

**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER ACADEMY**  
**LIVING TOGETHER: PLURALITY AND COSMOPOLITANISM IN THE OTTOMAN**  
**EMPIRE AND BEYOND**

September 21 - 28, 2008 at the Ottoman Bank Museum in Istanbul

**Schedule**

TIME	SUN, Sept 21	MON, Sept 22	TUE, Sept 23	WED, Sept 24	THU, Sept 25	FRI, Sept 26	SAT, Sept 27	SUN, Sept 28
9.30. – 11.30	A R R I V A L	2 Presentations A / B	2 Presentations A / B	2 Presentations A / B	2 Presentations A / B	2 Presentations A / B	10.00 Lecture 4	D E P A R T U R E
11.30-12.00		Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break	
12.00 – 13.00		Thematic Discussion 1 / 2	Panel Discussion - 13.30	Thematic Discussion 1 / 2	Thematic Discussion 1 / 2	Thematic Discussion 1 / 2	Thematic Discussion 1/2	
13.00 – 14.30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14.30 – 15.30		Presentations A / B	Thematic Discussion 1 / 2	Presentations 1 / 2	Thematic Discussion 1 / 2	Presentations A / B	Panel - 16.00	
15.30 – 16.00		Coffee-Break	15.30 Excursion	Coffee-Break	Coffee-Break			
16.00 – 17.30		Lecture 1		Lecture 2	Panel Discussion			
After 18.00		18.00 – 21.00 Introduction / Reception					18.00 Lecture 3	

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**Sunday, September 21**

Arrival until 18.00

- at the Galata Residence Camondo Apart Hotel, Banklar Cad. Felek Sok. No 2, Phone: +90 (212) 292 48 41 or  
- Galata Antique Hotel, Mesrutiyet Cd. 119 Tunel Beyoglu, Phone: + 90 (212) 245 59 44

18.00-19.00 **Introduction**19.00 **Reception**

at Ottoman Bank Museum  
Voyvoda Caddesi (Banks Street) , No:35/37, 80000 Karaköy, Istanbul

**Monday, September 22**9.30. –11.30 **Working Groups - Presentation of Projects**

Group A

**Ralph Bodenstein**, *Studying Domestic Architecture in the Context of Plural Urban Societies: The Cases of Beirut and Cairo in the late-Ottoman Period*

**Mohamed Elshahed**, *Cosmopolitanism and Plurality of Narratives in Modern Cairo*

Group B

**Dilek Akyalcin Kaya**, *Sabbatians in Salonica in the late Nineteenth Century*

**Feras Krimsti**, *Living together in Aleppo: Questions on Cosmopolitanism through the Christian Communities in the 18th and 19th Centuries. Towards an Evaluation of the Private Archives of the Aleppan Churches.*

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 - 13.00 **Working Groups – Thematic Discussions**

Group 1

**Colonial Cosmopolitanism** (Will Hanley)

Text: Peter van der Veer, "Colonial Cosmopolitanism" in *Conceiving Cosmopolitanism*



## Group 2

***The Spatial Turn – Space, Cities, Neighbourhoods and Houses and a non-Linear Approach to History*** (Christian Sassmannshausen & Stefan Weber)

This session deals with the analytical framework of space and will ask how we can develop new perspectives on social action, trans-regional development while using space as a venue of interaction, overlapping, contradiction challenging linear perspectives, and introducing space as a new paradigm for our research. Text:

Hanssen, Jens: *Fin de Siècle Beirut, The Making of an Ottoman Provincial Capital*. Oxford (2005), Part III: Urban Words - Urban Worlds, p. 191-264 (Theme and Text)

13.30 - 14.30

LUNCH

14.30– 15.30

**Working Groups** - Presentation of Projects

## Group A

**Amy Mills**, *Cultural Memories of Cosmopolitanism in Urban Spaces and Landscapes of Istanbul*

## Group B

**Abigail Jacobson**, *Living Together in War: Jerusalem during World War I*

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30

**Walking Lecture**

**Edhem Eldem**, *The Ottoman Bank as a Cosmopolitan Space/Institution*

**Tuesday September 23**

9.30 – 11.30

**Working Groups** - Presentation of Projects

## Group A

**Adam Mestyan**, *Opera and Politics in the Eastern Mediterranean (1867-1914)*

**Merih Erol**, *The Cultural Identifications of the Ottoman Greeks. Discourse on Music in the 19th and early 20th Century*

## Group B

**Will Hanley**, *Vulgar Cosmopolitanism*

**Selma Zecevic**, *Walking Judges, Sitting Muftis, Traveling Fetvas: Applying Ottoman Shari'a Law in the Republic of Dubrovnik*



11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-13.30 **Panel Discussion**

*Diversity in Ottoman Urban Space: Measuring, Mapping and Profiling Urban Space and Actors*

**Lorans Tanatar Baruh, Alp Yucel Kaya, Cengiz Kirli, Yucel Terzibaşoğlu**

13.30 – 14.30 LUNCH

14.30 – 15.30 **Working Groups – Thematic Discussions**

Group 1

***Cosmopolitanism and the Urban Experience*** (Mohamed Kamal Elshahed)

Texts: Heba Farouk Ahmed, Nineteenth Century Cairo: A Dual City? in Nezar Alsayyad, Irene Bierman, Nasser Rabbat, eds., Making Cairo Medieval (New York: Lexington Books, 2005), p. 143-172

Nezar Alsayyad, "Whose Cairo?" in Paul Amar and Diane Singerman, eds., Cairo Cosmopolitan: Politics, Culture, and Urban Space in the New Middle East (Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, 2006)

Janet Abu Lghod, A Tale of two Cities

Group 2

***Knowing One's Place – Approaching Notions of Social Order and Distinction*** (Paris Papamichos-Chronakis & Ralph Bodenstein)

This session will deal with social categories and question whether family, middle class or elite are helpful analytical categories? Do they hinder or illuminate our understanding of society. How do we understand these categories or which alternative concepts could be useful? How can consumption help to understand social order in a particular non-Western society? The final session will deal with mechanisms of drawing social borders. How are they articulated or constructed and – to come full circle – what are their expression in social and physical space and material culture. Text:

Watenpaugh, Keith David: Being Modern in the Middle East: Revolution, Nationalism, Colonialism, and the Arab Middle Class. Princeton (2006), Introduction: Modernity, Class, and the Architectures of Community, p. 1-30.

15.30

**EXCURSION**

**with Vangelis Kechriotis to the Greek Patriarchate in Fener**

Departure by bus at 15.30 in front of the Ottoman Bank Museum

**Wednesday, September 24**

9.30 – 11.30 **Working Groups** – Presentation of Projects

Group A

**Christian Sassmannshausen**, *Approaching Modernity: Family, Networks, and Social Distinction in Late Ottoman Tripoli, 1860-1914*

**Miloš Jovanović**, *Erasing Ottoman Heritage: The Reconstruction of Belgrade's Urban Landscape between 1830 and 1878*

Group B

**Zeynep Turkyilmaz**, *Anxieties of Conversion: Missionaries, State and Heterodox Communities in the late Ottoman Empire*

**Mohammad Sabri al Dali**, *Pre-colonialism - Europeans in the Ottoman Alexandria - Coexistence and Discords*

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.00 **Working Groups** - Thematic Discussions

Group 1

*The Politics of Historical Studies of Cosmopolitanism* (Ulrike Freitag)

Group 2

*Material Culture and the Anthropology of Art - Habitus, Taste and Patterns of Consumption* (Stefan Weber & Onur Inal)

Text:

Exertzoglou, Haris: "The Cultural uses of Consumption: Negotiating Class, Gender, and Nation in the Ottoman Urban Centers during the 19th Century." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 35 (2003) pp. 77-101

Bayly, C.A.: *The Birth of the Modern World, 1780-1914. Global Connections and Comparisons*. Oxford (2004) Introduction

13.00 – 14.30 LUNCH

14.30 – 15.30 **Working Groups**

Group 1

**Vangelis Kechriotis** (Boğazici University), *Educating the Nation: Migration and Acculturation on the two Shores of the Aegean at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

Group 2

**Ulrike Freitag**, *Cosmopolitanism in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Jeddah?*

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30 **Lecture**

**Asef Bayat**, *City and Ethnicity: Cairo's Subaltern Cosmopolitans*

Moderation: Dick Douwes

**Thursday, September 25**

9.30 – 11.30 **Working Groups** - Presentation of Projects

Group A

**Magdi Guirguis**, *The Ethnic and Cultural Multiplicity of Ottoman Cairo - The Icon Painters in 18th Century*

**Michelle Campos**, *Urban Space, Economy and Social Networks in late 19th Century Jerusalem: Relations among and Boundaries between Religious Communities in a Pre-Nationalist Moment*

Group B

**Metin Atmaca**, *Conflict and Diversity on the Ottoman-Iranian Frontier: The Baban Family and Sulaymaniyah in 19th-Century Ottoman Iraq*

**Ayse Ozil**, *The Structure of Community: Orthodox Christians of the Ottoman Empire in Northwestern Asia Minor, c.1860-1910*

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.00 **Working Groups** – Thematic Discussions

Group 1

***Cosmopolitan and Vernacular in History*** (Selma Zecevic)

Text: Sheldon Pollock "Cosmopolitan and Vernacular in History" in: *Cosmopolitanism*, editor Breckensidge, Pollock, Bhasa and Charkabarty

Group 2

***Pluralism and Violence*** (Zeynep Turkeyilmaz)

Texts: Makdisi, Ussama. The culture of sectarianism: community, history, and violence in nineteenth-century Ottoman Lebanon, pp. 96-117

Nirenberg, David. *Communities of violence : persecution of minorities in the Middle Ages*, pp 3-17.

13.00 – 14.30 LUNCH

14.30 – 15.30 **Working Groups** – Thematic Discussions

Group 1

***Religious Pluralism and the Politics of Identity*** (Dick Douwes)



## Group 2

***Experiencing Plurality, Imagining Solidarities*** (Paris Papamichos-Chronakis)

Text : Craig Calhoun, "Imagining Solidarity: Cosmopolitanism, Constitutional Patriotism, and the Public Sphere", *Public Culture* 14/1 (2002), pp. 147–171

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00 **Panel Discussion**

**Edhem Eldem & N.N.**

**Friday, September 26**

9.30 – 11.30 **Working Groups** - Presentation of Projects

## Group A

**Onur Inal**, *Women's Fashions in Transition: Ottoman Borderlands and the Anglo-Ottoman Exchange of Costumes*

**Elektra Kostopoulou**, *Westernizing the East and Easternizing the West in 19th Century Crete: A story of Cosmopolitanism?*

## Group B

**Marglin, Jessica**, *The Socio-Legal History of Jewish-Muslim Relations in Morocco, 1792-1912*

**Marios Papakyriacou**, *Being a Greek in Colonial Egypt. Greek Migrants in Egypt from the mid-19th until the Beginning of the 20th Century*

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.00 **Working Groups** – Thematic Discussion

## Group 1

***The Ottoman Cosmopolitan Hypothesis in the Light of Pheng Cheah's Critical Explorations of Cosmopolitanism, Transnationalism and Colonialism*** (Nora Lafi)

Text: Cheah, Pheng, "Given Culture: Rethinking Cosmopolitical Freedom in Transnationalism", *boundary 2*, Vol. 24, No. 2, (Summer, 1997), pp. 157-197, Duke University Press

## Group 2

***Are cities really "Mixed"? The concept of mixed cities in the Israeli-Palestinian context, and its applicability to other regions*** (Abigail Johnson)

Text: *Mixed Towns, Trapped Communities: Historical Narratives, Spatial Dynamics, Gender Relations and Cultural Encounters in Palestinian-Israeli Towns*, edited by Daniel Monterescu and Dan Rabinowitz.

13.00– 14.30 LUNCH



14.30 – 15.30 **Working Groups** - Presentation of Projects

Group A

**Paris Papamichos-Chronakis**, *A Middle Class in Transition - The Greek Orthodox and Jewish Merchants of Salonica, 1908-1922*

Group B

**Sara Ellinor Morack**, *Izmir as a Post-Cosmopolitan City: Struggles over Emval-ı metruke- Property Distribution between Refugees and Local Muslims in early Republican Izmir, 1923-1926.*

18.00 **Lecture**

At the German Orient Institute, Susam Sok. 16-18, D. 8, Cihangir

**Richard Wittmann**, *Safeguarding Plurality in Ottoman Istanbul: the Recourse of Dhimmis to the Islamic Legal System*

Followed by a reception

### Saturday, September 27

10.00 – 11.30 Lecture

**Modjtaba Sadria**, *Cities: Social Borders, Complex Spaces and Intersections*

Moderation: Stefan Weber

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.30 – 13.30 **Working Groups** – Thematic Discussions

Group 1

Group 2

13.30 – 14.30 LUNCH

14.30 – 16.00 **Final Panel Discussion**





## **Working Groups (Presentation of Projects)**

**A:**

**(Bayat/Weber/Eldem): Bodenstein, Campos, Elshahed, Guirguis, Erol, Inal, Jovanovic, Kosoupoulou, Mestyan, Mills, Papamichos, Sassmannshausen**

**B (Freitag/Lafi/Eldem)**

**Akyalcin, Atmaca, Hanley, Jacobson, Krimsti, Marglin, Morack, Ozil, Papakyriacou, Sabri ad-Dali, Turkyilmaz, Zezevic.**