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**MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN**

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I am pleased to present the Fall 2020 issue of Faculty of Business and Economics **Newsletter**. In this issue, we highlight the successful work by faculty members and our students in the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 – Covid semester.

We started Spring 2020 with a change in the Dean's Office. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Korhan Gokmenoglu left his post as the Vice Dean. I would like to express my appreciation for my dear friend and colleague's hard work and support during his tenure. I would like to welcome Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ismihan as the new Vice Dean. I have no doubt that he will be as successful.

Each one of us has worked hard to accomplish objectives set for ourselves and the Faculty. In the Dean's Office, we successfully hosted FIBAA accreditation team in Fall 2019 and renewed FBE's accreditation till 2026.

We organized the 4<sup>th</sup> ECOBUS FEST in October 2019 with 'Climate Change' theme. Our students took part in various activities related with the theme, expressed their thoughts and feelings on the theme and last but not least had fun.

In November 2019, the Dean's Office organized half-a-day meeting with the members of the FBE Advisory Board and exchanged ideas with the esteemed members of the Advisory Board. When we demanded engagement with businesses, the Board expressed their support to enhance the interaction between FBE and businesses.

**In Spring 2020, we had to deal with an unexpected development: Covid-19 pandemic.**

When the government had to order a lockdown because of the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, we started delivering education online. Never before have we had such a crisis and had to change so quickly but (I am proud to inform you that) Our Faculty was quite successful in adapting to the new environment and modified courses and our administrative processes pretty quickly. After delivering online classes for the spring and summer semesters, we are getting ready for online education yet for another semester. Despite the uncertainty caused by Covid-19 pandemic, we are now ready to deliver our online classes more effectively.

Covid-19 pandemic inevitably caused disruptions in our plans too. The Banking and Finance Department could not organize the 5<sup>th</sup> ICBPF Conference in April 2020 in Famagusta because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

**The 5th ICBPF Conference will be held online on 21-22 April 2021.**

The **Times Higher Education** World University Rankings highlighted the universities that are leading across business and management, accounting and finance, and economics and econometrics. The Faculty of Business and Economics at the Eastern Mediterranean University was ranked in the first 500 Universities by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. Additionally, **ShanghaiRanking** in the Academic Ranking of World Universities 2020 listed EMU within the **401-500** band in the Economics category. We are proud with everyone who contributed to these achievements.

We say farewell to Prof. Dr. G. Jenkins, Prof. Dr. B. Oney, Prof. Dr. S. Ciftcioglu and Assist. Prof. Dr. S. Atasoy who decided to retire and open a new chapter in their lives. We would like to thank them for years of hard work and dedication and wish them a happy retirement filled with joy, health and prosperity. On behalf of our Faculty I would like to welcome back our colleagues Assist. Prof. Dr. Berna Numan, Prof. Dr. Erol Kaymak and Prof. Dr. Mete Feridun from their leave of absence.

We said farewell to Emine Esen who also decided to retire and welcomed Ecem Haşimoğulları as administrative assistant to the Banking and Finance Department. When Yagmur Ergüneş transferred to the Rector's Office Aydan Atakan joined as the Faculty administrator.

It is with great sadness that I write about an untimely loss for our Faculty. Our colleague in the Political Science and International Relations Department, Assist. Prof. Dr. John Albert Turner unexpectedly passed away in August 2020. We extend our sincerest condolences to his family, his friends and all who knew him. We truly feel fortunate and honored that John was part of our Faculty.

The Higher Education Council (YÖK) approved our Bachelor program in Accounting and Financial Management and we are excited to welcome our students to our brand-new program. The achievements of our faculty, staff, and students have continually demonstrated our dedication to teaching, research and community service. I hope you enjoy reading this issue of **FBE Newsletter** and that your motivation will improve as you read about these success stories.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your contributions to the success of our Faculty and wish you a wonderful and productive academic year.

### **Academic Staff of EMU Continue to Provide Courses Around the World**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty academic staff Prof. Dr. Glenn Paul Jenkins and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Ulaş Altıok have been continuing to offer the Investment Assessment and Risk Analysis courses for senior bureaucrats and faculty members in many countries for many years. The courses focus on financial and economic feasibility analysis of public projects. Prof. Dr. Jenkins and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Altıok took part in programs in South Africa (January and March 2020), Ivory Coast (December 2019) and Ghana (September in 2019).

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### **FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS SIGNS NEW POSTGRADUATE AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROTOCOLS**

A *Postgraduate and Institutional Development Protocol* was signed between the EMU and Türkiye Halk Bankası (Turkish People's Bank) the TRNC Country Directorate. Halkbank employees who will enroll in the Master's Programmes offered in Nicosia by the EMU Business and Economics Faculty will benefit from 30% tuition fee discount.



EMU and TURKCELL Northern Cyprus have signed a *Postgraduate and Institutional Development Protocol*. Employees of TURKCELL Northern Cyprus, who will be enrolled in EMU Business and Economics Faculty's Master's Programs offered in Nicosia, will benefit from a 30% tuition fee discount.



EMU and TRNC Kalkinma Bankası (Development Bank) have signed a *Postgraduate and Institutional Development Protocol*. Development Bank employees who will enroll in the Master's Programs offered in Nicosia by EMU Business and Economics Faculty will benefit from a 30% tuition fee discount.



EMU and K.T. Kooperatif Merkez Bankası (Turkish Cypriot Cooperative Central Bank) have signed a *Postgraduate and Institutional Development Protocol*. Cooperative Central Bank employees who will enroll in the Master's Programs (in Turkish) offered in Nicosia by EMU Business and Economics Faculty will benefit from a 30% tuition fee discount.



EMU and Türk Ekonomi Bankası (Turkish Economy Bank) have signed a *Postgraduate and Institutional Development Protocol*. Turkish Economy Bank employees who will enroll in the Master's Programs offered in Nicosia by EMU Business and Economics Faculty will benefit from a 30% tuition fee discount.



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#### **EMU AND TRNC ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE AND REASSURANCE COMPANIES SIGN COLLABORATION PROTOCOL**

A collaboration protocol has been signed by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the TRNC Association of Insurance and Reassurance Companies. The said protocol was signed by the TRNC Association of Insurance and Reassurance Companies President Ülker Fahri and EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam at the EMU Rector's Office on the 15th of October 2019.

The said protocol aims to improve and increase the prevalence of professions and services encompassed by the insurance sector in addition to increasing the academic and sectoral activities between EMU and the Association of Insurance.

Speaking at the signature ceremony, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that an important collaboration has been established and that an important step has been taken to ensure that the insurance sector in the TRNC operates in a more productive manner. TRNC Association of Insurance and Reassurance Companies President Ülker Fahri expressed his excitement regarding collaborating with EMU and wished both parties a fruitful collaboration. Also present at the signature ceremony were EMU Arts and Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur, Department of Banking and Finance Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç, Department of Mathematics Chair Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, Rector's Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı and other TRNC Association of Insurance and Reassurance Companies representatives.





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## EMU ANNOUNCED AS A TOP UNIVERSITY FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS EDUCATION

In November 2019, U.K based higher education ranking institution Times Higher Education (THE) announced the top universities for Business and Economics education in 2020. The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) was the only university from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) to feature on the list that included giants such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, Oxford and Cambridge.

The 2020 Times Higher Education World University Rankings table for business and economics subjects uses the same trusted and rigorous performance indicators as our overall World University Rankings, but the weightings have been recalibrated to suit the individual fields.

The ranking assesses universities by their performance in accounting and finance, business and management, and economics and econometrics subjects.

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Rank	Name Country/Region	No. of FTE Students (k)	No. of Internat'l Staff (k)	International Students (%)	Research Index Ratio	
201-250	Eastern Mediterranean University Northern Cyprus	18,865	27.1	83%	41 : 59	<a href="#">Explore</a>
401-500	Bilkent University Turkey	10,374	14.5	9%	46 : 54	
401-500	University of Cyprus Cyprus	6,625	22.0	11%	66 : 34	
501+	Boğaziçi University Turkey	13,202	23.2	3%	46 : 54	
501+	Istanbul Technical University Turkey	34,825	23.0	4%	34 : 66	
501+	Middle East Technical University Turkey	27,455	31.6	6%	44 : 56	

Eastern Mediterranean University

**RANKED 201-250**  
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THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2020

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In September 2020, Times Higher Education World University Rankings highlighted the universities that are leading across business and management, accounting and finance, and economics and econometrics subjects for 2021. The Faculty of Business and Economics at the Eastern Mediterranean University was again ranked in the top 500 Universities.

### First amongst Turkish and Cypriot Universities

EMU ranked higher than any Turkish university by being placed above Bilkent University that appeared in the 401-500 band and Boğaziçi University, İstanbul Technical University and Middle East Technical University that appeared on the 501+ band of the ranking. EMU also ranked higher than any Cypriot university. There is only one university from South Cyprus which featured in the 401-500 band of the ranking.



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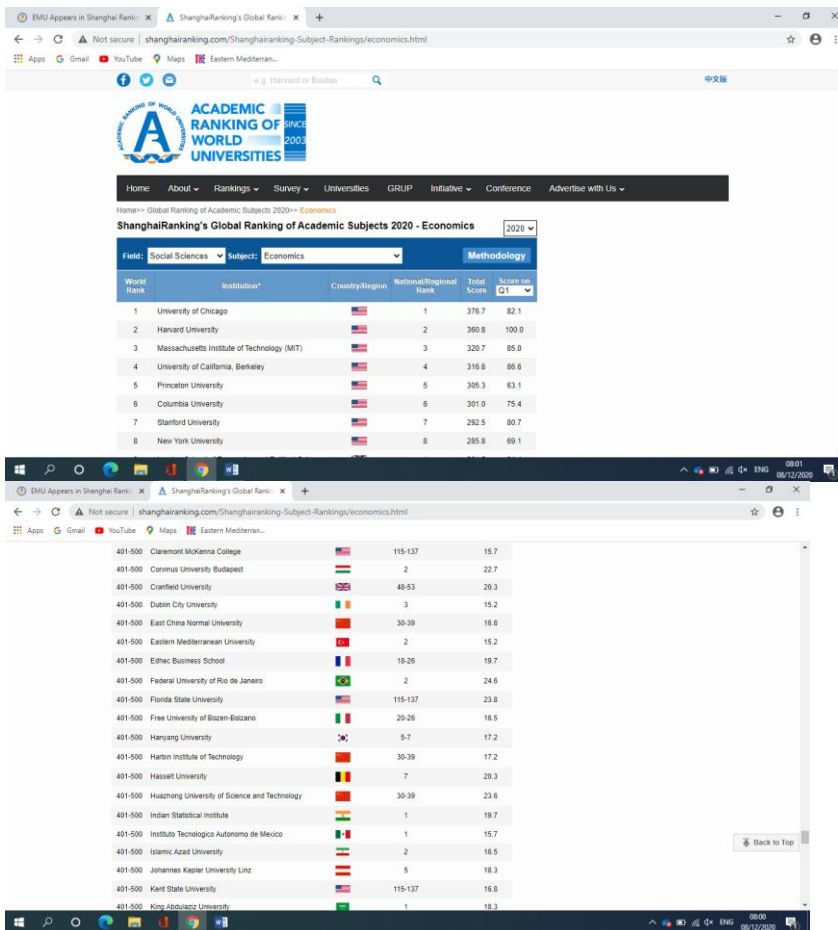
## **EMU FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS RANKED FIRST IN CYPRUS AND SECOND IN TURKEY IN SHANGHAI RANKING**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), continues to make a name for itself in the world by being placed in the China-based world university ranking institution ShanghaiRanking's World Universities Academic Rankings 2020, Field Rankings list. EMU was found worthy to be ranked in the ShanghaiRanking at various fields.

EMU became the only university to enter the list at Economics Field both in North and South Cyprus. Also, EMU has been placed within the 401-500 band and took the second place among universities in Turkey. Koç University became the top ranking university in Turkey at Economics Field by being placed within the 201-300 band.

Commenting on their success, Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur stated, "I would like to thank Department of Economics Chair Prof. Dr. Mehmet Balcılar and all faculty members for achieving such success in the Economics Field Rankings and honoring our faculty and our university."

EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Department of Economics Chair Prof. Dr. Balcılar also commented on the success and stated that EMU Department of Economics becoming one of the two departments being ranked in the list alongside with Koç University means that the Department of Economics has gained great reputation amongst the world universities.



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## EMU'S NEW "ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT" PROGRAM STARTED STUDENT ADMISSIONS

Improving the world-class education it offers as days pass, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) continues to incorporate new programs. EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Business Department's latest addition, "Accounting and Financial Management" Undergraduate program started student admissions as of 2020 – 2021 Academic Year Fall Semester.

The field of accounting and finance has become a popular discipline all around the world and its importance in the business world gradually increases. In today's competitive world, the field of accounting and finance plays a vital role in the business world. Increase in the importance and popularity of the accounting and finance field created a need for qualified and well-versed graduates who have sufficient theoretical and practical backgrounds.

The English-medium EMU Accounting and Financial Management Undergraduate Program aims to train students as experts in their fields during their four-year training process. In addition, the program aims to provide students with academic foundations, knowledge and skills to prepare them for a career that provides challenge and reward. In today's global competitive environment, our program also aims to develop well-equipped, knowledgeable and creative graduates who have a very clear vision of the current theoretical and technical characteristics of the program. Other goals of our program include developing students for preparation of financial statements, analyzing and auditing the financial statements, reducing the cost of goods and services, managing costs and managing the funds effectively and efficiently for an organization in order to achieve its goals.

### Career Opportunities:



It is obvious that the need for educated, competent and expert personnel who can work in private and public institutions in this field, nationally and internationally will be higher than ever. Graduates of the program will be able to take positions in financial reporting, financial analysis, costing, cost management, financial management as well as in general management positions in Accounting and Finance departments.

Our new faculty administrator Aydan Atakan with our administrative assistants Hürmüz Rüzgar, Aşkın Tolgan, Şerife Karga and Meliha Onbaşı.



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## SEMINARS

Department of Political Science and International Relations organized six noteworthy seminars on recent controversial issues and developments

### Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen and Prof. Dr. Hubert Faustman examined "Quo Vadis Cyprus Conflict and the Eastern Mediterranean"

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Cyprus Policy Centre (CPC) and Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations organized a discussion panel titled "Quo Vadis Cyprus Conflict and the Eastern Mediterranean". The panel took place on Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2019. Nicosia University academic staff member Prof. Dr. Hubert Faustmann and EMU Political Science and International Relations Chair / CPC Director Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen attended the panel as speakers. The panel was moderated by EMU Business and Economics Faculty Vice Dean and Political Science and International Relations academic staff member Asst. Prof. Dr. Umut Bozkurt. During the opening speech, Asst. Prof. Dr. Bozkurt thanked everyone in attendance for their participation and stated that they are going to examine the Cyprus problem and issues in the Mediterranean via different paradigms.



**Panel Discussion**  
**"Quo Vadis Cyprus Conflict and the Eastern Mediterranean"**

**Prof. Hubert Faustmann (University of Nicosia)**  
9th of October (Wednesday) 2.30 - 4.00 pm  
BEA 5 (The old Scout's Room)

**Prof. Ahmet Sözen (Eastern Mediterranean University)**

Prof. Hubert Faustmann was born and raised in Germany and obtained his PhD in History from the University of Marburg (1999). He is currently a Professor of History and International Relations at the University of Nicosia, where he has worked since 1999. Additionally, he is the director of the Friedrich Schiller Working Cyprus office since May 2015. He was the editor-in-chief of the refereed journal The Cyprus Review from 2005 until 2016. Prof. Faustmann is an expert on British colonial Cyprus and post-independence Cyprus history and politics. Prof. Faustmann is the author of *Divide and Quit? British Colonial Policy in Cyprus 1919-1960* (LIT Verlag, 1999) and is the editor-in-chief of two volumes, including *The Role of Education in Multicultural Cyprus* (Cambridge Scholar Publishing, 2017). An Award in Europe: The EU and the Transformation of Cyprus (J.L. Tauris, 2012), *Revolving Cyprus: The Annan Plan and Beyond* (J.L. Tauris, 2007), *The Government and Politics of Cyprus* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2003). *From an Cyprus Colonisation and Post-Independence* (LIT Verlag, Bielefeld, 2005). He has published numerous book chapters and peer-reviewed articles. His research on international and Political Rights of the South Baltic and Belgian Intervention at the End of British Colonial Rule in Cyprus, in: *Abantika Vangelis and Athanasios Hatzidakis (eds), Cyprus from Colonisation to 20th Century: Values and Heritage. Essays in Honour of Bertil Holmberg*. Publications of the Centre for Studies in Social Science, King's College London, 2017, pp. 108-115. Together with Ahmet Sözen, "Cyprus", in: *European Journal of Political Research*, Political Data Network, 2017, No. 52 (2019). Together with Ismail Selimovic, *Lessons from the Past for the Future*, in: *The Cyprus Review*, Vol 29, 2017, pp. 127-139.

Prof. Ahmet Sözen is professor and Chair of Political Science and International Relations of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU). He is also the founding Director of Cyprus Policy Centre – think tank within EMU. Sözen was granted one of the 2007 Paul Harris International Peace Scholarships on International Conflict Resolution given to world and cross-cultural peace-building projects. His current research interests include conflict resolution, peace-building processes, governance in multi-ethnic societies, the Cyprus conflict and negotiation, Turkish foreign policy and democratization processes. Besides his university work, Sözen has also been very active in the policy and advocacy fronts. His experience over the last twenty years as a peace-activist includes peace-building and democratization processes, including participating into peace-negotiations from the front rank in Cyprus where Sözen was a member of the official Turkish Cyprus negotiation team in the UN-led peace-negotiations active from 2003 to 2008. Sözen has also been active in peace-building, providing training and education in the areas of conflict resolution, mediation and peace-building, engaging policy recommendations based on objective participatory research with the several stakeholders and policy. Prof. Sözen has given dozens of invited speeches on conflict resolution – including two TED talks (TEDxNicosia 2012 and TEDxNicosia 2014) on the Cyprus conflict in many different contexts and he frequently appears on both local and Turkish media, as well as international events, such as BBC and Al Jazeera, where he comments on world events.



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Jacob Glenn, Political and Economic Officer of US Embassy Nicosia, delivered a seminar that engaged participants to learn about the Human Rights and Diplomacy in an American official perspective. Seminar was organized by the

**Cyprus Policy Center (EMU-CPC) and Political Science and International Relations (EMU-PSIR) on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2019 at the Eastern Mediterranean University.**



**Conference**  
**"Human Rights and Diplomacy"**  
 23 October 2019 (Wednesday) 14.30 – 18.00  
 BEA 5 (Old Senate Room)



**Jacob Glenn**  
 Political and Economic Officer - U.S. Embassy Nicosia

Jacob Glenn is a U.S. Foreign Service Political Officer currently serving as the Human Rights Officer at Embassy Nicosia. He previously served as a Consular Officer in Embassy New Delhi, working in the non-immigrant visa, immigrant visa, and fraud prevention units. Prior to joining the Foreign Service in 2015, he studied history at Brigham Young University and received his Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. Jacob speaks Spanish and Hindi.



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**Prof. Yücel Vural and Dr. Nikos Peristianis gave a seminar on "Semi-Presidential System for a Federal Government in a United Cyprus" on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**

The Eastern Mediterranean University Cyprus Policy Centre (EMU-CPC) and the EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations collaborated to organize a panel titled "Semi-Presidential System for a Federal Government in a United Cyprus" on Wednesday, the 6th of November 2019. The speakers of the panel were Universitas Foundation President Dr. Nikos Peristianis and EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations academic staff member Prof. Dr. Yücel Vural. In his opening speech, panel moderator EMU Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations Chair and CPC Director Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen presented the speakers and drew attention to the fact that Cyprus is the only European Union member to use a presidential system.



**Panel Discussion**  
**Semi-Presidential system for federal government in United Cyprus**  
 6th of November (Wednesday) 2.30 - 4.30 pm  
 BEA 4

**Prof. Yücel Vural (Eastern Mediterranean University)**



Yücel Vural is a Professor of Political Science at the Eastern Mediterranean University. He completed his undergraduate study in public administration at Middle East Technical University. He has a Master's degree in political science and public administration from East University in Ankara and a PhD degree in political science from Faculty of Political Sciences at Ankara University. He has taught a number of comparative public courses in the department of political science and international relations since 1997. He is one of the founding members and co-presidents of Cyprus Academic Dialogue since 2010. His main academic interest is in identity politics, Cyprus politics, politics of history education, migration and refugees. His academic articles on the aforementioned issues have been published by international journals. He is co-author of a book with Dr. Michalis Michaelides "Cyprus and the Challenge for Peace: A Critical Examination of the Conflict" in Working papers and presented with Dr. Ömer Ergil in a TV show titled "Sakıncı Belirtiler" since 2016 on local, regional and global issues.

**Dr. Nikos Peristianis (Universitas Foundation)**



Nikos Peristianis has a first degree in Sociology and Economics from the University of Kent, UK. He has a Bachelor's degree from Trent University, Canada, a doctorate in Sociology from Middlesex University, UK. He is the founder of Universitas (1989), the Founding President of the University of Cyprus (2007) and presently the Chairman of Universitas Foundation. Peristianis has been active in civic affairs, being a member of various NGOs, serving as a founding member of the citizen group "Politics" and taking a part in many bi-communal initiatives. He joined the executive team of Cyprus Academic Dialogue (CAD) in 2017. He was the managing editor of the "Cyprus Review" since its publication and has published a number of scholarly articles on Cyprus – focusing on social change, politics and especially nationalism and national identity.



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**Prof. Dr. Emre İşeri shared the recent developments on "Turkey's Entangled (Energy) Security Concerns and the Cyprus Question in the Eastern Mediterranean"**

The Eastern Mediterranean University Cyprus Policy Center (EMU-CPC), in collaboration with EMU Business and Economics Faculty International Relations Department, held a seminar titled “Turkey's Eastern Mediterranean Cyprus and Energy Security Concerns and Problems” with the participation of Yaşar University Faculty Member Prof. Dr. Emre İşeri. Seminar was held on **25<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**. Moderated by the EMU Political Science and International Relations Department Chair and EMU-CPC Director Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen, the seminar started with Prof. Dr. Sözen's opening speech that introduced the speaker Prof. Dr. İşeri and his work.

**Seminar**  
**Turkey's Entangled (Energy) Security Concerns and the Cyprus Question in the Eastern Mediterranean**  
 25th of December (Wednesday) 2.30 - 4.30 pm  
 BEA 5 (The Old Senate Room)  
**Prof. Emre İşeri (Yaşar University)**

Prof. Emre İşeri is a full-time member of the Department of International Relations, Yaşar University, Turkey. He is also an associate member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Global Politics. Prof. İşeri holds a PhD from Yaşar University for his international relations department with his thesis titled 'US Grand Strategy and the Eastern Question in the 21st century' in 2008. He has taught in various universities and he has also been teaching and doing an energy politics in the programme in Mediterranean Studies at the University of the Mediterranean. He used to attend research groups on energy policy, global communication, global development, global politics and global foreign policy, the published articles in refereed books and journals, including *Communication*, *Journal of Balkan and Near East Studies*, *Energy Policy*, *Energy Security*, *Security Studies*, *Journal of Energy Studies and Policy* (2017), *European Journal of Communication* (EJC), and *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, and *International Journal of Communication* (IJC).



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**Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen presented on “Where is Cyprus Problem Heading to and Prospects for a Solution”**

On February 03, 2020 CPC Director Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen delivered a speech, on ‘Where is Cyprus problem heading to and prospects for a solution’, for Stanford University and Berlin Overseas Studies Center Group. During his speech, Sözen highlighted that the tensions are rising in the Eastern Mediterranean in the aftermath of Turkish deal with Libya. He also argued that there are three obstacles in general in Cyprus. While the first obstacle is designing a settlement, the other issues are whether that settlement will pass from the simultaneous, separate referendums and whether this settlement will work. During his speech, Sözen also discussed Plan A which was a federalist position and Plan B that is not a federalist solution and suggested to establish a federal solution in Cyprus, not a day after the referendum but eight to ten years of a transitional period.



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EMU Political Science and International Relations Department Chair and CPC Director Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen delivered a presentation entitled “Cyprus Problem and the Eastern Mediterranean Gas” for the Study Group of Tübingen University on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. During his presentation, Prof. Dr. Sözen discussed the Cyprus question and the Eastern Mediterranean Gas.



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#### **DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS HAD TWO SIGNIFICANT SEMINARS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF CAREER DAYS CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **PROF. DR. CEM TANOVA CONTRIBUTED TO THE EMU-MİKA’S CAREER PROGRAM ON CAREER, DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The Department of Business Administration academic staff Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova gave two seminars at the Career Development Program organised by the Eastern Mediterranean University Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (EMU-MİKA). Within the scope of the Career Development Program which took place between 2 and 12 December 2019 at EMU Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu Hall, academic staff of EMU, experts and EMU graduates who are successful in their careers gave seminars to students to support their decisions on their career paths.

Prof. Dr. Cem Tanova contributed to the program with his speeches titled ‘Accreditations, Recognitions, Rankings and Memberships (Akreditasyonlar, Tanınırlıklar, Sıralamalar ve Üyelikler)’ on the 3rd December 2019, at 14.30; and ‘Organisational Behaviour/ Örgütsel Davranış’ on the 4th December 2019 at 14.30 in Turkish and at 15.30 in English.



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MIKA CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM 2019

**Akreditasyonlar, Tanınırlıklar,  
Sıralamalar ve Üyelikler  
Accreditations, Recognitions  
Rankings and Memberships**

Konuşmacı / Speaker:  
**Prof. Dr. Cem TANOVA**  
Öğretim Üyesi - İşletme ve Ekonomi Fakültesi - DAÜ  
Academic Staff - Faculty of Business and Economics - EMU

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Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu  
Konferans Salonu (Mavi Salon)

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**Örgütsel Davranış  
Organizational Behaviour**

Konuşmacı / Speaker:  
**Prof. Dr. Cem TANOVA**  
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Academic Staff - Faculty of Business and Economics - EMU

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15:30-16:20  
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Yer/Venue:  
Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tahiroğlu  
Konferans Salonu (Mavi Salon)

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## ACTIVITIES

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### **BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS FACULTY HELD THE FIRST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

The Faculty of Business and Economics held the first meeting with the Advisory Board Members on Wednesday, 20 November 2019, at BEA 5 (Old Senate Room). Rector of EMU Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. H. Tanju Besler were also present at the said meeting. EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur provided general information about the faculty to the members of the Advisory Board, namely President of the Central Bank of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Rifat Günay, President of the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce Turgay Deniz, President of the Cyprus Turkish Chamber of Industry Candan Avunduk, Chair of the Executive Board of Dağlı Insurance Ersan Dağlı, Retired Consul Kemal Gökeri and Communication Specialist Ebru Deniz Tekman.

### **Strengthening the Collaborations**

EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur delivered a presentation introducing the faculty. In her presentation, Prof. Dr. Timur talked about the history and achievements of the faculty and explained what needs to be done in order to realize the vision of the faculty. Underlining that they have established an Advisory Board for the strengthening of the communication and cooperation of the Faculty of Business and Economics with the business world, public sector and non-governmental organizations, Prof. Dr. Timur added that they will evaluate the steps to be taken together with the Advisory Board in order to bring up preferred workforce.

### **Rector of EMU Answered Questions**

Speaking at the meeting, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam provided information about EMU's achievements, goals, problems and possible solutions and thanked the members of the Business and Economics Faculty Advisory Board and the Faculty Board for their contributions towards initiating such a valuable process. Prof. Dr. Osam then answered questions coming from the participants. The members of the Advisory Board also relayed their recommendations on what needs to be done to achieve the strategic objectives of the Faculty of Business and Economics.

In this context, the Advisory Board will also contribute to the establishment and implementation of the Business and Economics Faculty's 2020-2025 strategy with stakeholder groups. It was also stated in the meeting that within the framework of mutual cooperation, the Business and Economics Faculty aims to contribute to the solution of the problems of our enterprises and institutions in our country and to make recommendations for their development.





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The Department of Business Administration presented the honor and high honor certificates for academic success to the students with a ceremony on the 7th of November, at 14:30 in M. Tahiroglu (Blue) hall.



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The Department of Banking and Finance presented the honor and high honor certificates for academic success to the students with a ceremony on the 17th of December, at 14:30 in M. Tahiroğlu (Blue) hall.



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## NEW GRADUATES OF THE EMU AND QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY JOINT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM RECEIVED THEIR CERTIFICATES

Four more postgraduate and PhD students from the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Banking and Finance have been awarded Canada's Queen's University's Professional Certificate in Investment Appraisal and Project Finance.

In accordance with the collaboration protocol signed with Queen's University, students who were successful in the courses delivered by EMU Business and Economics Faculty academic staff members Prof. Dr. Mustafa Besim, Prof. Dr. Glenn Jenkins and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hasan Ulaş Altıok were presented their certificates at a ceremony.

Behzad Sanaei from Iran and Pascal Ezeh, David Shobowale and Jennifer Lekwa from Nigeria were presented their certificates by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam and Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur at the certificate ceremony which commenced at 14:00 on Thursday, the 24th of October 2019.

The students obtained this certification after successfully passing a comprehensive examination in this field. The Department of Banking and Finance at EMU offers the three graduate courses that prepare students for this professional examination that is held twice a year. Since 2007 a total of 64 EMU graduate students have successfully passed this comprehensive examination.



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## EMU REWARDED ITS SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WITH CASH CHECKS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) rewarded the students demonstrating outstanding success during the 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester. Students who made it to the top 10 in faculties and schools were presented with cash checks in 3 different categories during a ceremony held at 2:30 p.m. on 23 October, 2019 at Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Halit Tanju Besler, Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, faculty deans, school directors, department heads, academic staff members and students attended the ceremony.

At the beginning of the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu welcomed all participants and added that a considerable number of students demonstrated outstanding success in faculties and schools. Congratulating those students who made it to the top 10, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu added that the university supports the successful students with cash cheques. Thanking all those who contributed the students' success, Prof. Dr. Oğurlu wished that the students get their big reward in their careers after their graduation.

Following the address of Prof. Dr. Oğurlu, Prof. Dr. Besler and Prof. Dr. Oğurlu presented cheques to Faculty of Law student Aslı Özbayrak, Health Sciences Faculty student Ndey Penda Mboob and Business and Economics Faculty student Oğuz Ufuk Haksever. The ceremony continued with students receiving their cash cheques from faculty deans, school directors, department heads and academic staff members. The cash check awards were presented in 3 different categories: First place students were given three times the minimum wage, second place students were given two times the minimum wage and the third place students were presented with the minimum wage.

## Laptops were Presented to Students

Laptops were also presented to 2 students who made it to the top 5000 at ÖSYM's university admission exam (YKS), and the top two achievers in the Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School's 2018 – 2019 Academic Year Spring Semester proficiency exam. Many faculty members also attended the ceremony to share the excitement of the students.



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## EMU BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS FACULTY HOLDS 4<sup>th</sup> ECOBUS FEST

The Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE) organised the 4th ECOBUS FEST on 31st October, 2019. The theme of the event for this year was 'Climate Change'. Students enjoyed the whole event with the DJ performance and took part in various activities including singing, dancing, drawing activities, game tournaments, open-mic performances to present their talent. They played crash quiz game on climate related information. In addition to having fun, students

also contributed to social responsibility activities in the event. They shared their old books to be re-used, sold plants and are ready to donate the income to charities.

The winners of the game tournaments were awarded modest prizes and medals by the Dean, Prof. Dr. Seldjan Timur. In her talk, Prof. Timur congratulated all the winners and performers. Prof. Timur also presented her sincere thanks to all the student clubs, students and staff for their participation and contribution to the event.

The ECOBUS event also gave prospective FBE students studying in the Preparatory School and existing FBE students the opportunity to come together with academic and administrative staff of the Faculty. The 4<sup>th</sup> ECOBUS FEST was received with enthusiasm and excitement by everyone.

We are ready to see you all in the 5<sup>th</sup> ECOBUS FEST.

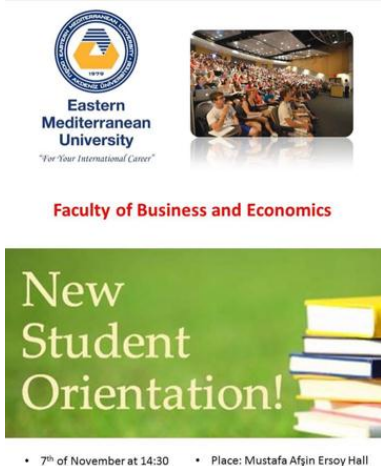




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### **'NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION'**

The Faculty of Business and Economics (FBE) organized a welcoming meeting for new students who are registered in the FBE departments. The 'New Student Orientation' event was held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 14:30, Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall. The Dean's Office, Chair of Departments and representative faculty members were present at the meeting to provide clear information and insight about the programmes. The event was completed after questions and answers.



• 7<sup>th</sup> of November at 14:30 • Place: Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall



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**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDENTS VISITED THE UNFICYP ON HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

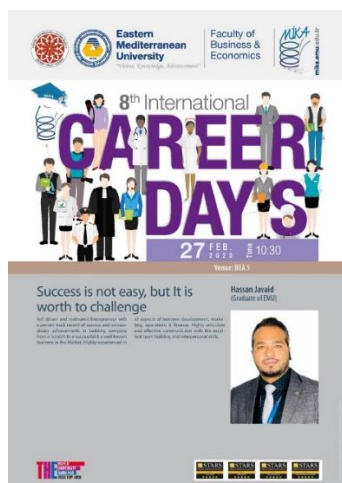
Students from EMU Department of Political Science and International Relations participated in the *NGO Networking* on Human Rights Day, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019, which was organized by the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) Civil Affairs Section at Ledra Palace Hotel.



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## 8<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CAREER DAYS

EMU Graduate Hassan Javaid gave a speech at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Career Days organized by the Faculty of Business and Economics in collaboration with Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at BEA 5 (Old Senate Room).



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## EMU HOSTED ALANYA ALAADDİN KEYKUBAT COLLEGE STUDENTS

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) hosted Alaaddin Keykubat College students from the Alanya district of Antalya. Two teachers and 25 students attended the visit from Alaaddin Keykubat College which took place on 20-22 November 2019. Guest teachers and students toured the campus with the staff of the Promotion Office operating under the Vice Rector's Office for Promotional Affairs and visited the Faculties of Architecture, Engineering, Arts and Sciences, Tourism and Business and Economics on Wednesday, November 20. EMU provided their guests with a breakfast, lunch and dinner.

### 'We Have Come to an International University'

On Thursday, November 21, 2019, Alaaddin Keykubat College teachers and students were given a cultural tour in Kyrenia and Güzelyurt after breakfast. This beautiful and tiring day ended after dinner. On the third day of the visit, on Friday, November 22, 2019, Alaaddin Keykubat College students visited the Ministry of Education and Culture at 09:00, accompanied by EMU Promotion Office staff. After the visit, the group visited Nicosia and left Cyprus at 15:30. The students stated that they liked the faculties very much, that they were excited to witness the international environment of a world university and that they will definitely consider EMU during their university selection period.



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## **BANKING AND FINANCE DEPARTMENT CHAIR PROF. DR. NESRİN ÖZATAÇ EVALUATES THE COVID-19 CRISIS**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Business and Economy Faculty, Banking and Finance Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç published an article titled “Coronavirus Crisis and Behavioural Economy – 1”. Beginning her article with the question “how rational are you?” Prof. Dr. Özataç continued with the following comments: “The inevitable reality of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) suddenly entering our lives and threatening our health, the economic, social, spiritual and many more effects that it brought with it, have been the main agenda of individuals, societies and countries.”

### **“Behavioural Economy and Financial Approaches have Gained Importance”**

Prof. Nesrin Özataç began her essay by elaborating the severe economic crisis triggered by the pandemic. She underlines how uncertainty is exceptionally high during crisis periods and that this makes it difficult to explain the prevailing context with economic theories. Her main argument is that the approach of behavioral economy and finance gained importance in making future economic plans. Behavioral economics studies the effects of psychological, cognitive, emotional, cultural and social factors on the decisions of individuals and institutions. Behavioral economics is primarily concerned with the bounds of rationality of economic agents.

The economic model that draws on homo economicus accepts that people are “rational”. The rational person does not indicate that a person simply makes decisions on his or her benefit, rather the "rational" person is the being who can use the information that is “available” according to his or her preferences. Moreover, while making choices some factors are taken into consideration such as happiness of other people, a desire for a fair income distribution and protection of nature.

In the literature of both economics and psychology, there are numerous examples where people do not act rationally with systematic deviations from rationality. Behavioral economy argues that people do not always act "rationally" in making economic decisions and that decision making is made under the influence of many social, cultural and psychological influences, and that economic policies should be designed with considering those factors. These policies can be on a company or individual or even state or interstate level. It has been proved by various studies that human beings cannot be rational during the times of uncertainties. Keynes, for example, emphasizes that human beings act impulsively without thinking, especially when there is a lack of information. In 1955, Herbert Simon (considered as the pioneer of behavioral economy) argued that individuals have full knowledge yet limited cognitive abilities, and as a result of this, the possibility of taking more wrong steps when faced with complex problems.

According to Prof. Özataç, restructuring of the economy is inevitable as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. The sectors where production and employment losses are mostly experienced should be separated rationally in order to reduce economic and social losses. It is essential that there is a need of implementing a plan through the methods of economical methodologies without ignoring behavioral economy by taking into consideration justice as well as psychological and cultural factors.



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## FAREWELL

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### EMU HONOURED RETIRING PERSONNEL EMİNE ESEN

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) awarded a plaque to retiring personnel Emine Esen, for her many years of devoted work.

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam awarded the plaque to Esen at the Rector's Office, with the presence of EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur and Banking and Finance Department Chair Prof. Dr. Nesrin Özataç, as well as other staff from the Faculty of Business and Economics.

Emine Esen, who has undertaken different responsibilities at EMU since 1994, was thanked by Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam, who also underlined how dedicated she has worked for many years.



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### EMU HONOURED RETIRING ACADEMIC STAFF PROF. DR. GLEN PAUL JENKINS

The worldwide known Economics Professor Prof. Dr. Glen Paul Jenkins who served for long years in the university retired this year. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hocanın accepted Prof. Dr. Jenkins at his office on 29th July 2020 Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. and presented a thank you plaque. Prof. Dr. Hocanın wished happiness and thanked to Prof. Dr. Jenkins for his services to the EMU.





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## **EMU HOSTS A MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR ASSIST. PROF. DR. JOHN ALBERT TURNER**

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Business and Economics Faculty, Department of Political Science and International Relations academic staff member late Assist. Prof. Dr. John Albert Turner was remembered with respect on Wednesday, the 14th of October 2020, at 14:30 in Business and Economics Faculty garden. Colleagues, friends and students of Assist. Prof. Dr. John A. Turner gathered together for the memorial ceremony. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiođlu, Business and Economics Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Selcan Timur, Vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Bozkurt and Political Science and International Relations Department Head Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen also attended the ceremony.

### **“Condolences to the EMU Family”**

During his speech, EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Political Science and International Relations Department Head Prof. Dr. Ahmet Sözen expressed that Assist. Prof. Dr. Turner was kind, positive and a good listener. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hocanın stated, “We lost an international member of our family. We remember him with respect.” Prof. Dr. Hocanın stated that late Assist. Prof. Dr. Turner will always be remembered with the good memories he had left. Prof. Dr. Hocanın also expressed his condolences to the EMU family and loved-ones of the late EMU staff member.

### **Seminar Room named after Assist. Prof. Dr. John A. Turner**

EMU Business and Economics Faculty vice Dean Assist. Prof. Dr. Umut Bozkurt expressed her feelings by saying; “Assist. Prof. Dr. Turner was a good scientist who was a successful and friendly person. We will always remember him”. Stating the friendship they shared as well as the academic collaborations they had made during the years, Assist. Prof. Dr. Bozkurt added; “I am in the sadness of losing my loving friend who we have many common memories with, who was very positive and had a good sense of humor”. Lastly, students of late academic staff member Assist. Prof. Dr. Turner took the stage and shared their memories with people who attended the memorial ceremony. The memorial ceremony ended with a symbolic tree planting and naming of the seminar room in Political Science and International Relations Department after Assist. Prof. Dr. John A. Turner.



## MEMORIAL CEREMONY

A memorial ceremony will take place for

Assist. Prof. Dr. **John Albert TURNER**

who worked between  
15 September 2014 - 31 July 2020  
as a Faculty Member at our University  
Faculty of Business and Economics,  
Department of Political Science and  
International Relations.

All university personnel are invited.

**Date:** 14 October 2020, Wednesday  
**Time:** 14.30  
**Place:** Faculty of  
Business and Economics Garden



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**John Albert TURNER**  
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