

ATA 59E
RECENT TRENDS IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY OTTOMAN HISTORIOGRAPHY
Fall 2022
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Wednesday 10:00-13:00

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Course Description:

This seminar aims to locate main trends in the nineteenth-century Ottoman historiography and provide a critical reading of recent scholarship. Each week we are going to read a monograph published during the last decade, carry out a critical debate, and locate the book's ideological premises and its academic promises within the broader intellectual and political milieu of our time. Throughout the semester we'll invite to our class some of the authors of the books we are reading, in-person or online. This will facilitate a direct and fruitful dialogue between our students and Ottoman historians who recently published books in the field.

Assignments:

Weekly Readings: This seminar is organized around common readings as the basis for weekly discussions. (60%)

Review Article and in-class presentation: Each student will write a short review article examining a book on the Ottoman nineteenth century that we are not covering in our common readings. This will hopefully double the number of books we are bringing into our debate. Students should submit the book they choose for review during week 5. (40%) The article will be no more than 2,000 words.

SELECTED READINGS:

Paz, Omri. *Who Killed Panayot?* London: Routledge, 2021.

Rubin, Avi. *Ottoman Rule of Law and the Modern Political Trial: The Yıldız Case.* Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2018.

Gutman, David. *The Politics of Armenian Migration to North America, 1885-1915: Sojourners, Smugglers and Dubious Citizens.* Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2019.

Yosmaoglu-Turner, Ipek. *Blood Ties: Religion, Violence and the Politics of Nationhood in Ottoman Macedonia, 1878-1908.* New York: Cornell University Press, 2013.

Blumi, Isa. *Destroying Yemen: What Chaos in Arabia Tells Us About the World.* Oakland, California: University of California Press, 2018.

Minawi, Mostafa. *The Ottoman Scramble for Africa.* California: Stanford University Press, 2016.

Beşikçi, Mehmet. *The Ottoman Mobilization of Manpower in the First World War: Between Voluntarism and Resistance.* Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2012.

Maksudyan, Nazan. *Ottoman Children & Youth During World War I.* Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2019.

Aymes, Marc. *A Provincial History of the Ottoman Empire: Cyprus and the Eastern Mediterranean in the Nineteenth Century.* Translated by Adrian Morfee. London: Routledge, 2014.

Köksal, Yonca. *The Ottoman Empire in the Tanzimat Era: Provincial Perspectives from Ankara to Edirne.* London: Routledge, 2019.

Nacar, Can. *Labor and Power in the Late Ottoman Empire: Tobacco Workers, Managers, and the State, 1872-1912.* London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

Yaycıoğlu, Ali. *Partners of the Empire: The Crisis of the Ottoman Order in the Age of Revolutions.* Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2016.

Bulmuş, Birsen. *Plague, Quarantines and Geopolitics in the Ottoman Empire.* Edinburg: Edinburg University Press, 2012.

Tabak, Faruk. *The Waning of the Mediterranean, 1550-1870: A Geohistorical Approach.* Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 2008.

- Taglia, Stefano. *Intellectuals and Reform in the Ottoman Empire: The Young Turks on the Challenges of Modernity*. London: Routledge, 2015.
- Fortna, Benjamin C. *The Circassian: A Life of Eşref Bey, Late Ottoman Insurgent and Special Agent*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Emrence, Cem. *Remapping the Ottoman Middle East: Modernity, Imperial Bureaucracy, and the Islamic State*. London and New York: I.B. Tauris, 2012.