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## HELLENIC EXECUTIVE PROGRAM



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# Cyprus: Hostage to History & Geography?

Professor Alexander Kitroeff

## OVERVIEW

This Seminar takes a deep dive into the rich and complex history of Cyprus, an island that has long been a crossroads for civilizations in the Eastern Mediterranean. Its strategic location has made it a focal point for conquests and foreign domination throughout history.

As 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the Turkish Invasion of 1974, this course not only commemorates that pivotal moment in Cyprus' modern history but also places it in the broader context of the island's centuries-long struggle with foreign rule and internal divisions. By exploring key historical periods—from ancient kingdoms and the Ottoman era, through British colonialism to the island's partition—participants will gain a deeper understanding of the challenges Cyprus has faced and continues to contend with. The course also covers Cyprus' more recent history, including its Accession to the European Union, while reflecting on whether the island can transcend its troubled past and move toward a unified, peaceful future. As we observe this 50th anniversary, the Seminar offers a timely exploration of Cyprus' geopolitical legacy and its potential path forward.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS - SESSIONS & TOPICS

- Session 1: From Antiquity to Ottoman Conquest**
- Session 2: The Ottoman Era under British Control**
- Session 3: British Colonialism & the Struggle for Union with Greece**
- Session 4: Independent Cyprus until the Turkish Invasion**
- Session 5: The Era of Partition until the Accession to the EU**
- Session 6: Cyprus in the 21st Century**

LIVE ONLINE

zoom

## DATES

9 November – 21 December 2024

*\*Every Saturday at 12 noon ET*

*(no class on 30 November 2024)*

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

6 November 2024

## FEE

*\$300 USD paid in full by 8 November 2024*

*The program fee includes access to material on Moodle, a Zoom Registration Link, and a certificate of participation upon program completion.*

*CYA Executive Alumni receive a 10% discount.*

## INFORMATION

For more information, email [executive-program@cyathens.org](mailto:executive-program@cyathens.org) or [click here](#) to register for the program.

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Program attendance is limited

*Program content, dates, schedule, fees, technology platforms, and faculty are subject to change.*

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A real intellectual satisfaction."

Whitman Knapp | CYA Executive Alumni



Pillar with Corinthian capital at the Kourion archaeological site, one of the island's most important city-kingdoms in antiquity

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

In partnership with HALC (Hellenic American Leadership Council), College Year in Athens has formed the **CYA Hellenic Executive Program (CYA HEP)**. Dedicated to bringing CYA's rigorous academic profile in an online format, CYA HEP offers online educational seminars to all interested and who desire to further their knowledge on all topics associated with Greece, from ancient civilization to modern-day development.

Each Seminar runs for six weeks. It meets once a week on Saturdays at 12 noon ET for one hour, followed by an exchange of views between participants and the professor. Sessions typically last sixty to ninety minutes and are held in a synchronous online teaching environment (via Zoom). Participants have access to material on Moodle and a Zoom Link. After each session, a recording of the lecture is available to participants.

The **CYA Hellenic Executive Program** has no formal education requirements, recognizing that participants come from diverse backgrounds and have varying experience in the subject of each Seminar; however, the seminars are rigorous and require academic work. A **Certificate of Participation** is issued upon completion of each Seminar.

## FACULTY



**Professor Alexander Kitroeff**  
D.Phil. (University of Oxford)  
CYA History professor  
Professor Emeritus of History,  
Haverford College

**Alexander Kitroeff** is the leading professor of CYA's Hellenic Education Program. Kitroeff, a Professor Emeritus of History at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, has also taught at several other institutions, including the Center for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies at Queens College CUNY, the Onassis Center for Hellenic Studies at New York University, The American College of Greece, and College Year in Athens. He served on the Journal of the Hellenic Diaspora editorial board from 1980 through 2013, when the Journal ceased publication. His research focuses on identity in Greece and its diaspora in a broad range of topics he has published extensively. His most recent books are *The Greeks and the Making of Modern Egypt* (2019), published in Arabic and Greek, and *Greek Orthodoxy in America: A Modern History* (2020). This marks Professor Kitroeff's fifth time leading the Hellenic Executive Program.

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Time & Duration	12-noon Eastern Time   90 minutes	
Award Upon Completion	Certificate of Participation	