

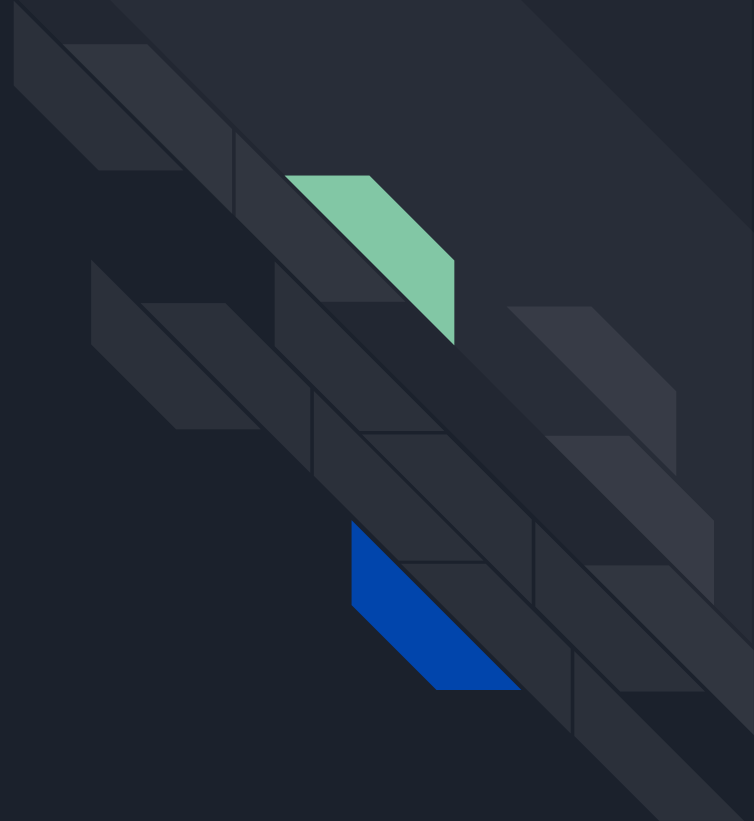
# Ice in the Mediterranean

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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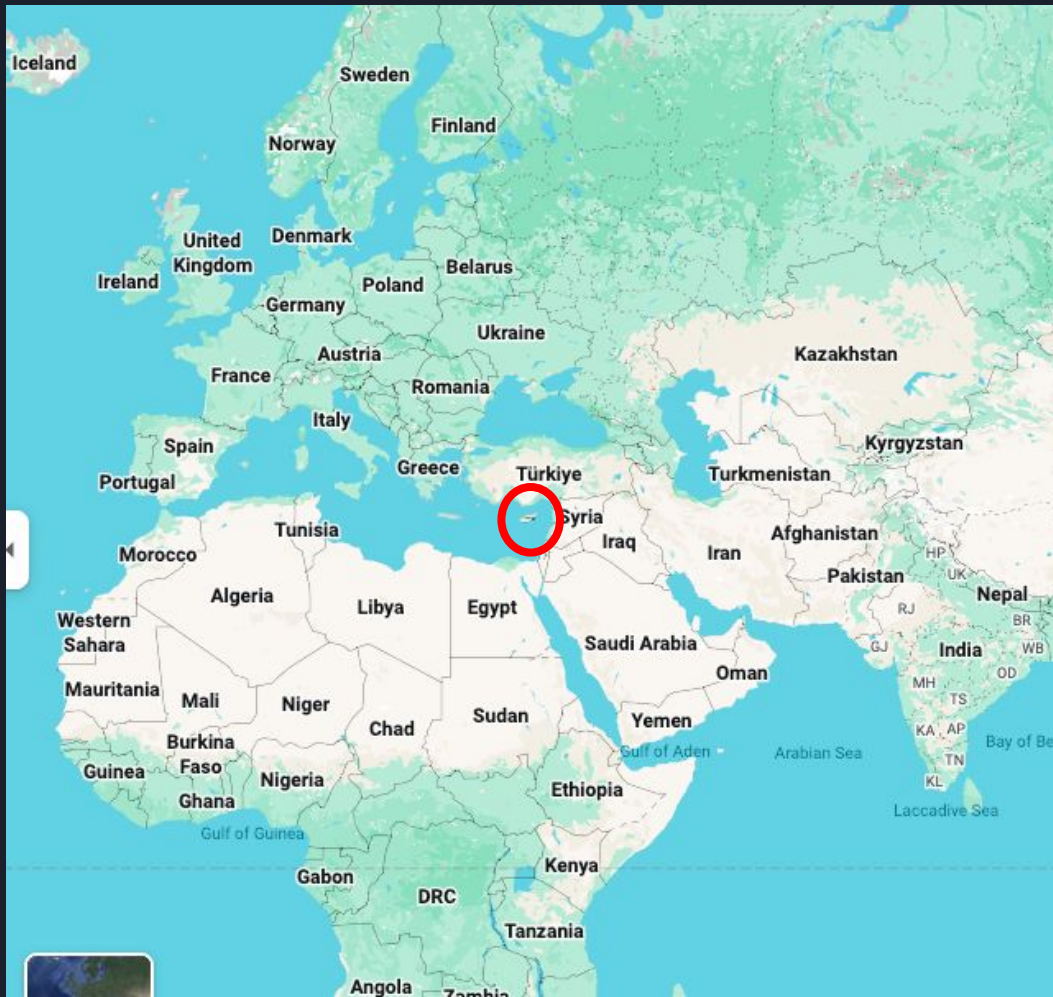
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# A brief modern history of Cyprus

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, bicommunal 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!

