

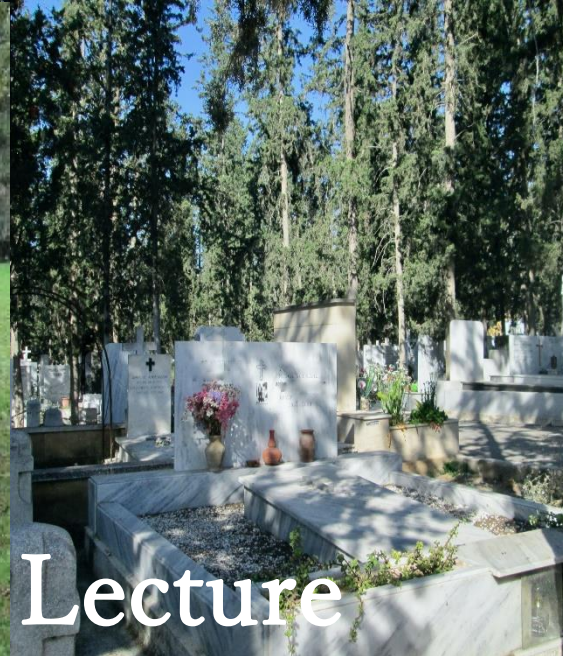
Speaker



Yiannis Papadakis

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Yiannis Papadakis' latest research focuses on the comparative study of cemeteries in capital cities (Nicosia in Cyprus along with Copenhagen in Denmark) and the construction of post-humous identities. He is currently in Japan for the study of Tokyo cemeteries. His previous research, books and other publications have focused on ethnic conflict, memory and forgetting, museums, cinema and history education in divided Cyprus, as well as on migration and the welfare state in Denmark.



Special Lecture

Deathscapes and Posthumous Identities: A Comparison of Cemeteries in Denmark and Cyprus June 23 (Thur) 2022, 18:00-19:30

This presentation, drawing from a co-authored article with Dr Trine Stauning Willert, discusses deathscapes at the margins of Europe, Denmark and Cyprus, focusing on two key cemeteries (an earlier and a more recent one) in each of their respective capitals. By employing comparison and situating the emergence of cemeteries within the two societies' different socio-historical trajectories, we challenge key assumptions on cemeteries put forth by historians and sociologists related to cemeteries' inexorable secularisation and the democratic prerogative of everyone, not just the elites, to their posthumous presence as named individuals. Specifically, we show how in Denmark's case the predominance of social democracy entailed a preference for erasure in communal, anonymous graves rather than the posthumous presence of all as named individuals. In Cyprus instead, the rise of an 'ethnarchic' religious-orientated state hindered the secularization of cemeteries. Moreover, the symbolic focus of graves in Cyprus has not been on the atomized individual subject but on the family. These dynamics have given rise to different challenges: emptying out in Copenhagen's cemeteries and overcrowding and expansion in Nicosia. Consequently, cemeteries have also come to be conceptualized in different ways: as sites of real estate in Cyprus and as public spaces in Denmark. But how do these relate to and what are similarities and differences with cemeteries in Tokyo?

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The Lecture will be followed by an informal dinner
everybody is welcome to join but, please, register in advance
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