



FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT

PART TIME RESEARCH FELLOW

Open University Cyprus welcomes applications for employment in the following position:

Part-Time Research Fellow for the project *'Politicization of Identities in Diaspora: Cosmopolitanism & Conflict Discourses'*, funded by the Research and Innovation Foundation, Research Excellence Hubs

Job profile

1.5 Working months (total 210 hours), Duration of Employment: **Jan 2021-Dec 2021.**

The total remuneration for the duration of the employment is €4.000, including employers' contribution.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate project activities for WP7 "Training & Capacity Building" (meetings, Roundtables, capacity building events etc. – e.g. invite participants, prepare agenda, write the minutes of the meetings, etc.)
- Monitor and update the project's social media accounts for the activities of WP7
- Contribute to the recruitment of participants for Roundtables and the smooth running of the events
- Contribute towards compiling progress reports for the project
- Contribute to other ongoing WPs of the Project by providing feedback on reports, participating in project meetings, and project dissemination activities

Requirements:

- PhD in a relevant degree (sociolinguistics, or anthropology or diaspora studies)
- Experience with ethnographic methods
- Experience with issues and literature related to cosmopolitanism, diaspora, and the Cypriot conflict-affected context
- Excellent knowledge of Greek and/or the Cypriot dialect of Greek
- Excellent knowledge of English
- Excellent communication skills
- Team-working skills

Overview of the project:

This project will examine Greek-Cypriots' experiences of living in a vibrant multicultural city such as London and New York, as well as the experience of returning back, and ask whether and how the experience of diaspora influences their perceptions of the legacy of conflict in their country of origin. It focuses on people in a range of different diasporic positions – university students, young professionals, settled families, community stakeholders, and returnees – and it aims to investigate ethnographically the ways in which Greek-Cypriot 'diasporans' negotiate representations of their homeland and their ethnic identities in different settings and events, both on- and off-line, especially when the conflict legacy in Cyprus arises as an issue. Specifically, it examines the tension between "cosmopolitanism" and "ethnic containment" looking at (a) how the cosmopolitanism of urban life in superdiverse metropolises affect community discourses and identifications, particularly in relation to the conflicted homeland; and vice versa: (b) how the homeland conflict affect ethnolinguistic socialization and community organization in diaspora. The project links Sociolinguistics with studies on International Relations/ Peace & Conflict studies, making an important contribution to interdisciplinary dialogue. Finally it reveals the significance of diasporic communicative practice for social cohesion and conflict resolution.

Applications Submitted:

Applications, along with the above materials, should be submitted electronically at <https://recruitment.ouc.ac.cy/apply> by **13 December 2020**.

Any questions about the position may be addressed to Professor M. Zembylas (m.zembylas@ouc.ac.cy) or to Mr. Michalis Savva, in the OUC Research Office, at +357 22411692 and research@ouc.ac.cy.

All applications shall be treated in strict confidentiality and only candidates that meet the job specifications will be contacted.