



### Academic Personnel Short Profile / Short CV

|                             |                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>University:</b>          | Neapolis University Paphos                                                                            |
| <b>Surname:</b>             | Lyrstis                                                                                               |
| <b>Name:</b>                | Minas                                                                                                 |
| <b>Rank/Position:</b>       | Associated Academic Staff                                                                             |
| <b>Faculty:</b>             | BSc in International Relations and Security (Distance Learning)                                       |
| <b>Department:</b>          | Department of History, Politics and International Studies                                             |
| <b>Scientific Domain: *</b> | International Relations and International Security; Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean geopolitics |

*\* Field of Specialization*

| Academic qualifications<br>(list by highest qualification)                                       |      |                                                |                                          |                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Qualification                                                                                    | Year | Awarding Institution                           | Department                               | Thesis title (Optional Entry)                                                                                                                                             |
| PhD in International Relations<br>Summa cum laude                                                | 2025 | University of the Aegean                       | Department of Mediterranean Studies      | Saudi Arabia: Domestic Policy, Regional, and International Relations from 1945 to the Present. The Key Factors, Challenges, and Prospects of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. |
| MSc in Geopolitical Analysis, Geostrategic Synthesis, Defence and International Security Studies | 2020 | National and Kapodistrian University of Athens | Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies | The Geopolitical Role of the Kurdish National Movement as a Factor in the Redistribution of Power in the Syria-Turkey-Iran-Iraq Complex                                   |



ΦΟΡΕΑΣ ΔΙΑΣΦΑΛΙΣΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΙΣΤΟΠΟΙΗΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΠΟΙΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΩΤΕΡΗΣ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΣΗΣ  
CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION



eqar /// enqa.

|                                                                             |                 |                           |                                              |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--|
| Undergraduate studies<br>International Relations and<br>Organizations track | 2017            | University of the Aegean  | International Relations and<br>Organisations |  |
| Erasmus+ exchange studies<br>Political Science and Civics                   | 2016<br>Feb-Jul | Ghent University, Belgium | Department of Political<br>Science           |  |



| Employment history in Academic Institutions/Research Centers – List by the three (3) most recent |          |                                                                        |                |                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Period of employment                                                                             |          | Employer                                                               | Location       | Position                                                                                             |
| From                                                                                             | To       |                                                                        |                |                                                                                                      |
| Jan 2022                                                                                         | Aug 2026 | Center of Middle Eastern Policy Analysis – KEAMEP                      | Athens, Greece | Senior Researcher                                                                                    |
| 2/2022                                                                                           | 10/2022  | University of the Aegean                                               | Rhodes, Greece | Academic Fellow,<br>Department of<br>Mediterranean Studies<br>Diplomatic History<br>teaching support |
| Oct 2017                                                                                         | Jun 2021 | Center for Oriental Studies<br>for Communication and<br>Culture - KANS | Athens, Greece | Researcher                                                                                           |

**Key refereed journal papers, monographs, books, conference publications etc. List the five (5) more recent and other five (5) selected –(max total 10)**

| Ref. Number | Year | Title                                                                                                                              | Other authors | Journal and Publisher / Conference                                                                                                                                                                               | Vol.  | Pages   |
|-------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 1           | 2026 | Intelligence Sharing in a Multipolar Middle East: The European Union-Saudi-China Triangle                                          | —             | Journal of European and American Intelligence Studies                                                                                                                                                            | 9(1)  | 33-44   |
| 2           | 2026 | The Russian Federation-Ukraine War as a Proxy Conflict: Security, Diplomacy, and Hybrid Threats in Eastern and Southeastern Europe | —             | Studia Securitatis                                                                                                                                                                                               | 20(1) | 6-24    |
| 3           | 2026 | Beyond the Failed State: The Insurgent Statelet as a Tool for Geopolitical Analysis                                                | —             | In T. Graziani & P. Kelly (Eds.), New Theoretical and Conceptual Approaches to the Study of Geopolitics, Volume II: Emerging Actors, Innovative Spaces, and New Configurations of Global Power. Callive Edizioni | II    | 103-118 |
| 4           | 2026 | Forging Sovereignty: Defence Entrepreneurship in the Gulf States                                                                   | —             | In C. Vladoš et al. (Eds.), Entrepreneurship in the International Political Economy: Theory and Policy. IGI                                                                                                      | —     | 305-332 |

|   |      |                                                                                                                                            |   |                                                                                                                                                                       |      |             |
|---|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|
|   |      |                                                                                                                                            |   | Global Scientific Publishing                                                                                                                                          |      |             |
| 5 | 2026 | A Just Society Is Not a Utopia;<br>It Is a Choice                                                                                          | — | Papazisis Publishers<br>Edited book; editor:<br>Minas Lyrstis (in<br>Greek)                                                                                           | —    | —           |
| 6 | 2026 | The Evolving Role of Social<br>Media in Mobilising Collective<br>Action: A Comparative Case<br>Study of Egypt (2011) and<br>Lebanon (2019) | — | Proceedings of the<br>11th International<br>Scientific Conference<br>I.A.K.E.: Creative<br>Communities. Institute<br>of Humanities and<br>Social Sciences             | A    | 97-103      |
| 7 | 2025 | The Geopolitics of Innovation:<br>Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and<br>the Future of the Middle East                                          | — | In Geopolitics and<br>Geography of<br>Innovation: The<br>Challenges of<br>Theories and<br>Practices of<br>Innovation in the<br>Multipolar Era.<br>Callive/Media&Books | —    | 159-<br>182 |
| 8 | 2025 | Forging a Strategic Axis: The<br>Deepening Partnership<br>between Greece and Saudi<br>Arabia                                               | — | HAPSc Policy Briefs<br>Series                                                                                                                                         | 6(1) | 198-<br>203 |
| 9 | 2024 | Saudi Arabia's Regional<br>Hegemony in the New Power<br>Struggle in the Middle East                                                        | — | The International, the<br>National and the<br>Local: Challenges for<br>Politics, Economy and<br>Society - Selected<br>Papers. Department of                           | —    | —           |



|    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                |                                                                                                                                             |   |   |
|----|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
|    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                | Political Science and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese                                                                |   |   |
| 10 | 2024 | The Press as a Shaper of Public Opinion: A Comparative Study of the Treatment of Ukrainian and Syrian Refugees in Kathimerini and Efimerida ton Syntakton, 24 February 2022-24 February 2023 | N. Kazantzidis | 4th Pissouri Scientific Symposium: History, Society, Politics and Media - Migration, Refugees, Exile and the Media. Epiphaniou Publications | — | — |
|    |      |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                |                                                                                                                                             |   |   |



| Exhibitions (where applicable). List the five (5) more recent and other five (5) selected.<br>(max total 10) |      |                |                       |           |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Ref. Number                                                                                                  | Date | Topic          | International / Local | Location* | Role in Exhibition |
| 1                                                                                                            |      | Not applicable |                       |           |                    |
| 2                                                                                                            |      |                |                       |           |                    |
| 3                                                                                                            |      |                |                       |           |                    |
| 4                                                                                                            |      |                |                       |           |                    |
| 5                                                                                                            |      |                |                       |           |                    |
| 6                                                                                                            |      |                |                       |           |                    |
| 7                                                                                                            |      |                |                       |           |                    |
| 8                                                                                                            |      |                |                       |           |                    |
| 9                                                                                                            |      |                |                       |           |                    |
| 10                                                                                                           |      |                |                       |           |                    |

*\* Specify venue, geographic location etc*



| Research Projects. List the five (5) more recent and other five (5) selected<br>(max total 10) |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ref.<br>Number                                                                                 | Date                  | Title                                                                                                                                                                                        | Funded by                                              | Project Role*                                                     |
| 1                                                                                              | Oct 2020-<br>Nov 2025 | Doctoral research: Saudi Arabia: Domestic Policy, Regional, and International Relations from 1945 to the Present. The Key Factors, Challenges, and Prospects of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. | -                                                      | Doctoral researcher<br>University of the Aegean                   |
| 2                                                                                              | Oct 2018-<br>Jan 2019 | Iran-Turkey Relations after the Rise to Power of the Justice and Development Party (AKP)                                                                                                     | Institute of<br>International<br>Economic<br>Relations | Research Lead<br>Institute of International<br>Economic Relations |
| 3                                                                                              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |
| 4                                                                                              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |
| 5                                                                                              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |
| 6                                                                                              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |
| 7                                                                                              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |
| 8                                                                                              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |
| 9                                                                                              |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |
| 10                                                                                             |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                        |                                                                   |

*\*Project Role: i.e. Scientific/Project Coordinator, Research Team Member, Researcher, Assistant Researcher, other*



**Academic Consulting Services and/or Participation in Councils / Boards/ Editorial Committees.  
List the five (5) more recent (Optional Entry)**

| Ref. Number | Period            | Organization                   | Title of Position or Service                            | Key Activities                                                    |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | 2026              | Papazisis Publishers           | Book editor                                             | Edited A Just Society Is Not a Utopia; It Is a Choice (in Greek). |
| 2           | 2022-2026         | Mare Mediterraneum conferences | Member of organising or central coordinating committees | Conference organisation and coordination.                         |
| 3           | Sep 2019-Dec 2023 | South Aegean Region            | Elected Regional Councillor                             | Service on the regional council.                                  |
| 4           | 2015-2021         | Mare Nostrum conferences       | Member of organising or central coordinating committees | Conference organisation and coordination.                         |
| 5           |                   |                                |                                                         |                                                                   |



**Awards / International Recognition (where applicable). List the five (5) more recent and other five (5) selected.  
(max total 10) (Optional Entry)**

| Ref. Number | Date                  | Title                                                                                                                           | Awarded by:                                                                               |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1           | Nov-Dec 2025          | Chinese Government Scholarship<br>Educational visit and participation in the 3rd<br>Global South Think Tanks Dialogue, Shanghai | Chinese Government                                                                        |
| 2           | May 2025              | Best Scientific Paper Award<br>Papers-Research category                                                                         | 11th Academic Conference of the Institute of<br>Humanities and Social Sciences, Heraklion |
| 3           | Nov 2021-<br>Apr 2022 | Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Scholarship                                                                                            | Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Greece-Cyprus Office                                            |
| 4           |                       |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                           |
| 5           |                       |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                           |
| 6           |                       |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                           |
| 7           |                       |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                           |
| 8           |                       |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                           |
| 9           |                       |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                           |
| 10          |                       |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                           |

| Other Achievements. List the five (5) more recent and other five (5) selected.<br>(max total 10) (Optional Entry) |                   |                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ref. Number                                                                                                       | Date              | Title                                                                                            | Key Activities:                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1                                                                                                                 | Forthcoming 2027  | Forthcoming monograph                                                                            | Saudi Arabia's Grand Strategy in a Multipolar World: Vision 2030 and the New MENA Regional Order, Routledge Publishing                                                                                                      |
| 2                                                                                                                 | Jul 2026          | ILA-ASIL EastMed-MENA Research Forum, Athens                                                     | Presented The Great Sea Interconnector (GSI) and IMEC as Legal and Geopolitical De-Risking Strategies in an Era of Trade Securitisation, with Dr. Thomas-Nektarios Papanastasiou.                                           |
| 3                                                                                                                 | May 2026          | Mare Mediterraneum IV, Athens                                                                    | Presented The Conflict in Iran and Its Implications for Saudi Arabia's Strategy.                                                                                                                                            |
| 4                                                                                                                 | May 2026          | 12th Academic Conference of the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, Heraklion           | Presented Defensive Realism and the Weaponization of Culture: Tourism as a Strategic Asset in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East.                                                                                |
| 5                                                                                                                 | Apr 2026          | 6th Regular Conference of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Kiato | Presented From Hedging to Autonomy: The Grand Strategy of the UAE and Its Bid to Become a Pivotal Power.                                                                                                                    |
| 6                                                                                                                 | Jun 2025-Jul 2026 | EU project management                                                                            | Project Manager, EU Grants Department, BK Plus Europe.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 7                                                                                                                 | Jun 2024-Mar 2025 | Reserve military service                                                                         | Reserve Infantry Officer, Hellenic Ministry of National Defence. Discharged with the rank of Reserve Second Lieutenant (Infantry).                                                                                          |
| 8                                                                                                                 |                   | Research and professional affiliations                                                           | Principal Researcher, Middle East Policy Analysis Center (KEAMEP).<br>Junior Scholar - Gulf Affairs, Strategy International.<br>Regular Member, Hellenic Society of International Law and International Relations (EEDDDS). |



ΦΟΡΕΑΣ ΔΙΑΣΦΑΛΙΣΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΙΣΤΟΠΟΙΗΣΗΣ ΤΗΣ ΠΟΙΟΤΗΤΑΣ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΩΤΕΡΗΣ ΕΚΠΑΙΔΕΥΣΗΣ  
CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION



eqar /// enqa.

|    |  |  |  |
|----|--|--|--|
| 9  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |