

New Approaches to the Study of Merchant Cities

Workshop

October 22, 2004, 14.30-18.30

Venue: Centre of Modern Oriental Studies (CMOS), Kirchweg 33, Berlin-Nikolassee
Working Group Modernity and Islam (AKMI/ Institute for Advanced Study)/ CMOS/
Interdisciplinary Centre (IZ/ FU)

Objective

At the beginning of the academic year 2004/5 this afternoon workshop will bring together the five AKMI fellows working on Ottoman merchant cities with interested scholars from Berlin to discuss new approaches to the study of merchant cities in the Eastern Mediterranean. The workshop is primarily devoted to a presentation and discussion of individual research projects.

The workshop is of an entirely informal nature and designed to allow free and critical discussion rather than to present results. Thus, questions of sources and methodology should take precedence over the presentation of historical detail. The workshop is part of the project 'New Approaches to the Study of Merchant Cities in the Ottoman Empire'. It will consist of 2 panels, 6 presentations of ca. 15 Minutes, and a round-table discussion.

Participants will come from the active institutions.

14.30- 15.00 – Panel I

Chair: Professor Dr. Ulrike Freitag (CMOS)

- Dr. Nora Lafi (Université de Provence, Arles), Old regime urban government in Merchant cities of the Ottoman Empire (Middle-East and Maghreb)
- Dr. Hülya Canbakal (Sabanci University), Social Conflict in 18th century `Ayntab
- Dr. Yücel Terzibasoglu (Bogazici University) Urban Property and Administration in Dispute: Ayvalik, 1877-1926

16.30-17.30 Panel II

Chair: Professor Gudrun Krämer (Free University Berlin)

- Dr. Constantin Iordachi (Central European University, Budapest), Inter-Communitarian Relations at the Lower Danube: The Case of the Dobrudjan Merchant Cities of Tulcea, Sluina and Constanta (1839-1940)
- Professor Dr. Thomas Riis (Universität Kiel), An Italian Trading House in 19th Century Aleppo: The Company Fratelli Castelli & Cie/Giustiniani e Nipoti/Vincenzo Marcopoli & Cie
- Malek Sharif (FU Berlin) A Social History of the Medical Profession in 19th Century Beirut

17.30 – 18.30 Discussion

afterwards Visit of a Restaurant