Living Empire: Ottoman Identities in Transition 1700-1850

McMaster University, April 20-22, 2012

PROGRAM

Friday 20 April (Council Chambers, Gilmour Hall 111, McMaster University)

8:00    Shuttle to McMaster: Meet in Sheraton Lobby

8:30-9:15  Continental Breakfast, McMaster University

9:15-9:30  Opening Remarks: Suzanne Crosta, Dean, Faculty of Humanities
           Virginia H. Aksan, McMaster University

9:30-12:00 SESSION A - Reflections on Ottoman Identities
Chair/Discussant: Virginia H. Aksan, McMaster University

9:30    You Say ‘Classical,’ I Say ‘Imperial,’ Let’s Call The Whole Thing Off: Empire,
        Individual, and Encounter in 1700
        Palmira Brummett, Brown University

10:00    Expressions of Turkic Identity in the Early Ottoman Histories
        Murat Cem Mengüç, Seton Hall University

10:30    ‘Biographies' Of Books and the Life of Their Readers in the Late 18th and Early 19th
        Centuries
        Tobias Heinzelmann, Orientalisches Seminar, Universität Zürich

11:00    Depicting the Age of Ayan through Creative Nonfiction
        Robert Zens, LeMoyne College

11:30-12:00 Discussion

12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-3:00  
**SESSION B - Beyond the Center I**  
Chair/Discussant: Dana Sajdi, Boston University

1:00  
*A View from Homs ca.1700*  
James Reilly, University of Toronto

1:30  
Ahmad Efendi Tahazada (d. 1773): Urban Notable of Ottoman Aleppo  
Charles Wilkins, Wake Forest University

2:00  
Early Modern Manifestations of Cultural Regionalism in Geographical Syria  
Steve Tamari, Southern Illinois University

2:30-3:00  
Discussion

3:00-3:30  
Coffee Break

3:30-5:30  
**SESSION C - Beyond the Center II**  
Chair/Discussant: Palmira Brummett, Brown University

3:30  
The Rebellious Kapudan of Bosnia: Hüseyin Kapudan  
Fatma Sel Turhan, Yunus Emre Institute

4:00  
Vidin at the Time of Osman Pazvantoğlu: The Complex Interaction of the Faiths at the Frontier of Ottoman Space and Time  
Rossitsa Gradeva, American University in Bulgaria

4:30  
The Violent Confessions of an Ottoman Irregular: Self-Representation, Narrative Strategies, and Ottoman Interpretive Communities at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century  
Tolga Esmer, Central European University

5:00-6:00  
General Discussion

6:30  
Reception, University Club, McMaster University

7:00  
Dinner, University Club, McMaster University

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**Saturday April 21 (Council Chambers, Gilmour Hall 111, McMaster University)**

8:00  
Shuttle to McMaster: Meet in Sheraton Lobby

8:30-9:30  
Continental Breakfast, McMaster University

9:30-12:00  
**SESSION D - Portraits from the Ottoman “New Order”**  
Chair/Discussant, TBA

9:30  
How to Be(come) an Ottoman at the end of the Eighteenth Century  
Fatih Yeşil, Hacettepe University

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10:00  Behiç Efendi and the Role of his Lâyiha/Report in the Transition from the Ancient Regime to the New Order during the Selim III’s Rule  
Seyfi Kenan, İslam Araştırmaları Merkezi (İSAM), Istanbul

10:30  Sultan Abdulmecid’s 1846 Tour of Rumelia and the Trope of Love  
Darin Stephanov, University of Memphis

11:00  Insular Space and Centre-Province Interactions: Local Intermediaries In Late-18th Century Cyprus  
Antonis Hadjikyriacou, Association of Historical Dialogue and Research, Cyprus

11:30-12:00  Discussion

12:00-1:00  Lunch

1:00-3:00  SESSION E - Ottomans and the World  
Chair/Discussant: Victor Ostapchuk, University of Toronto

1:00  “Mal Canın Yongasıdır”: Property, Life and Empire in the Ottoman World  
Ali Yaycıoğlu, Stanford University

1:30  Venetian Vagabonds and Furious Frenchmen: National and Cosmopolitan Impulses among Europeans in Galata  
Julia Landweber, Montclair State University

2:00  In Other Worlds? The Geographical Visions of 18-Century Syrian Chroniclers  
Dana Sajdi, Boston College

2:30-3:00  Discussion

3:00-3:30  Coffee Break

3:30-5:00  SESSION F - Ottoman Imaginations  
Chair/Discussant: Selma Zecevic, York University

3:30  Portrait and Self-Portrait: An Eighteenth-Century Hungarian-Born Ottoman Muslim’s Self-Narrative  
Orlin Sabev, Institute of Balkan Studies, Sofia

4:00  The Chronicler Ahmed Vâsıf on Agency, Causality, and a Reformist Philosophy of History  
Ethan Menchinger, University of Michigan

4:30  Zihni İsmail Pasha: An Amateurish Inventor of the late 18th Century  
Kahraman Şakul, City University of Istanbul

5:00-5:30  Discussion
Sunday April 22 (Charleton Room, Sheraton Hotel)

8:30-9:00  Continental Breakfast, Sheraton Hotel, Charleton Room

9:00-12:00  SESSION G - Fighting for the Empire
Chair/Discussant: Kent Schull, University of Memphis

9:00  *Who was an Ottoman in the Naval Forces of the Ottoman Empire in the 15th and 16th Centuries? Was There Room in Rum for Corsairs?*
Christine Isom-Verhaaren, Benedictine University

9:30  *Captivity and Claims of Identity in the Russo-Ottoman Wars of the Selimian Era*
Will Smiley, Yale University

10:00  *The Making of the First “Little Mehmeds”: Life and Death in the Ottoman Regular Army, 1826-53*
Veysel Şimşek, McMaster University

10:30  *Who were the Bashibozuks? : Irregular Warriors as the Contractual Special Forces of Ottoman Regular Army (1826-1876)*
Gültekin Yıldız, Istanbul University

11:00-12:00  Discussion, Closing Remarks, Plans for Publication

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