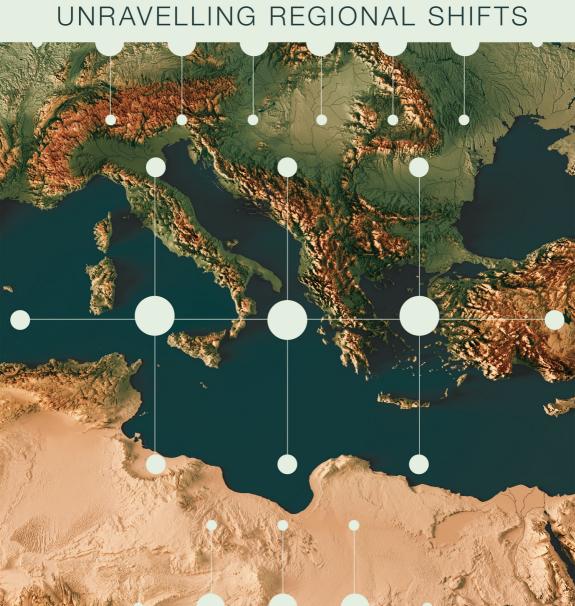
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List of Abbreviations

EEZ Exclusive Economic Zone

EMGF Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum

EU European Union

EMP Euro-Mediterranean Partnership
IEA International Energy Agency
ISIS Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
KRG Kurdistan Regional Government

KRI Kurdistan Region of IraqLNG Liquefied Natural Gas

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization

OPEC Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

PSC Production Sharing Contract

RoC Republic of Cyprus

TRNC Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

UFM Union for the MediterraneanUSA United States of America



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Preface

This book aims to analyze the political economy of hydrocarbons in the Eastern Mediterranean and the factors influencing their energy development. It effectively argues that the region's geopolitical landscape, particularly concerning hydrocarbons, is intricately linked to political, economic, and environmental considerations. The central argument emphasizes the significance of the region's energy dynamics and the roles of key players. To support these arguments, the book meticulously presents a comprehensive array of evidence, including historical context, geopolitical shifts, economic data, and the involvement of major powers. The integration of statistics and agreements, along with the establishment of the Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum, serves to fortify the evidential foundation. To this effect, the book focuses on the critical challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean within the emerging regional order and aims to investigate the role played by extra-regional actors such as NATO, Russia, and the United States. The Mediterranean basin holds significant geostrategic importance, serving as a meeting point between Asia, Europe, and Africa. Its status reflects the intensity of commercial and military traffic, making it the southern base of NATO and Russia's primary gateway to warm waters. Additionally, the trilateral alliance between Greece, Cyprus, and Israel has been embraced by the United States, with hopes that offshore energy production in the Eastern Mediterranean will establish a new security framework and impact global energy markets.