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**THE CYPRUS QUESTION, 1878-1960**

*The Constitutional Aspect*

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*The Cyprus Question, 1878-1960: The Constitutional Aspect* is an overview of Cypriot constitutional history during British rule. International considerations, such as British attempts to retain strategic and political control over the Middle East, formed the background for the Greek-Turkish negotiations which produced the outline of the 1960 Cyprus constitution. As a result, the constitution reflected an international balance of powers rather than the dynamics of internal Cypriot political, economic, and social forces, thus making it a rigid political instrument which contributed to the crisis of the mid-1960s.

Future Cypriot constitution-making, the author argues, must avoid similar mistakes. A new constitution should address the realities of Cypriot society, facilitating, among other things, its integration into Europe, rather than safeguard the interests of third parties.

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