



Ice in the Mediterranean

Frozen Conflict on the Island of Cyprus

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Outline of today's talk

What is frozen conflict?

The “Cyprus problem”

Where things go from here





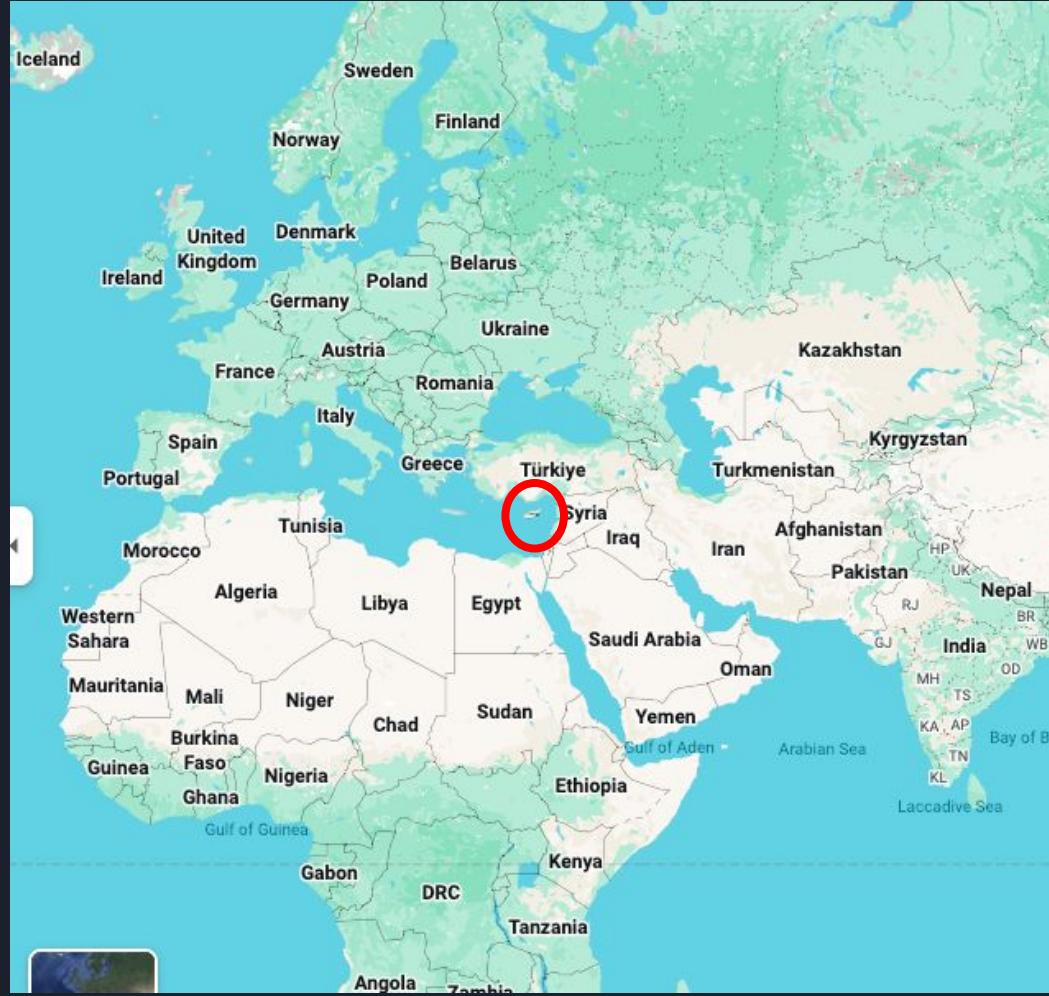
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3. Stalemate
4. De facto states
5. External involvement



What is frozen conflict?

1. Ceasefire, but no peace	North and South Korea
2. Unresolved core issues	Taiwan
3. Stalemate	Kashmir
4. De facto states	South Ossetia & Abkhazia
5. External involvement	Transnistria















A brief modern history of Cyprus

Cypriots: mixed and diverse
British colony until 1955
Careful political architecture
Growing tensions, exclusion



Forty hot days in 1974

Junta in Athens, coup on
Cyprus

Turkish invasion

Ethnic separation

Turkish military presence & UN
(UNFICYP)



The Republic of Cyprus

Recognized authority

Growth, wealth, low taxes

Financial hub

EU Membership in 2004



The “Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus” (“TRNC”)

Unrecognized, isolated

Dependent on Turkey

36% of land; originally 18.4% of population

Handful of Greek Cypriots in north



The basis for negotiations:
a bizonal, bicomunal federation

The “Cyprus Problem”

Core sticking points

Constitution & power sharing

Security

Territory & Property rights

...plus economy, settlers, and EU representation



The “Cyprus Problem” Key Moments in Negotiations

Annan Plan - 2003-4

US Vice Presidential visit - 2014

Collapse - 2017





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...but Turkey and hard-line
Greek Cypriots oppose



“War is the engine of state building, but it is also good for business.”

- Professor Charles King

Frozen conflict is the engine of state building,
but it is also good for business.

What does moving forward look like now?

Property law unenforceable

Foreign investors

Construction boom on disputed land

Deepening the divide



What does moving forward look like now?

Bicommunal projects

Committee for Missing Persons

Marine archeology

Protecting historical sites



Thank you!

