

Call for Papers

“70 years since the EOKA Struggle: Echoes, Analyses, Reassessments”

On the occasion of the seventy-year anniversary from the beginning of the EOKA struggle, the EOKA Liberation Struggle Foundation, the Holy Archdiocese of Cyprus, the Council of the Historical Memory of the EOKA Struggle, the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Cyprus, the Department of History and Archaeology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the Department of History and Archaeology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the School of Law of the University of Nicosia, the Tassos Papadopoulos Study Centre, the Archbishop Makarios III Foundation and the Cyprus Oral History Association are organizing a conference titled: **“70 years since the EOKA struggle: Echoes, Analyses, Reassessments”**.

A significant part of the historiography of the Cyprus Question has thus far focused on the EOKA struggle. Similarly, the process of decolonization in Cyprus has formed the focus of an important number of studies in existing Greek and international bibliography. The seventieth anniversary since the start of the liberation struggle, in 2025, offers an appropriate opportunity to highlight aspects of the research field of the study of the history of EOKA which have remained uncharted until now. Towards this aim contributes the archival material - mainly British - which has been released in recent years. The Conference “70 years since the EOKA struggle: Echoes, Analyses, Reassessments” aspires to host original academic studies which will contribute in enriching the academic and wider discussions concerning the latter - and most crucial - phase of British colonial rule in Cyprus. Simultaneously, it also seeks to examine the EOKA struggle in the wider context of the end of Empire by comparing the Cypriot experience with the liberation movements in other colonies.

Possible topics may include – but are not limited to – the following:

- History of the EOKA movement (for example: foundation, organization, development, personalities, events, outcomes, legacy).
- Political developments (appeals to UN, solution plans)
- Comparison with liberation movements in other – British or not – colonies.
- British policy concerning various aspects of the EOKA struggle.
- An examination of the Greek diplomacy during 1955-1959.
- The role and policy of Turkey.
- The role of women in the EOKA revolt as well as in other anti-colonial, liberation movements.
- Developments which led to 1955 – taking into consideration the fact that 2025 also witnesses the centennial of the declaration of Cyprus as a Crown Colony in 1925.
- The EOKA struggle as featured in the Press in Greece, Britain, Turkey and elsewhere.

- Monuments and collective memory of 1955-59.
- The EOKA struggle in arts and letters.
- Education, schools and youth during the Revolt.

Important dates and further information:

- Abstract submission deadline: **12 May 2025**. All abstracts and cvs (please see application process below) should be sent to the email address: idryma@eoka.org.cy
- Conference dates: **31 October - 2 November 2025**
- The event will take place in Nicosia. However, participants who are unable to travel to Cyprus will have the opportunity to present their paper online.
- The Organizers will cover part of the expenses for researchers who are not based in Cyprus.

Application process:

The organizers of this conference accept submissions from academics, doctoral students, early career researchers or independent researchers. Papers may concern any aspect of the EOKA struggle provided that:

- They consist of original research.
- They have not previously been published in Cyprus or elsewhere.
- They highlight new issues in relation to the revolt or/and the historical period under examination or re-examine events from a new perspective.

Researchers can submit their application by sending:

- i) Title and abstract of their paper (up to 300 words). The abstract must specifically refer to the aims of the paper, its originality and sources.
- ii) Brief cv including details of current affiliation.

Selected papers presented at the Conference will be published in a special volume, following evaluation from the conference's Organizing Committee.

** Working Languages of Conference: Greek, English.*

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