)
 Core Year 3 Human Rights & Reconciliation in Deeply Divided Societies (convenor -new module)

Queen's University, Belfast

Elective postgraduate (PG) mini-module - Comparative Methods in the study of Conflict Transformation (Convenor)
 Elective postgraduate (PG) mini-module – Transitional Justice (convenor)

SUPERVISION

Current PhD Students Ms Maria Diplarou, '*Intergroup Conflicts: Designing transitional justice taking into consideration the rights and emotions of victims*', University of Cyprus, Sept. 2021 –

Past PhD Students (completed) Dr Begum Zorlu, '*Sustained Contention: The Dynamics of Campaigns Against Increasing Authoritarianism in Venezuela under Chavismo and Turkey under the AKP*', City University of London, 2022. (co-supervisor)

Dr. Ragnar Hjalmarsson, "*Transitional Justice after Economic Crisis*". (advisory committee, Hertie School of Government), Awarded *Summa cum laude*, 2021

Post-doctoral and/or other researchers Dr. Nadia Hilliard (2016-2018, funded by ESRC, currently Associate Professor at University College, London)

Dr. Romanos Lyritsas (2023-2024, funded by ERC Consolidator Grant DISACT)

Dr. Alexandros Zachariades (2024 -, funded by ERC Consolidator Grant DISACT)

Dr. Nikandros Ioannidis (2023 -, funded by ERC Consolidator Grant DISACT)

Dr. Cian Cooney (2024 -, funded by ERC Consolidator Grant DISACT)

Ms. Evren Celal (2023 -, funded by ERC Consolidator Grant DISACT)

Ms Evie Theocharous (2023-2024, funded by ERC Consolidator Grant DISACT)

Dr. Aphrodite Papacharalambous (2025), funded by ERC Consolidator Grant DISACT)

Dr. Andreas Michael (2025), funded by ERC Consolidator Grant DISACT)

EXTERNAL EXAMINER

(2024) University of Aegean - PhD Thesis *‘Historical Trauma & Oral History. The prospects of accountability in Cyprus: An exploration through testimonies of families, civil society and NGOs’*, Panagiotis Milionis

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES & SERVICE (SELECTED)

2020 - August 2023	<i>Director of (new) MA in Peace, Conflict & Democracy</i> (University of Cyprus)
2020 – June 2023	<i>Director of BSc Political Science</i> , (University of Cyprus)
2016-2019	<i>Director of Research Committee</i> (City, University of London)
2016-2019	<i>Director of Ethics Committee</i> (City, University of London)
2015-2019	<i>Director of (new) BSc in Politics</i> (City, University of London)
2018	International Studies Association Member of the <i>Book Prize Committee</i> , International Law Section
2016 -	<i>Member</i> of the UKRI/Economic and Social Research Council <i>Peer Review College</i>
2013-	<u>Grant reviewer for:</u> National Science Centre (Poland), The Leverhulme Trust (UK), Economic and Social Research Council/UKRI (UK), British Academy (UK), University of

Nicosia (Cyprus); Hellenic Foundation for Research & Innovation (Greece).

Occasional Ad Hoc Reviewer for (selected): *Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, International Journal of Transitional Justice, Comparative Politics, Political Geography, Comparative Political Studies, Cooperation and Conflict, Party Politics, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Israel Law Review, Journal of Modern Greek Studies, Ethnic & Racial Studies, and Social Movement Studies.*

MEDIA & EDITORIALS

Research appeared in: *The Associated Press, the New York Times, The Economist, Washington Post*

- 2018 'How to Deal with the Next Financial Crisis – Take Some Lessons from Iceland', *The Conversation*, 4 October 2018 [republished by the *World Economic Forum, Metro, and Global Policy* among others]
- 2017 'Should we Prosecute Political Leaders after a Crisis? Lessons from Iceland', *LSE EUROPP blog*, 5 December 2017 (with Ragnar Hjalmarsen)
- 2016 'Italy votes Sunday on changing its political system. Here are 3 lessons from Greece'. *Monkey Cage, Washington Post*, November 2016 (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2015 'The Problem with Recurrent Elections', [in Greek] August 2015, *Protagon.gr* (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2015 'The Problem with the Greek Democracy', *Wall Street Journal*, 9 January 2015 (with Neophytos Loizides) (translated in Greek)
- 2015 '(How) Do We Learn from the Past?', [in Greek] *Kathimerini*, 10 May 2015, (with Phyllis Papadavid)
- 2015 'SYRIZA: The Radical Left's Greek Spring?', *Open Democracy*, 30 January 2015, (with Neophytos Loizides), (translated in Turkish)
- 2012 'Governing Greece: Consensus should be the Priority', [in Greek] *to Vima*, and *Radikal* [in Turkish]
- 2012 'The Greek Tragedy in Comparative Perspective: Similarities and Differences among Southern European States and the Sovereign Debt Crisis', *Samenvleving en politiek (Society and Politics)* [in Dutch]

2011	‘Truth and Justice in the Management of the Greek Crisis’ [in Greek], <i>Kathimerini</i>
2010	‘Unearthing the Truth in Post-conflict settings’, 10 March, <i>The Economist</i>
2008	‘The Northern Ireland Peace Process: Lessons and Prospects’, <i>Politis</i> , [in Greek], Greek Cypriot Daily
2008	‘The Exhumations of Truth’, <i>Politis</i> , [in Greek], Greek-Cypriot Daily

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

15 May 2023	<i>4th Interdisciplinary Forum</i> , University of Cyprus (organizing Committee)
9 May 2022	<i>3rd Interdisciplinary Forum</i> , University of Cyprus (organizing Committee)
22 May 2018	<i>Accountability after Economic Crisis</i> , (Organizer) ESRC-funded interdisciplinary conference with academics, policymakers and activists from European countries
5 May 2013	<i>Modern Greece: Works in Progress</i> , Princeton University, (organizing Committee)
20-21 May 2008	<i>Cyprus and Divided Societies</i> , Queen’s University, Belfast (Organizing Committee)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

2024	‘ <i>The Afterlife of Violence: Strategic Exhumations in Post-Conflict Settings</i> ’, European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR), General Conference, Dublin 12-15 August 2024
2024	‘ <i>Shifting Shadows: The Impact of International Accountability on Repertoires of Violence Dynamics in Conflict Zones</i> ’, European Political Science Association, Cologne, Germany 4-6 July 2024.
2024	<i>Missing, Exhumations and Dealing with the Past: Lessons from Cyprus</i> , ANIME: Conflict: Memory & Reconstruction, University of Strasbourg, 23-24 September 2024
2024	‘ <i>The Afterlife of Violence: Strategic Exhumations in Post-Conflict Settings</i> ’, Global (De-)Fragmentation? Consequences for Peace and Conflict Research and Practice, Conflict Research Society, University of Edinburgh, 4-6 September 2024

- 2023 *'Truth Commissions and the Missing Persons in Post-Conflict Settings'*, A Greek-Cypriot perspective of the Turkish-Cypriots Conference, University of Cyprus, 20 September 2023
- 2022 *'Missing Memorials: Making sense of loss in Cyprus'*, British Academy Conference - Building Peace through Culture: Art, Memory, Landscape, Time, March 2022, University of Cambridge
- 2022 *'Technologies & Accountability after Crises'*, May 2022, 3rd Interdisciplinary Forum, University of Cyprus
- 2021 *'Technologies of Justice: Accountability after Atrocity'*, November 2021, Questions of Accountability Conference, Universities of Sheffield & Worcester.
- 2021 *'Explaining Apologies in post-crisis Europe'*, July 2021. Series on Modern Greek Studies, Organized by the British School of Athens (BSA) and the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG)
- 2021 'Policies in the Management of Missing Migrants & their Impact on Families of the Missing', January 2021, Online workshop 'The borders of Family Reunification after Death', Center for the Study of Humanities (Keynote lecture)
- 2018 'Grassroots Activism & the Evolution of Transitional Justice', September 2018, Anahuac University, Mexico (keynote)
- 2018 *'Who's Sorry Now? Explaining (Non)Apologies in Post-Crisis Europe'*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Boston, August 2018
- 2018 *'Crisis & Punishment? Explaining post-crisis bankers' prosecutions'* (with Stefano Pagliari). Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Kyoto, July 2018.
- 2018 'Truth Commissions After Economic Crises: Learning or Blame Game?', International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, April 2018.
- 2016 *'Forensic Truth Recovery: Merits & Pitfalls'*, Conference Confronting Violent Pasts and Historical (In)Justice, Amsterdam, 3 December 2016

- 2014 *'Addressing Migrant Bodies in Europe's Southern Frontier: The Case of Lesbos'*, Vrije University, Amsterdam
- 2013 *'The 'Missing' Tale of Human Rights'*, Working Papers Series, ISCT&SJ, Queen's University, Belfast
- 2013 *'The Social and Political Reactions to the Politics of Austerity in Southern Europe'*, University of Cyprus
- 2013 *'Post-Transitional Justice and Prolonged Silences in Spain and Greece'*, LSE IDEAS, International Workshop II: The Road to Democracy in Southern Europe: The International Dimension Lisbon (FCSH-UNL)
- 2013 *'Missing Persons and Transitional Justice'*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco
- 2012 *'Post-Transitional Justice and Truth Recovery for Missing Persons: Lessons from Southern Europe'*, Yale University
- 2012 *'The Politics of Exhumations and Reconciliation in Southern Europe: Cyprus, Spain and Greece'*, Princeton University
- 2012 *'Prolonging Silences of Post-Civil War Victims' Groups'*, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Diego (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2011 *'Comparative Politics and Culture'*, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- 2010 *'Interstate and Internal Negotiations: Cyprus Stalemate?'*, Breaking Patterns of Conflict Workshop: Britain, Ireland and the Northern Ireland Problem. Institute for British-Irish Studies, UCD, (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2010 *'Truth Recovery in Spain: Political Opportunities and International Human Rights Norms'*, Violent Conflicts and Societies in Transition, Queen's University, Belfast
- 2009 *'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
- 2009 *'Hegemonic Beliefs and Delay in Truth Recovery for Missing Persons in Spain and Cyprus'*, PRIO- International Peace Research Institute, Cyprus Center (with Neophytos Loizides)
- 2008 *'Unearthing the Truth in Cyprus and Spain'*, PSAI Annual Conference: The Politics of Peace and Conflict, Galway

2008 *‘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

2008 *‘Unearthing the Truth: The Politics of Exhumations in Cyprus and Spain’*, Cyprus and Divided Societies, Queen’s University, Belfast

LANGUAGES

Greek: Native
English: Proficiency
Spanish: Advanced