Halcyon Days in Crete VII

Political Initiatives ‘From the Bottom Up’ in the Ottoman Empire

A Symposium

Rethymno, 9-11 January 2009

Symposiarch: Suraiya Faroqhi

Friday, January 9

Chair: Elizabeth A. Zachariadou

17:00-17:15 Addresses

17:15-18:00 Suraiya Faroqhi (Istanbul), *Artisans and Political Action in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries*

18:15-18:35 Break

Chair: György Hazai

18:35-18:55 Boğac Ergene (Vermont), *The Pitfalls of Writing Ottoman Legal History from the ‘Bottom Up’*

19:10-19:30 Antonis Anastasopoulos (Rethymno), *The Ottomans: A Civil Society?*

Saturday, January 10

Chair: John C. Alexander

9:30-9:50 Onur Yıldırım (Ankara), *Rethinking the Student Rebellions of the Sixteenth Century: The Case of Bursa*

10:05-10:25 Andreas Lyberatos (Rethymno), “Çelebis” and Guildsmen in pre-Tanzimat Plovdiv: *Breaking Through the Orthodox Ancien Régime*

10:40-11:00 Break

11:00-11:20 Dimitris Kaztritsis (St Andrews), *The Revolt of Şeyh Bedreddin in the Context of the Ottoman Civil War of 1402-13*

11:35-11:55 Eyal Ginio (Jerusalem), *Coping with Decline: The Political Responses of the Jewish Community to the Eighteenth-Century Crisis in Salonica*
12:10-12:30  Evthymios Papataxiarchis (Mytilene), The petition as an object and a vehicle of political reconfigurations: A tax revolt in Ayvalik, 1842

**Chair: Nicolas Vatin**

16:30-16:50  Baki Tezcan (Davis), Who Gets to Write History? Contemporary Texts on the Regicide of Osman II and Their Impact on Ottoman Historiography

17:05-17:25  Marinos Sariyannis (Rethymno), The Kadızadeli Movement as a Social and Political Phenomenon: The Rise of a ‘Mercantile Ethic’?

17:40-18:00  Break

18:00-18:20  Hülya Canbakal (Istanbul), Consensus and Consent in Urban Public Life (17th-18th Centuries)


**Sunday, January 11**

**Chair: Leslie Peirce**

9:30-9:50  Rossitsa Gradeva (Sofia), From the Bottom Up and Back Again, Until Who Knows When…: Legal Procedures for the Repairs and Reconstruction of Non-Muslim Houses of Worship (Seventeenth-Eighteenth Centuries)

10:05-10:25  Sophia Laiou (Corfù), Political Processes on the Island of Samos Prior to the Greek War of Independence and the Reaction of the Sublime Porte

10:40-11:00  Break

11:00-11:20  Eleni Gara (Mytilene), Between Local Exigencies and Imperial Priorities: Possibilities and Limitations of Collective Action in the Seventeenth-Century Balkans

11:35-11:55  Elias Kolovos (Rethymno), Riot in the Village: Some Cases of Peasant Protest around Ottoman Salonica

12:10-12:30  Dimitris Papastamatiou (Thessaloniki), The Conduct of a Regional Crisis and the Appeal to State Intervention by the Regional Elites in Peloponnesus: The Case of Musa Ağa’s Heirs

**Chair: Suraiya Faroqhi**

16:30-16:50  Nicolas Vatin (Paris), Comment disparut le cimetière de Kasimpaşa (1582-1592). Un difficile arbitrage du sultan entre ses sujets juifs et musulmans

17:05-17:25  Svetlana Ivanova (Sofia), The Ottoman Decrees Up in Istanbul and What its Rumeli Subject Perceive at the Bottom (Seventeenth-Eighteenth Centuries)

17:40-18:00  Break

18:00-18:20  Aysel Danaci Yıldız (Istanbul), The May 1807 Rebellion as a Social Movement

18:35-18:55  Cemal Kafadar (Harvard), The Question of ‘The End of Ideology’ during the Celali Era

19:10-19:45  Concluding Remarks, Discussion and Farewell
Organising Committee

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