

Introduction

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This volume 15, Winter 2024-25 of the Journal coincides with the tragic 50-year anniversary of Turkey's brutal and illegal invasion and occupation of Cyprus' northern part. For this reason, almost all of its major articles deal with this subject and its continuing importance and impact. As Nick Larigakis and Van Coufoudakis note, the 1974 invasion and subsequent US embargo of arms to Turkey, are also intimately connected to the founding of AHI and its continuing advocacy for the rule of law. Professors Ioannides and Tamis have contributed detailed studies that provide a historical analysis and discussion of the diplomatic complexities and violations of human rights and international laws that the Turkish invasion initiated and continues into the 21st century. At a time when the international community has very appropriately condemned Russian aggression against Ukraine and the violation of its sovereignty, half a century later, Turkey has yet to be held accountable for similar actions and for its continuing Islamization and Turkification of Cypriot territory which amounts to cultural genocide.

As is well known, the events of 1974 also had a major impact upon Greece and resulted in the fall of the military Junta and the return of democracy and representative government. The critical importance of these democratic institutions is highlighted in another major study, contributed by Professor Danopoulos, whose analysis discusses Greece's ability to maintain these institutions and values despite severe economic hardships.

This issue also contains a special section on archives, cultural resources, libraries, and programs related to Modern Greece and the Diaspora, which seeks to highlight and bring more attention to the pioneering efforts taking place around the world to preserve our heritage and culture. It is hoped that this will be a regular feature of the Journal which will continue to identify and add to this modest overview in future issues. Similarly, important aspects and issues related to Greek history and culture are the subjects of several contributions utilizing art, folklore and poetry. Finally, our book review section,

discusses new publications in Greek American studies, the Asia Minor Catastrophe, WWII, and a rarely dealt with subject, contemporary Philhellenism throughout the diaspora.

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