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Welcome Note

It is a great pleasure for us, at the Department of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Cyprus, to welcome you to the conference of the Research Network 21 (“Quantitative Methods”) of the European Sociological Association.

This is a great opportunity for everybody to discuss the topic of “Data Quality in Quantitative Research”, which is always timely and important. The advent of digital technologies, the accessibility of large international databases and the accumulation of Big Data make this topic even more important today.

We succeeded in inviting Jörg Blasius and Eldad Davidov as prominent keynote speakers for our conference. I am sure that their presentations will be both informative and inspiring and that we will have the opportunity to enjoy lively academic debates. We are also very proud for the organization of a workshop on Structural Equation Modelling – indeed, it has been so popular that we had to move the event to a larger computer lab!

Due to our generous sponsors, we kept the conference fees low (especially for young researchers) in order to bring methodologists from all over Europe together. We are pleased to observe that we have been successful; both the quality and the quantity of submissions has been very rewarding.

We are grateful to the University of Cyprus for housing this conference. Venturing beyond the University, the city of Nicosia is rich in history, culture, shopping and gastronomy. There is plenty to do, visit and see within the city. We will all have the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the old city and then have dinner at a local tavern. Many of us also took advantage of the optional tour to familiarize themselves with the beauties of the island beyond the district of Nicosia.

Although the organization of a conference is always very demanding, I would like to thank Wolfgang Aschauer (Coordinator of RN 21) and Jolanta Perek-Bialas (Vice-Coordinator) for spending generously so much of their time to support us. Also, I would like to thank the Scientific Board for their help and advice.

Finally, I wish you an enjoyable and fruitful meeting in Cyprus,

Dr. Iasonas Lamprianou
Local Organizer

Conference Committees

Local Organizer

- Iasonas Lamprinou, University of Cyprus, Cyprus

Coordinators

- Wolfgang Aschauer, University of Salzburg, Austria
- Jolanta Perek-Bialas, Warsaw School of Economics/Jagiellonian University of Cracow, Poland

Scientific Board

- Henning Best, Germany
- Inna Deviatko, Russia
- Anna Domaranska, Ukraine
- Valentina Hlebec, Slovenia
- Tobias Gummer, Germany
- Georg Mueller, Switzerland

Keynote Speakers

Prof. Dr. Eldad Davidov

University of Zurich

Institute of Sociology

Title: Challenges in the analysis of cross-cultural data



Abstract:

I am going to begin with shortly discussing potential problems in the analysis of (particularly but not only survey) cross-cultural or longitudinal data, addressing in particular the risk of comparing 'apples with oranges' and possible sources for such problems. Next I will mention traditional statistical techniques to test for comparability of data across groups and expand them to newer methods suggested in the methodological literature to address potential (non-)comparability problems. These methods either identify or try to explain non-invariance. I will question whether some of them may eventually even solve non-comparability problems. Finally, I will relate this methodological discussion to recent suggestions especially in the political science literature to ignore problems of non-comparability, its background and the dangers associated with such a strategy when trying to conduct a meaningful analysis of comparative data.

Prof. Dr. Jörg Blasius

University of Bonn

Institute of Political Science and Sociology

Title: Another look at data quality in cross-national comparative research



Abstract:

The quality of survey data is a function of the three levels of actors involved in survey projects: the respondents, the interviewers, and the employees of the survey research organisations. I argue that task simplification dynamics can occur at each of these levels and the effect of such task simplifications is to reduce the quality of the data. The precise form of task simplification differs at the three levels. For respondents it might take the form of utilizing only specific parts of the available response options; for interviewers it can take the form of asking primarily the demographic questions and fabricating plausible responses for the remainder; for employees of research institutes it can take the form of near-duplication of entire questionnaires. I analyse different cross-national surveys to document various task simplification (and time saving) techniques at each of these levels. The analyses also produce results that run counter the established assumptions, for example, the lower the cognitive achievements of the respondents, the higher the reliability of their responses. This finding is, however, consistent within our task simplification framework.

Keywords: data fabrication, interviewer effects, cross-national comparisons, response styles, task simplifications.

Workshop on Structural Equation Modelling

Assistant Professor Dr. Jochen Mayerl

University of Kaiserslautern

Faculty of Social Sciences



Abstract:

Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) is a powerful tool to analyze latent variable models that are common in social sciences, e.g. the analysis of social and political attitudes, social values, personality factors, and behavioural intentions. SEM combines factor analysis and path analysis by simultaneously estimating causal relations between latent constructs ('structural model') and relations between latent constructs and their corresponding manifest indicators ('measurement models'). Additionally, SEM allows the estimation and control of random and systematic measurement errors. Thus, SEM methodology allows an adequate modelling and empirical testing of measurement models and complex theoretical assumptions.

The course introduces theory and practice of SEM with different software packages (e.g. Mplus, AMOS, Lavaan, EQS) and discusses typical problems researchers have to deal with when adopting their own research models.

The course covers topics like:

- specification problems (e.g. formative vs. reflective indicators; higher order factors, modelling strategies)
- model evaluation (e.g. fit indices, modification indices, correction of attenuation, preconditions)
- systematic measurement errors
- measurement equivalence in longitudinal and multiple group modelling
- mean structure modelling
- causality (e.g. autoregressive cross-lagged models, mediator models, non-recursive models, equivalent models)
- latent variable interaction effects
- bootstrapping and missing value treatment
- estimation problems, different estimators and categorical structural equation models
- comparison of different SEM software packages

Detailed Programme

Thursday, 13th of October

Registration/ Support Desk Hours (08:30 - 13:30 & 14:30 - 16:00)	
08:00 - 09:00	<p>Registration Lobby</p> <p>1 Panepistimiou Avenue, 2109 Aglantzia, Nicosia, Cyprus P.O. Box 20537, 1678 Nicosia, Cyprus Building 7 – main lobby, ground floor.</p>
09:00 - 09:15	<p>Conference Opening Room 010</p> <p>Wolfgang Aschauer (ESA RN 21 coordinator) Savvas Katsikides (Dean of Faculty Of Social Sciences And Education - University of Cyprus) Nektarios Partasides (President of the Cyprus Sociological Association) Iasonas Lamprianou (Local Organizer - University of Cyprus)</p>
09:15 - 10:00	<p>Keynote: "Challenges in the analysis of cross-cultural data" Room 010</p> <p>Eldad Davidov (University of Zürich, Switzerland)</p> <p>Chair: Wolfgang Aschauer (University of Salzburg, Austria)</p>
10:00 - 10:15	Coffee Break Lobby
10:15 - 11:45	<p>Session 1: Cross-national surveys: Challenges to achieve equivalent results Room 010</p> <p>Chair: Eldad Davidov (University of Zürich)</p> <p><u>Anna Domaranska</u> (Institute of Sociology National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)</p> <p><i>Testing the measurement equivalence in cross-cultural research: Address the problem of nonequivalence</i></p> <p><u>Magdalena Burdach</u> and <u>Jolanta Perek-Białas</u> (Warsaw School of Economics/Jagiellonian University, Poland)</p> <p><i>Evaluation of using SEM in analysis of relations between trust and public institutions' performance in Poland and Germany</i></p> <p><u>Tomasz Drabowicz</u> (Faculty of Economics and Sociology, Department of General Sociology, University of Lodz, Poland)</p> <p><i>An investigation into the theory of social uses of the Internet: Structured Data Analysis of digital usage space in Germany, Norway, and Poland</i></p>
11:45 - 12:00	Coffee Break Lobby

12:00 - 13:30	<p>Session 2: How to guarantee data quality for public use? Dealing with official statistics and survey results for pressing issues of contemporary society Room 010</p> <p>Chair: Jolanta Perek-Biafas (Jagiellonian University, Poland)</p>	<p>Session 3: Reorganizing Data – Coding Issues Room 018</p> <p>Chair: Anna Domaranska (Institute of Sociology National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)</p>
	<p>Wolfgang Aschauer, Martin Weichbold and Alexander Seymer (Universität Salzburg)</p> <p><i>Monitoring the challenge of migration for Europe based on official statistics</i></p> <p><i>The necessity of conceptual clarity and data quality in applications for government authorities</i></p>	<p>Joseph W. Sakshaug (corresponding author and presenter; University of Manchester and German Institute for Employment Research); Frederick G. Conrad (University of Michigan and University of Maryland) and Mick P. Couper (University of Michigan and University of Maryland)</p> <p><i>Factors Affecting the Reliability of Occupation Codes Derived from Open-Ended Reports</i></p>
	<p>Kathrin Gärtner (Statistik Austria, Wien) and Manfred Zentner (Donau-Universität Krems)</p> <p><i>Enhancing the quality of an index measuring quality of life of young people through participation of experts and young people themselves</i></p>	<p>Szymon Czarnik (Institute of Sociology Jagiellonian University in Krakow)</p> <p><i>Measurement of Occupational Segregation Using International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO)</i></p>
	<p>Henning Silber and Cornelia Zuell (GESIS)</p> <p><i>“My vote does not matter” – Open-ended questions on non-voting behavior in the German general elections 2013</i></p>	<p>Georg P. Mueller (University of Fribourg, Swiss)</p> <p><i>Three-Valued Modal Logic for the Fuzzy Classification of Open-Ended Interview Answers</i></p>
	<p>Roula Nezi (GESIS), Kostas Gemenis (University of Twente) and Ioannis Konstantinidis (University of Macedonia)</p> <p><i>Unemployment and economic voting in Greece. Evidence from a survey experiment.</i></p>	
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break Lobby	
14:30 - 16:00	<p>Session 4: Techniques to increase response to sensitive questions Room 010</p> <p>Session Organizers and Chairs: Andreas Quatember & Tasos C. Christofides</p> <p>Tasos C. Christofides (University of Cyprus)</p> <p><i>A review of indirect questioning techniques for social scientists</i></p> <p>Andreas Quatember (Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria)</p> <p><i>Privacy Protection vs. Efficiency in Randomized Response Questioning Designs</i></p> <p>Eleni Manoli (University of Cyprus)</p> <p><i>An improved version of the Item Count Technique</i></p>	<p>Session 5: Sampling strategies: Innovative approaches Room 018</p> <p>Chair: Jolanta Perek-Biafas (Jagiellonian University, Poland)</p> <p>Ulrich Pötter & Holger Quellenberg (German Youth Institute, Munich)</p> <p><i>Mitigating the Effects of Panel Attrition Processes: The Uses of Refreshment Samples</i></p> <p>Iasonas Lamprianou (Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cyprus)</p> <p><i>Sampling through gatekeepers in survey research: biases and suggestions</i></p> <p>Uta Landrock and Henning Best (TU Kaiserslautern)</p> <p><i>A sampling strategy for qualitative interviews based on quantitative methods</i></p>

	<p>Mark Trappmann, Co-authors: Ben Jann, Antje Kirchner, Ivar Krumpal and Hagen von Hermann (Universität Leipzig, Institut für Soziologie)</p> <p><i>Measuring and Explaining Undeclared Work in Germany: An Empirical Study with a Special Focus in Social Desirability Bias</i></p>	
16:00	Guided Tour Nicosia (Buses will pick the delegates from the Venue)	
19:00	Conference Dinner “Kathodon” restaurant (at the end of Ledras street, old Nicosia centre)	

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10:15 - 11:45	<p>Session 6: Interviewer effects and measurement errors – further discussions Room 010 Chair: Jörg Blasius (University of Bonn, Germany)</p> <p><u>Uta Landrock</u> (TU Kaiserslautern) <i>The impact of faked interviews on results of social science research</i></p> <p><u>Marc Höglinger</u> and <u>Andreas Diekmann</u> (ETH Zürich, Switzerland) <i>Evaluating Special Techniques for Surveying Sensitive Topics: An Approach that Detects False Positives</i></p> <p><u>Puzanova Zhanna Vasilyevna</u> and <u>Tertyshnikova Anastasia Gennadyevna</u> (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, Russia) <i>Vignette method as a projective technique of studying the sensitive issues in in quantitative research</i></p> <p>Philipp Sischa, Alexandra Mergener, Kristina Marliese Neufang and Jean Philippe Décieux <i>Forced Answering in Online Surveys: Is it really a reactance effect that reduces data quality?</i></p>		
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14:30-16:00	Session 9: Construct validity Room 010 Chair: Wolfgang Aschauer (University of Salzburg)	Session 10: Quality criteria for major cross-national surveys Room 018 Chair: Martin Weichbold (University of Salzburg)
	<u>Marcin Kocór and Szymon Czarnik</u> (Institute of Sociology, Jagiellonian University in Kraków) <i>How to ask about skills? Different approach to estimate skills demand and supply.</i>	<u>Thomas Glaser</u> (Statistik Austria, Wien) <i>Improvement of sampling and weighting of EU-SILC in Austria by using income register data from administrative sources</i>
	<u>Serhii Dembitskyi</u> (Institute of sociology NAS of Ukraine) <i>SCL-9-NR: a brief test for the measurement of psychological distress in survey research</i>	<u>Markus Bönisch</u> (Statistics Austria, National Project Manager – PIAAC Austria) <i>Data quality in PIAAC – International standards and national procedures</i>
	<u>Alexandra Petridou and Yiasemina Karagiorgi</u> (Cyprus Centre for Educational Research and Evaluation) <i>The Diagnostic Language Tests “Milas Ellinika I’’: A Validation Study</i>	<u>Axel Franzen and Sebastian Mader</u> (University of Bern, Institute of Sociology) <i>Testing Measurements of Environmental Concern: Does a simple question outperform multi-item scales?</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break Lobby	
16:30 – 18:00	Session 11: New methods to generate quantitative data Room 010 Chair: Georg P. Mueller (University of Fribourg)	Session 12: Unit and item nonresponse Room 018 Chair: Tobias Gummer (Gesis-Mannheim)
	<u>Luis Martínez-Uribe</u> (Fundación Juan March) and <u>Modesto Escobar</u> (University of Salamanca) <i>Obtaining non-official data. Quality control for data from the Web</i>	<u>Tobias Gummer</u> (GESIS Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim) <i>Comparing different selection criteria when applying case prioritization: A simulation study.</i>
	<u>Patrycja Antosz</u> (Institute of Sociology, Jagiellonian University) <i>Agent based modeling as a research tool in social sciences – example of modeling shirking behaviour in organisations.</i>	<u>Maja Rynko</u> (Warsaw School of Economics, Institute of Statistics and Demography) <i>Nonresponse bias in PIAAC and postPIAAC surveys in Poland</i>
	<u>Alexandra Mergener</u> (BIBB, Bonn) <i>Validity of Factorial Survey: A Comparison of vignette-judgements and single-item responses</i>	<u>Patrick Lazarevic</u> (TU Dortmund University) <i>Reporting Your Pension. Determining the Role of Age-Specific Measurement Error in Reporting Pensions by Using Administrative Data from SHARE-RV</i>
<u>Katarzyna Lisek</u> (Jagiellonian University, Krakow) <i>Be an Expert - a new tool for crowdsourced quantitative text analysis</i>		
18:00 – 18:30	Informal Business Meeting of RN 21 Room 010	
20:00	Optional dinner More details and table reservations, at the venue’s registration table	

Registration/ Support Desk Hours (08:30 - 09:30)	
09:30–13:00 (including coffee break)	<p>Workshop on Structural Equation Modelling</p> <p>Jochen Mayerl</p> <p>Computer Lab 218</p> <p><i>Course description:</i></p> <p>Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) is a powerful tool to analyze latent variable models that are common in social sciences, e.g. the analysis of social and political attitudes, social values, personality factors, and behavioural intentions. SEM combines factor analysis and path analysis by simultaneously estimating causal relations between latent constructs ('structural model') and relations between latent constructs and their corresponding manifest indicators ('measurement models'). Additionally, SEM allows the estimation and control of random and systematic measurement errors. Thus, SEM methodology allows an adequate modelling and empirical testing of measurement models and complex theoretical assumptions.</p> <p>The course introduces theory and practice of SEM with different software packages (e.g. Mplus, AMOS, Lavaan, EQS) and discusses typical problems researchers have to deal with when adopting their own research models.</p> <p>The course covers topics like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specification problems (e.g. formative vs. reflective indicators; higher order factors, modelling strategies) • model evaluation (e.g. fit indices, modification indices, correction of attenuation, preconditions) • systematic measurement errors • measurement equivalence in longitudinal and multiple group modelling • mean structure modelling • causality (e.g. autoregressive cross-lagged models, mediator models, non-recursive models, equivalent models) • latent variable interaction effects • bootstrapping and missing value treatment • estimation problems, different estimators and categorical structural equation models • comparison of different SEM software packages
13:00	Optional Social Event: a half of day trip to archeologic site and Lemesos (at the sea)

Social Events

Excursion and Conference Dinner

Thursday, 13th of October

Departure Time: 16:15 from University of Cyprus (meet at the Lobby area – outside meeting rooms 010 & 018)

Location: Local Tavern in the city centre

We will get together at 16:15 at the lobby area, outside meeting rooms at University of Cyprus. We will promptly depart in an air-conditioned coach for a fascinating tour. Experienced professional guide will tell us about the history of Cyprus in general and Nicosia town in particular. We will visit the Cyprus Archaeological Museum, have a bus city tour and a walking tour inside the Walls. We will finish our tour with a dinner at a traditional tavern located in the city centre. The dinner will consist of an array of traditional dishes complimented with local drinks and desserts. During the dinner we will enjoy an entertaining programme with live music.

*Price per accompanying person: € 35

The Excursion and Conference Dinner is included in **ALL registration fees. For accompanying persons you may buy tickets at the registration/support desk.*

Travel Information

About Nicosia

Nicosia is a sophisticated and cosmopolitan city, rich in history and culture that combines its historic past with the amenities of a modern city. Nicosia has established itself as the island's financial capital and its main international business centre. The 'new' Nicosia developed outside the walls became a contemporary, business and cultural center. Just a few miles away are enchanting places of interest such as Byzantine churches and monasteries, archaeological sites and charming villages. The uniqueness of such a combination makes the capital of Cyprus a place worth knowing and certainly a place worth visiting!

Nicosia's Attractions

Venetian Walls

The capital city is surrounded by sturdy 16th century stone walls built by the Venetians to replace the inadequate medieval walls they inherited. Despite being considered a great example of military defences of the era, they proved to be practically useless: The Ottomans overran the city before the construction could be completed.



Cyprus Museum

The first archaeological Museum of Lefkosia was housed in a building on Victoria St. in old Lefkosia, in the occupied part of the town. It was founded in 1888 as a privately run institution to protect the finds that started to come to light during the first legal excavations undertaken during the British rule of the island.

Address: 1 Mouseiou Street, Nicosia

Tel: +357 22 865854 (entrance/ticket sales) | +357 22 303112 (for information after Museum opening hours) | +357 22 865805 (Museum Shop)

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 08:00 – 18:00

Saturday: 09:00 – 17:00

Sunday: 10:00 – 13:00

Monday: closed

Every first Wednesday of the month: 08:00 – 20:00

Admission: €4.50



Archbishop's Palace

The palace is one of the most popular attractions in Nicosia. It was built by Archbishop Makarios 111 during the struggle for independence and completed in 1961, a year after Cyprus independence in 1960. Outside the palace is a bronze statue of Makarios 111 which was erected in 1987 by Archbishop Chrysostomos. Archbishop Kyprianou Square, Old Town.



Liberty Monument

The Liberty Monument is on the Podocatro Bastion of the city walls, close to the old aqueduct and within walking distance of the Famagusta Gate. It was erected in 1973 to commemorate the release from prison in 1959 of EOKA fighters. The monument portrays two EOKA heroes tugging on chains in order to open prison gates and release Greek Cypriot prisoners, peasants and clergy, from British colonial rule.



State Gallery of Contemporary Art

Collection of paintings and sculpture by 20th century Cypriot artists is housed in a restored building.

Address: Angle Avenue Stassinou and Crete, Nicosia

Tel: 357 22 458228 | +357 22 304976

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday: 10:00 - 16:45

Saturday: 10:00 - 12:45

Admission: Free



Pyli Ammochostou (Famagusta Gate)

The Famagusta Gate is one of the most interesting attractions. The Venetian walls which completely encircle the old city have eleven heart-shaped bastions (which gives them the shape of a hand grenade). There were only three gates to the city in the north, south and east and one of these gates, the Porta Giuliana called Famagusta Gate, has been restored and is now the Lefkosia Municipal Cultural Centre. One of the most typical quarters of the town close to Famagusta gate is also being restored.

Address: Leoforos Athinon, Nicosia

Tel: +357 22 797650/3, 99206895

Opening hours:

Monday- Friday: 10:00 -13:00 & 16:00-19:00 (Oct-Apr)

Monday- Friday: 10:00-13:00 & 17:00-20:00 (May-Sep)

Admission: Free



Ledra Street

This is a paved pedestrian way with shops and restaurants and starts at Eleftheria Square; it is one of the busiest shopping centers of the city.



Laiki Geitonia

Laiki Geitonia is a traditional neighbourhood in the pedestrian area of the 'walled city' of Nicosia, opposite the D'Avila moat and 0.3 km from Eleftheria square. Laiki Geitonia contains restored houses that are examples of traditional Cypriot urban architecture. The buildings date from the end of the 18th Century, with building materials being mainly wood, sandstone and mudbrick. It is a pedestrianised area of narrow winding streets, combining residential houses with craft shops, souvenir shops and tavernas.



Travelling Around Nicosia

For all tourist information concerning sites of interest, visit the official webpage of Cyprus Tourism Organization (www.visitcyprus.com).

A list of all buses around Cyprus including night buses, rural buses and intercity buses can be found on 'Cyprus by Bus' website at www.cyprusbybus.com. The buses are separated by city, while route details, timetables and maps are available for each route.

Nicosia Public Transportation

Nicosia boasts a reliable and efficient public bus service which runs every day and covers the whole Nicosia District. The bus fare for a single journey is €1.50 (day fare) and €2.50 (night fare, after 21:00). The daily ticket with unlimited journeys costs €5.00 and the weekly ticket costs €20.00. Tickets can be purchased on the bus or before boarding, from the station. For more information about the bus routes and schedules visit www.osel.com.cy, Nicosia's Transport Organization (OSEL Buses) website.

There are two bus routes connecting University of Cyprus (New Campus) with the city centre. Both bus lines circulate from Monday to Sunday.

•**OSEL Buses Route 150:** *UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS - PLATY AGLANTZIAS - SOLOMOS SQUARE*. This route serves Classic hotel (Solomos Square stop) and also passes by Hilton Hotel (Makarios Avenue).

•**OSEL Buses Route 259:** *GERI - UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS - SOLOMOS SQUARE - UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA - MAKARIO BUS STATION*. This route passes by University of Cyprus (new campus), by Hilton Hotel (Makarios Avenue) and Solomos square which is close to Classic hotel.

Taxi Service

Taxis in Cyprus are relatively cheap and reliable. It is best to use a registered taxi company, therefore we recommend that you ask a member of staff at the Conference Help Desk who will be pleased to reserve a taxi for you.

Getting Back to the Airport

Private Transportation

If you require a transfer to Larnaca or Paphos Airports, you can contact the conference Help Desk.

Public Transportation

Departing from **Larnaca International Airport**, you may take Kapnos Airport Shuttle towards Larnaca. Please visit their webpage for more information and timetables, www.kapnosairportshuttle.com. In case you would like to use the public bus service, you may use Intercity bus (Nicosia - Larnaca) to go to Larnaca (Old Larnaca Hospital stop). From there you may use Zenon Bus route **417** to go to Larnaca airport.

Departing from **Paphos International Airport**, use Kapnos Airport Shuttle towards Paphos. Please visit their webpage for more information and timetables, www.kapnosairportshuttle.com. Alternatively, you may use **Travel & Express** (Intercity Taxi). For more information please visit www.travelexpress.com.cy.

Useful Contact Numbers

Country code prefix	+357
Directory Enquiry Service	11892
Private Doctors on Call	90 901432
Ambulance & Police	112
Pharmacies (after hours)	90 901412
Nicosia General Hospital	22 603000
Nicosia Transport Organization	77 777755
Larnaca and Paphos International Airports	77 778833

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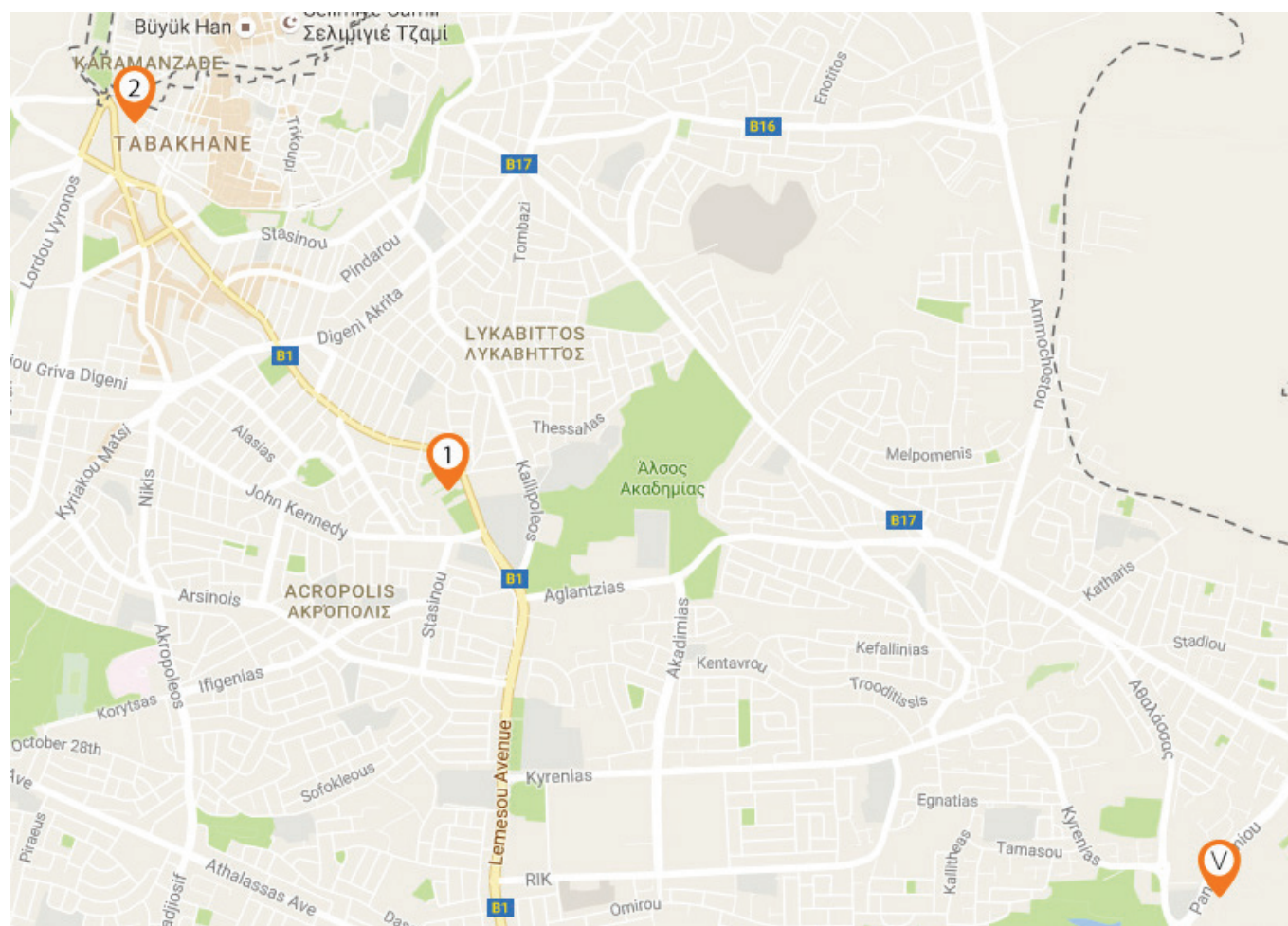
Hilton Hotel

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Classic Hotel

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2	Classic Hotel

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