

**Outreach Projects/ Activities for the Local Community
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Central Events

Title	Description	Date	LINK (if available)
Cyprus Forum Cities	Second Cyprus Forum Cities Conference	18-19/4/2024	https://www.cut.ac.cy/events/event/?contentId=557230

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Open University Lecture Series

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The superpower of the future: Learn how to empower yourself in the digital age	CUT in collaboration with the Famagusta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EVEA), successfully launched a new series of open university lectures on 11th October in Ayia Napa. The inaugural event marked the beginning of a broader effort to bring academic knowledge and public engagement to the free Famagusta region. The first lecture, entitled “The Superpower of the Future: Learn How to Empower Yourself in the Digital Age,” was delivered by Dr. Eleni A. Kyza, Professor of the Information Society at CUT’s Department of Communication and Internet Studies.	11/10/2023	Famagusta	https://www.cut.ac.cy/news/article/?contentId=533460
Financial Literacy in Cyprus: Data and Future Challenges	The lecture/seminar took place at the event venue of Ayia Napa Marina, with speaker Associate Professor of Finance at the Department of Finance, Accounting and Management Science of CUT, Panayiotis C. Andreou.	8/11/2023	Famagusta	https://www.cut.ac.cy/news/article/?contentId=535840 https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=371799765391980 https://www.cut.ac.cy/students/news-and-events/article/?contentId=537320
Biotechnology at the service of	On Wednesday, December 13th, CUT in collaboration with the Famagusta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EVEA), held its third open university lecture in the free Famagusta	13/12/2023	Famagusta	https://www.cut.ac.cy/students/news-and-events/article/?contentId=543570

food production in Cyprus	region. The speaker was Associate Professor Dimitris Tsaltas, Chair of the Department of Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology and Food Science at CUT, who presented on the topic “Biotechnology in the Service of Food Production in Cyprus.” During his talk, Dr. Tsaltas discussed current research activities and the broader research ecosystem in the fields of agriculture and food in Cyprus, viewed through the lens of the Green Deal.			
Waste Management - Present and Future	The lecture titled “Waste Management – Present and Future” was successfully held on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at the Alion Beach Hotel in Ayia Napa, as part of the Open University Lectures organized by the Famagusta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EVEA) and CUT. The event featured Dr. Ioannis Vyrides, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at CUT, who delivered an in-depth presentation on the importance of efficient waste management in the context of implementing a circular economy. Dr. Vyrides explored current practices and future prospects in the field, offering the audience valuable insights.	27/6/2024	Famagusta	https://www.cut.ac.cy/faculties/fet/ceg/announcements/article/?contentId=571780
Waste Management - Present and Future	The current state of waste management in Cyprus was the focus of the third lecture organised by the CUT in Paphos, as part of the first series of open lectures marking the launch of CUT’s new School of Tourism, Hospitality and Entrepreneurship in the city. The lecture, titled “Waste Management: Present and Future,” took place on Thursday, December 7, at the School's premises, and was delivered by Dr.	7/12/2023	Paphos	https://www.cut.ac.cy/students/news-and-events/article/?contentId=542970

	Ioannis Vyrides, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at CUT. During the event, Dr. Vyrides highlighted the role of the Circular Economy in the green transition and its potential contribution to sustainable development. He also discussed the challenges faced at the municipal level and emphasized how the "pay-as-you-throw" system can support the circular economy by producing more homogeneous and upgradeable waste.			
ART – IFICIAL ART: Legal considerations on issues of applications of artificial intelligence in music Chat GPT in our lives and everyday lives	Legal issues arising from the application of artificial intelligence in the music composition process have become increasingly prominent. The integration of AI in music creation presents a variety of legal challenges that necessitate thorough examination and analysis. When a composition is generated solely by an artificial intelligence system, questions arise regarding who holds the rights to claim intellectual property.	22/11/2023	Paphos	https://www.cut.ac.cy/students/news-and-events/article/?contentId=540820
Paphos, the transition to the Digital and Sustainable era IT applications in a smart tourist city: The MITOS application	On October 17, CUT is launching the first two lectures in a new series of open university events in Paphos, organized to mark the establishment of CUT's new School of Tourism, Hospitality and Entrepreneurship in the city. The first lecture, titled "Paphos: The Transition to a Digital and Sustainable Era," will be delivered by Dr. Zinos Zinonos, Smart City Project Manager of the Municipality of Paphos. The second lecture, titled "ICT Applications in a Smart Tourist City: The MITOS App," will feature Associate	17/10/2023	Paphos	https://www.cut.ac.cy/events/event/?contentId=528800

	Professor Dr. Antonis Theocharous from the School, along with PhD Candidate and “Heraclitus” Research Fellow at CUT, Christo Andreev.			
Artificial Intelligence: ChatGPT in Our Lives and Daily Routines	<p>The first lecture of the second cycle of the Open Lecture Series, co-organised by the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) and the Famagusta Chamber of Commerce and Industry under their ongoing Cooperation Protocol, was held at the Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Famagusta in Deryneia. The initiative aims to inform local residents and entrepreneurs about scientific and technological developments on a wide range of topics, with academic input from CUT faculty.</p> <p>The lecture, titled “Artificial Intelligence: ChatGPT in Our Lives and Daily Routine,” was delivered by Dr. Sotirios Chatzis, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering and Informatics at CUT. A Computer Engineer with a PhD in Generative Models for Statistical Machine Learning, Dr. Chatzis is ranked among the top 2% of AI experts globally, according to Stanford University. His talk explored the capabilities and challenges of this transformative technology and its growing impact across various aspects of human life.</p>	28/3/2024	Famagusta	https://www.cut.ac.cy/news/article/?contentId=558470
The role of Chat GPT in our lives and daily routines	The role of Chat GPT in our daily lives has transformed into a significant tool that influences communication, education, and work in various ways. Its ability to deliver immediate and accurate responses to inquiries, generate	22/11/2023	Paphos	https://www.cut.ac.cy/news/article/?contentId=540820

	written content, and facilitate decision-making processes has made this technology an integral part of our everyday experiences.			
Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	The transition from a linear to a circular economic model, in which waste is transformed into valuable products, is essential for promoting sustainable development.	07/12/2023	Paphos	https://www.cut.ac.cy/events/event/?contentId=541570

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Equality Committee in Collaboration with the Diversity and Inclusion Office

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Women's Stories and Achievements	The event took place on the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science and the International Women's Day, and which is awarded the annual "Christiana Kouta" Female Personality Award to a female employee of CUT. The aim of the award is to recognize and reward the achievements of women members of the university community, in all their fields of activity, highlighting, at the same time, the importance that the University attaches to issues of equality, equal gender opportunities and women's empowerment.	22/3/2024	https://www.cut.ac.cy/news/article/?contentId=556850 https://www.cut.ac.cy/faculties/gem/news/article/?contentId=558040
CUT celebrates Africa Day	It honored the rich intercultural global heritage, as well as giving space and voice to all members of the university community – especially underrepresented groups.	25/5/2023	https://www.cut.ac.cy/students/news-and-events/article/?contentId=519290

Women who launch", Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WICCI) Cyprus in collaboration with the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) in Limassol		3/10/2023	https://irglobal.com/article/press-release-women-who-launch-event-at-cyprus-university-of-technology-celebrates-success/
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