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Yale University to Present Lecture “Growing Up in a Divided Cyprus: Ethnographic Explorations of Children’s Perspectives on ‘Self’ and ‘Other’ Over Three Decades”



This Friday, October 4, 2024, Yale University’s MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies will present a lecture by anthropologist Dr. Spyros Spyrou entitled “Growing Up in a Divided Cyprus: Ethnographic Explorations of Children’s Perspectives on ‘Self’ and ‘Other’ Over Three Decades.” The event will take place from 4-5pm in Room 202 of Henry R. Luce Hall.

What is it like to grow up in a territorially and ethnically divided society like Cyprus? What role does education, both formal and informal, play in this? How do children think about and navigate their political lives and selves in such a context? This presentation will draw on ethnographic work with children over three decades to tackle these questions and to shed light on processes of identity construction and ‘othering’ in post-1974 Cyprus both before and after the opening of the checkpoints in 2003.

The talk will also consider the wider implications of these processes on key contemporary issues like nationalism, immigration, and racism and the role of education in these.

Find information about the event and the MacMillan Center here.

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