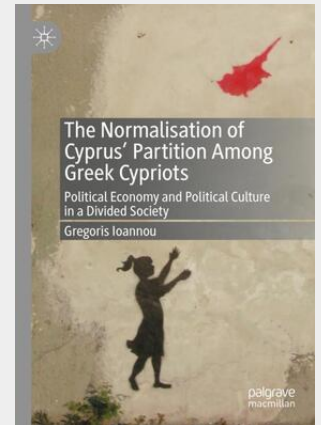


The Normalisation of Cyprus' Partition Among Greek Cypriots

Political Economy and Political Culture in a Divided Society

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