



Workshop organized  
as part of the project  
DASTU, Department  
of Excellence  
on Territorial Fragilities

# Territorial Fragilities in Cyprus. Planning and Preservation Strategies

## PhD Workshop on Territorial Fragilities 2021-2022

Nicosia, Cyprus, is one of the divided cities in the world and the capital city of a country which is a member of the European Union since 2004. This open wound in the geo-political body of EU cuts through the whole island of Cyprus as well as through Nicosia, including its historical center surrounded by well-preserved Venetian walls. Since 1974, the so-called "green line" separates materially and symbolically the Turkish-Cypriot from the Greek-Cypriot community despite recurring attempts to find out a route for reconciliation.

The workshop addresses the multiple fragilities due to the continuing existence of the borderline, mainly in Nicosia's metropolitan area, intending to explore scenarios and spatial patterns of intervention to cope with the urban partition, facilitate bi-communal projects, and encourage reunification. This aim is pursued from the viewpoint, and with the expertise, of both architectural preservation and urban planning.

Each discipline has a focus on specific aspects such as the one on 'Monuments as Pace-Makers' and 'Spatial Patterns of Bi-communal Cooperation'.

Building on work already done by the staff of Nicosia Master Plan, students are encouraged to look for creative solutions and strategies focused on the edges of the buffer zone, on those urban spaces and historic buildings that could become subject of intervention in a scenario of building communication bridge(s) between the two divided communities of Nicosia. In the first phase, this communication bridge(s) can be achieved only from a visual perspective, offering observation points 'to the other side'. However, the main goal would be to detect where the separation line could be 'breached' to create tangible connections that could 'weld' the urban community. At the same time, this planning and design exercise will be useful to understand the nature of the border (material, symbolic, and discursive) along with its direct and indirect effects on the everyday life of citizens.



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15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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MS Teams:  
[shorturl.at/dnEH2](https://shorturl.at/dnEH2)

## Programme:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup>

15 00

**Guido Licciardi** / World Bank  
Cultural Heritage in Fragile and  
Conflict Countries

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

09 00

**Agni Petridou and Ali Güralp**  
/ Nicosia Master Plan  
The Nicosia Master Plan:  
Sister projects and cooperation  
initiatives

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

15 00

**Anita Bakshi** / Rutgers  
University  
Sharing Space in a Divided City  
(Past & Present). The Buffer  
Zone, the Buffer Fringe, and  
other Spaces of Cooperation

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

09 30

**Nasso Chrysochou** / Frederick  
University of Cyprus  
The Historic Development  
of the Walled City of Nicosia.  
Recent Developments in its  
Conservation and Arising New  
Challenges

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

09 30

**Anna Grichting** / Cyprus  
GreenLineScapes Lab  
Future Visions to Regenerate  
the Buffer Zone of Cyprus. Co-  
creating ecological landscape of  
memory

**PhD Course in  
Urban Planning and Policy Design**  
Professors: Luca Gaeta, Fabiano Lemes,  
Gabriele Pasqui and Massimo Bricocoli

**PhD Course in  
Preservation of the Architectural  
Heritage**  
Professors: Maria Cristina Giambruno,  
Annunziata Maria Oteri and Paolo Faccio  
(IUAV)

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Alice Buoli (UPDP)  
Oana Tiganea (PAH)

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