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Cyprus: A Fifty Year Old Republic at Risk?

By Dr Van Coufoudakis, Rector Emeritus, University of Nicosia, Cyprus

This talk will focus on the achievements and challenges facing the Republic of Cyprus after fifty years of independence.

The current state of the “Cyprus problem” will be examined in the context of the UN sponsored talks led by Australia’s Alexander Downer (the Secretary General’s Special Envoy), recent developments in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East.

About Dr Coufoudakis

Dr Van Coufoudakis is Rector Emeritus at the University of Nicosia, Cyprus. He served as Rector 2002- 2006. He is Dean Emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and holds the rank of Professor Emeritus of Political Science.

Dr Coufoudakis has authored three books and over ninety journal articles and book chapters published in the US, Great Britain, Belgium, Canada, Italy, Greece and Cyprus. His latest book ‘International Aggression and Violations of Human Rights: The Case of Turkey in Cyprus’, was published in 2008 and his previous book, ‘Cyprus: A Contemporary Problem in

Historical Perspective’, was published in 2006 and has been translated into Greek, Arabic and Spanish. His research focuses on the politics and foreign policies of Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, as well as post-World War II U.S. foreign and defence policy with particular emphasis on Southeastern Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East. In September 2007 a volume was published in Dr Coufoudakis’ honour in Cyprus, entitled ‘Cyprus and International Politics—Essays by Van Coufoudakis.’

Dr Coufoudakis has served two terms as President of the Modern Greek Studies Association, the premier interdisciplinary organization in the US devoted to the study of Modern Greece. In September 1995, he established the Foundation for Hellenic Studies, dedicated to the promotion and support of the study of Greece and Cyprus in the US. From 1981-1987, Dr Coufoudakis served as Director of the Indiana University Center for Global Studies. From 1984-2002 he served as Honorary Consul of the Republic of Cyprus for the State of Indiana.

Dr Coufoudakis has been awarded the decoration and title of Commander of the Order of the Phoenix for his contributions to the study of Greece (1998). He has also received Indiana University’s Ryan Award and the Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa (2002), as well as the “Sagamore of the Wabash” award from the Governor of the State of Indiana (2002). Dr Coufoudakis holds a PhD (Political Science), an MPA (University of Michigan) and a BA (Public Administration) - American University of Beirut.

When: Monday 27th June 2011
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Time: 6pm for 6.30pm start
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