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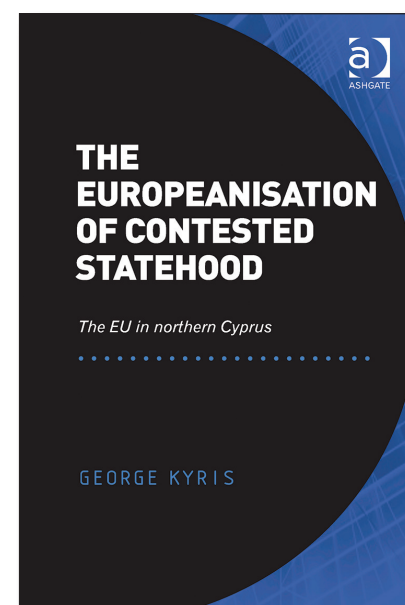
The Europeanisation of Contested Statehood

The EU in northern Cyprus

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