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Short Curriculum Vitae (C.V.)

Yiannos Charalampidis has studied Law and he is a Doctor in International Relations and European Studies. As a journalist he has been assistant editor in chief at "Simerini" (newspaper), senior analyst and a war correspondent in Yugoslavia and the Middle East. Since 2004 he has been working as a political advisor in the European Parliament and he has been closing analysing the Cyprus problem, Euro-Turkish relations, international conflicts, Cyber War, European issues and particularly the economic crisis.

He is the writer of the books "The big bet: will the Turkish Accession to the EU Threaten the European cohesion?", "Cyprus issue: Diplomatic Plots, Strategic debts and options" and "Third World War: Global Titans and Sworn Soldiers". He has edited the books "In the heart of Europe" and "The Invisible Aspects of EOKA: From the British press to the geostrategic games". He is also the editor of "EuroDialogue" (two editions: "Turkey on the European Doorstep" and "Cyprus in the Cyclone of the Global Economic Crisis"). What is more he published, in three different languages (English, French, Russian) a research titled "Sponsored to kill" with top secret documents concerning the terrorist actions in the war of Nagorno Karabakh.

His academic work includes publications regarding the relations between Turkey and the EU, the Cyprus problem and US foreign policy. His latest publications are: "Turkey as a key player in the new architecture of Europe" and "Cyprus Pigeon in the middle of White Sharks and Islamic Hawks" and "the invisible Cyberwar".

The Cyprus natural gas under the threat of the Global Cyber Dragon

This article deals with the cyber war in the global system in relation to the defence policy that Cyprus should establish in order to protect its gas recourses and exploit them in safety. Cyber war is inherent to structural changes occurring in the international system, with technology playing its own significant role. Oil and gas wars are not restricted in terms of conventional conflict but they are currently conducted in the frame of cyber conflict between companies, states, terrorist organisations and hackers. It is of utmost importance for Cyprus and other neighbouring countries to study in depth what cyber war is, its techniques, methods and weapons through case studies. In this respect, we examine the pertinence between investments and security and why Cyprus should address the relevant security problems and deficiencies in order to successfully exploit its gas deposits. Accordingly, the question we should answer is whether and in what extend cyber security is significant for Cyprus regarding to the exploitation of its gas reserves. For the purposes of this article we analyse the various types of wars and how they affect the structural changes and the functionality of the regional and global arena and then we focus on the exploitation of the Cyprus natural gas. In this regard, we scrutinise the security problems that Cyprus faces and the way that a Cyprus defence system can successfully work and affect investments and the presale of natural gas. In this article we explain why security and the exploitation of Cyprus natural gas go hand in hand and why Cyprus is by definition in the cyclone of a merciless global cyber war and therefore it should establish a reliable cyber deterrence in order to effectively protect and exploit the deposits of its natural gas.