

**“Byzantine and Ottoman Civilizations in World History”**  
**A Symposium Sponsored by Istanbul Şehir University and the World History Association**

**October 21 - 24 2010, Istanbul, Turkey**

**October 21, Thursday**

**14:00 - 15:30 Opening Speeches (CRR Concert Hall)**

Gökhan Çetinsaya, President, Istanbul Şehir University  
Alfred J. Andrea, President, World History Association & University of Vermont  
Ahmet Davutoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Turkey

**15:30 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**16:00 - 17:30**

**Panel A: “Civilizations and World History” (CRR Concert Hall)**

Chair: Mehmet Genç (İstanbul Şehir University)  
Cemal Kafadar (Harvard University)  
Peter N. Stearns (George Mason University)

**October 22, Friday**

**Session 1:**

**8:30 - 10:30**

**Panel B: Slavery: Aspects of a Global Institution in the Eastern Mediterranean World, 9<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries (Hall 1)**

Organizer: Youval Rotman (Tel Aviv University)  
Chair: Metin Kunt (Sabancı University)

Reuven Amitai (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Trade in Young Mamluks via the Bosphorus and the Role of the Byzantine Empire during the Early Palaeologian Dynasty”

Hakan Erdem (Sabancı University), “Ottoman Slavery, 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries”  
Johannes Pahlitzsch (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz), “Byzantine Slaves in the Ottoman Empire”  
Günter Prinzing (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz), “On Common and Distinguishing Traits of Slavery in Late Byzantium and the Early Ottoman Empire”  
Youval Rotman (Tel Aviv University), “Captives or Slaves? The International Aspect of Byzantine Slavery”

**Panel C: Ottoman and European Worlds (Hall 2)**

Chair: Feridun Emecen (İstanbul University)

Discussant: Suraiya Faroqhi (İstanbul Bilgi University)

Manja Quakatz (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster), “Ottomans in the Holy Roman Empire: Life and Death of the Captives (1683-1739)”  
Nabil Al-Tikriti (University of Mary Washington), “Messiah Lovers, Sola Scriptura, and the Early Evolution of both an Ottoman Islam and Protestantism”  
Hüseyin Yılmaz (University of South Florida), “European Discourse on the Civilizational Identity of the Ottomans or Turks in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century in the Context of the Eastern Question Debate”

**Panel D: Caliphates and Byzantium (Hall 3)**

Chair: Tufan Buzpınar (29 Mayıs University)

Discussant: Hayrettin Yücesoy (St. Louis University/ İstanbul Şehir University)

Murteza Bedir (Sakarya University), “The Law of Charitable Foundations in Islam: A Comparison with Roman-Byzantine, Sassanid Laws”  
Benjamin de Lee (University of California, Los Angeles), “Using Logic to Define the Illogical Other: Niketas Byzantios and Christian *Kalām* in the 9<sup>th</sup> Century”  
Mustafa Demirci (Selçuk University), “Ortaçağ Müslüman Çağdaşları Gözüyle Bizans Medeniyeti”  
Şevki Koray Durak (Boğaziçi University), “Byzantine Constantinople as a Utopia in Early Medieval Arabic, Russian and Western European Sources”

**10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00 - 12:15 Keynote Address** by Judith Herrin (Kings’ College London), “Marriage – a Fundamental Element of Imperial Statecraft?” (Hall 1)

**12:15 - 13:45 LUNCH**

**Session 2: 13:45 - 15:45**

**Panel E: Science, Environment, and Epidemics (Hall 2)**

Chair: Alparslan Açıkgenç (Fatih University)

Discussant: Salim Aydüz (Fatih University)

B. Harun Küçük (University of California, San Diego), “European Science in Istanbul During the Tulip Era”

Joachim Radkau (Universität Bielefeld), “The Mountains and the Shores: Some Questions on Ottoman Environmental History from a Mediterranean Perspective”

Sam White (Oberlin College), “The Ottoman Empire and the Little Ice Age”

**Panel F: Migration and Cross-Cultural Relations (Hall 1)**

Chair: Engin D. Akarlı (Brown University)

Discussant: Gül Tokay (Marmara University)

Katie Lorayne Johnson (University of Chicago), “Cultural Ottomanization: The Shift from Byzantine to Ottoman Material Culture in Southern Albania”

Luca Orlandi (İstanbul Technical University), “Travelogue in Thrace during the Ottoman Time: Descriptions and Comments on the Ottoman Architecture Made by Travelers (15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)”

Zalkida Hadzibegovic (University of Sarajevo), “Cultural Impact of Ottoman Civilization in Bosnia: Transfer of Astronomical Knowledge from Ottoman Countries to Bosnia”

Athanasia Stavrou (University of Birmingham), “The Transition from the Byzantine to the Ottoman Empire in a Socio-Economic Context: The Case of Late Byzantine Thessaloniki”

**Panel G: Transition and Transformation in the Long 15<sup>th</sup> Century (Hall 3)**

Organizer: Jo van Steenbergen (Universiteit Ghent), and Albrecht Fuess (Universität Marburg)

Chair: Jo van Steenbergen (Universiteit Ghent)

Discussant: Eric Vanhaute (Universiteit Ghent)

Albrecht Fuess (Universität Marburg), “The ‘Longue Durée’ in the *Bahr Al-Rum*. Re-assessing Mediterranean History after the Fall of Constantinople in 1453”

Bart Lambert (Universiteit Ghent), “The Serenissima, the Superba and the Outside World: The Interaction between Political Regimes and Foreign Commercial Affairs in 15<sup>th</sup> Century Venice and Genoa”

Henning Sievert (Universität Zurich), “How imperial was the Ottoman Empire?”

**15:45 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**Session 3: 16:00 - 18:00**

**Panel H: Courtly Culture and Royal Ceremonies (Hall 2)**

Chair: Derin Terziođlu (Bođaziçi University)

Discussant: Tülay Artan (Sabancı University)

İrem Özgören Kınılı (İzmir University of Economics), “Byzantine Heritage in Ottoman Court Festivals”

Sara Mondini (Università Ca' Foscari, Venice), “Pilgrimage Routes, Diplomacy and Global Networks in Mughal-Ottoman Relations”

Şefik Peksevgen (Yeditepe University), “Early Modern Rulership and the Ottoman Empire”

**Panel I: Economy, Law, and Society (Hall 1)**

Chair: Nurullah Ardiç (İstanbul Şehir University)

Discussant: Oktay Özel (Bilkent University)

Mustafa Demiray (Editor, Klasik Publishing), “Bizanslılar ve Osmanlılar Hukuklarını Nasıl Tasnif Ediyorlardı: Iustinianus'un *Institutiones*'i ve Merđinânî'nin *el-Hidâye*'si Örneđi”

Hasan Karataş (New York University), “The Sufi Conquest of Constantinople”

Fariba Zarinebaf (University of California, Riverside), “Intercommunal Life in a Mediterranean-Ottoman City”

**Panel J: Looking at the Middle Ages through Literature: Persian, Ottoman and European (Hall 3)**

Organizer: Berat Açıl (İstanbul Şehir University)

Discussant: Zeynep Sabuncu (Bođaziçi University)

Berat Açıl (İstanbul Şehir University), “What is Common in Eastern and Western Literature: The Origin of Courtly Love and Ottoman Classical Literature”

Fatih Bayram (Fatih University), “Dervish, Dream and Sultan in the Ottoman Sufi Literature, 1300-1600”

Selim Sırrı Kuru (University of Washington, Seattle), “Great Transformation of Turkish Literature in Rum (Anatolia)”

Daniel Sarefield (Fitchburg State University), “Byzantium in the History of Book Burning and Censorship”

**October 23, Saturday**

**Session 4: 8:30 - 10:30**

**Panel K: Byzantine and Ottoman Military Institutions as Products of East-West Interactions: Comparisons and Contrasts (Hall 1)**

Organizer and Chair: Barton C. Hacker (National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution)

Discussant: Kelly DeVries (Loyola University)

Timothy Dawson (Museum Service of Leeds City Council), "Steppes to Civilisation: Roman Assimilation of Nomad Military Technologies"

Colin Imber (University of Manchester), "The Wrong Strategy: Suleyman I's Campaigns against the Safavids"

Kahraman Şakul (İstanbul Şehir University), "Ottoman Naval Reforms and the Napoleonic Wars: A Case of Culture of Technology Transfer"

Will Smiley (University of Cambridge), "Negotiating Captivity: Ottoman-Russian Conflicts and International Law, 1700-1856"

**Panel L: Images of the Other (Hall 2)**

Chair: Mehmet İpşirli (Fatih University)

Discussant: S. Akşin Somel (Sabancı University)

Şahin Kılıç (Ankara University), "Bizans Kısa Kroniklerinde Osmanlı İmajı"

Andrew Petersen (University of Wales), "Ottoman Arabia"

Coşkun Çakır (İstanbul University), "The Question of Continuity and Rupture between the Byzantine and Ottoman Institutions: Revisiting Köprülü's Heritage"

**Panel M: Archeology and Rituals (Hall 3)**

Chair: Cemil Aydın (George Mason University)

Discussant: Paul Magdalino (St Andrews University)

Federica A. Broilo (Università Ca' Foscari, Venice), "'Ut Qui Orare Volunt, Prius Abluant Manus Et Tunc Demum Eas Ad Preces Attollant': A Comparative Study on Fountains for Ritual Ablutions in Byzantine and Ottoman Civilizations"

Nino Kavtaria (National Centre of Manuscripts, Georgia), "Post-Byzantine and Ottoman Artistic Peculiarities in the Georgian Miniature Painting of the 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Centuries"

Alan V. Murray (University of Leeds), "The Passage of Crusade Armies through Byzantine Territory, 1096-1191: Finance and Supply, Mistrust and Conflict"

**10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00 - 12:15 Keynote Address** by Kemal Karpat (University of Wisconsin, Madison),  
“The Ottoman Empire in World History” (Hall 1)

**12:15 - 13:30 LUNCH**

**Session 5: 13:30 - 15:30**

**Panel N: Epics and Literature (Hall 3)**

Chair: Hatice Aynur (İstanbul Şehir University)

Discussant: Didem Havlioğlu (İstanbul Şehir University)

Elif Ekin Akşit (Ankara University), “Battal Gazi and the Quest of Hearts”

Jennifer Mary Fox (University of Notre Dame), “*I Will Erect a Strong Barrier between You and Them*” *Al Khaf* 95: Holding Back Gog and Magog in Byzantine Christianity, Medieval Islam, and the Alexander Romance”

Pınar Kayaalp (Ramapo College of New Jersey), “Frontier Warriors as Cultural Mediators: Shifting Identities of Byzantine and Turkish March Fighters as Elicited from Anatolian Epic Literature”

Przemyslaw Marciniak (University of Silesia) and Katarzyna Warcaba (University of Silesia), “The Myth of the Fall of Constantinople in European Literature between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries”

**Panel O: The Intercultural World of Ottoman Istanbul (Hall 2)**

Organizer and Chair: Thomas Sanders (United States Naval Academy)

Discussant: Felipe Fernandez Armesto

Michael Khodarkovsky (Loyola University/Humboldt University, Berlin), “Europe's Battleground: Istanbul and the Great Game in the Caucasus”

Ernest Tucker (United States Naval Academy), “The Persianate World of Ottoman Istanbul”

Douglas Streusand (U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College), “The Ottomans in Mughal Eyes: Image and Influence”

**Panel P: Eunuchs in Byzantine and Ottoman Civilization (Hall 1)**

Organizer: Shaun Tougher (Cardiff University)

Chair: Edhem Eldem (Boğaziçi University)

Discussant: Nevra Necipoğlu (Boğaziçi University)

A. Ezgi Dikici (Harvard University), “The Diversity of Eunuch Identities in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire in the Light of a Survey of their Architectural Patronage”

Jane Hathaway (Ohio State University), “The Ottoman Chief Harem Eunuch in an Era of Crisis and Change”

Shaun Tougher (Cardiff University), “Byzantine Eunuchs as Generals: The Case of Narses”

Georges Sidéris (Université Paris-Sorbonne), “The Constitution of a Society of Eunuchs in Byzantine Constantinople (4<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Centuries)”

**15:30 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**16:00 - 18:00**

**Panel Q: Byzantium and the Ottomans in World History: Current Approaches and New Considerations (Hall 1)**

Chair: Gökhan Çetinsaya (İstanbul Şehir University)

Discussant: Alfred J. Andrea (University of Vermont)

Dee Abrahamsee (California State University, Long Beach)

Engin D. Akarlı (Brown University)

Tim Keirn (California State University, Long Beach)

Hayrettin Yücesoy (St. Louis University)

**October 24th, Sunday: City Tour**