



The Levantine Heritage Foundation | 2nd International Conference  
**The Levant and Europe: Shipping and Trade**  
**Networks of People and Knowledge**  
 London | 2-4 November 2016

**WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER | Europe House**

- 09.00 Registration (tea & coffee provided)
- 09.20 Opening remarks by Philip Mansel (Institute of Historical Research, London)
- 09.30-10.30 Keynote Speech: *The International College of Smyrna: An Educational Enterprise at the Nexus of Business and Missionary Networks***  
 Sibel Zandi-Sayek, Associate Professor, Department of Art and Art History, The College of William and Mary
- 10.30-11.50 Session 1: Cities and Companies in Finance and Trade in the Levant**  
 Panel Chair: Jason C White (Appalachian State University)
- 10.30 *The Rise and Fall of Constantinople as a Financial Centre*  
 Funda Soysal (Boğaziçi University)
- 10.50 *Trading with the Ottomans; the Levant Company in the Middle East*  
 Despina Vlami (Research Centre for Medieval and Modern Hellenism, Academy of Athens)
- 11.10 *Building Economic and Cultural Networks: the Oriental Railways Company*  
 Andreas Bouroutis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)
- 11.30 Q&A
- 11.50 Coffee Break
- 12.10-14.00 Session 2: Exploring Trade in the Levant through the Histories of Goods**  
 Panel Chair: Malcolm Billings
- 12.10 *Illicit Latin Trade in the Levant during the Later Middle Ages*  
 Mike Carr (University of Edinburgh)
- 12.30 *Fruits of Empire: Figs, Raisins, and the Transformation of*

- Western Anatolia in the Late Nineteenth Century*  
Onur Inal (Independent Researcher, Hamburg)
- 12.50 *Trader/smuggler: Levantine Commerce in Opium in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1900-1940*  
Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal (British Institute at Ankara)
- 13.10 *Drinking (Beer) from the Sea of Gaza; Late Ottoman Palestine nomads, the Victorian Beer Culture and "Gaza Barley" Trade*  
Dotan Halevy (Columbia University)
- 13.30 Q&A
- 14.00 Lunch Break
- 15.00- 17.10 Session 3: Networks and Ideologies**  
Panel Chair: Axel Çorlu (Georgia Gwinnett College)
- 15.00 *The Levant Company and the Early Modern Origins of Capitalism, State, and Empire*  
Jason C White (Appalachian State University)
- 15.20 *Levantine Labour Networks before the First World War*  
Anthony Gorman (University of Edinburgh)
- 15.40 *Anarchy in the Empire: Levantines and Minorities as 'Enemies of the State', 1850-1917*  
Axel Çorlu (Georgia Gwinnett College)
- 16.00 *The Italian Trade Network in Turkey in the Years 1923-1939*  
Francesco Pongiluppi (Sapienza University of Rome)
- 16.20 *Living in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Capital: Bulgarian Merchants Between Parochialism and Cosmopolitanism*  
Evguenia Davidova (Portland State University)
- 16.40 Q&A
- 18.30 Drinks Reception at the Oriental Club  
*Please note dress code: Jacket and tie and tailored trousers for gentlemen and equivalent smart formal dress for ladies is required*

## **THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER | Europe House**

- 09.30 Registration (tea & coffee provided)
- 10.00-10.30** Awards ceremony: two travel awards to participating doctorate student presenters
- 10.30-11.50 Session 4: Print and Image Culture between Europe and the Levant**  
Panel Chair: Nicolas Pitsos (Center of European-Eurasian Studies at the Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO), Paris)
- 10.30 *Viewing Istanbul through Western Brushstrokes: Nineteenth-Century Levantine Artists*  
Belgin Demirsar Arlı (Istanbul University) – Selva Suman (Istanbul Technical University)
- 10.50 *Istanbul and the Nineteenth Century Transnational Trade of Print Products: the Leipzig Network*  
Alberto Gabriele (Tel Aviv University)
- 11.10 *The Levantines and their Legacy in the Ottoman Newspaper Press: a Case Study about William Nosworthy Churchill*  
Birten Çelik (Middle East Technical University)

11.30	Q&A
11.50	Coffee Break
<b>12.10-14.00</b>	<b>Session 5: Cities &amp; Infrastructure</b>
	Panel Chair: Kalliopi Amygdalou (Izmir Institute of Technology)
12.10	<i>Early Modern Levantine Commerce Revisited: The Commerce of Izmir (1580 – 1780)</i> Mehmet Kuru (University of Toronto)
12.30	<i>Construction of Quays as a Catalyser of Urban Change: Smyrna and Salonica (1860-1900)</i> İrem Gençer (Yıldız Technical University)
12.50	<i>Demeter and Poseidon : the "Ottoman Railway from Smyrna to Aidin" and the Historical Relations between the Levantine Port-City of Smyrna and the Aegean Valleys</i> Giulia Tacchini (Politecnico di Milano)
13.10	<i>The Long-lived Egyptian Okelle; Extraterritorial Microcosms and Long-Distance Trade</i> Cristina Pallini (Politecnico di Milano), Manar El Gammal (Politecnico di Milano) and Silvia Boca (Independent Researcher)
13.30	Q&A
14.00	Lunch Break
<b>15.00-17.10</b>	<b>Session 6: The European Commercial World and the Levant: Maritime Trade between Middle and Modern Ages</b>
	Panel Chair: Salvatore Bottari (Università degli Studi di Messina)
15.00	<i>The Levant and Sicily: Trade, Merchants and Merchandise between the XII and XV Centuries</i> Elisa Vermiglio (Università per Stranieri di Reggio Calabria "Dante Alighieri")
15.20	<i>Levantine Merchants from Constantinople in the Late Sixteenth Century International Maritime Trade in North-Western Black Sea and Lower Danube Areas</i> Cristian Luca (Lower Danube University of Galați)
15.40	<i>Gate to the Levant: Malta and the Maritime Trade between the Eastern and Western Mediterranean (1740-1750)</i> Salvatore Bottari (Università degli Studi di Messina)
16.00	<i>Trade Exchanges between the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and the Countries of the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea (1734-1861)</i> Maria Sirago (Liceo Jacopo Sannazzaro, Napoli) and Franca Pirolo (University of Catania)
16.20	<i>Trade in the Levant in the Neapolitan Diplomatic Correspondence in Constantinople (1803-1804);</i> Mirella Vera Mafri (University of Salerno)
16.40	Q&A
19.00	Conference Dinner at The Vincent Rooms

## FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER | The Hellenic Centre

- 09.00 Registration (tea & coffee provided)
- 09.30-10.30 **Keynote Speech: Aleppo, from Trade to Terror**  
Philip Mansel (Institute of Historical Research, London)
- 10.30-11.50 Session 7: Consumption and Taste in the Levantine World**  
Panel Chair: James Whidden (Acadia University)
- 10.30 *Accounting for Taste: Florentine Cloth and its Ottoman Consumers in the 16th century*  
Ingrid Houssaye Michienzi (The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies)
- 10.50 *Sublime Purveyor of Levantine Trade and Taste: The David van Lennep Family Portrait*  
Caroline Mesrobian Hickman (Independent Art and Architectural Historian)
- 11.10 *Towards the Creation of a Shared Levantine-European Consumer Space at the Turning of the 20th century : the Role of Press Advertisements*  
Nicolas Pitsos (Center of European-Eurasian Studies at the Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO), Paris)
- 11.30 Q&A
- 11.50 Coffee Break
- 12.10-14.00 Session 8: Families and Identities between Europe and the Levant**  
Panel Chair: Philip Mansel (Institute of Historical Research, London)
- 12.10 *A Levantine Family: The Barkers of Alexandria*  
James Whidden (Acadia University)
- 12.30 *The Death of David Altaras: Levantine Identity in Early Modern Aleppo*  
Mary Momdjian (University of California, Los Angeles)
- 12.50 *The Life and Death of Samson Rowlie, alias Hassan Agha*  
Daniel Bamford (Independent Researcher)
- 13.10 *An Agent of Mediation and Modernity in a Commercial Levantine City: The French Consul in Nineteenth Century Ottoman Larnaca.*  
Michalis N. Michael (University of Cyprus)
- 13.30 Q&A
- 14.00 Lunch Break
- 15.00-16.50 Session 9: Communities between Europe and the Levant**  
Panel Chair: Evguenia Davidova (Portland State University)
- 15.00 *Trading Health: Venetian Medicine and Diplomacy in the Early Modern Levant*  
Valentina Pugliano (University of Cambridge)
- 15.20 *From Surat to Izmir, Aleppo and Venice: Family Networks of Armenian Gem Merchants in early Modern Global Trade of Diamonds*  
Sona Tajiryan (University of California, Los Angeles)

- 15.40 *Greeks from the Pelion Region in Egypt: a Case of Levantine Diaspora, 1825-1950*  
Vilma Hastaoglou-Martinidis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)
- 16.00 *The Zantiot Community in Eighteenth Century Cyprus*  
Theoharis Stavrides (University of Cyprus)
- 16.20 Q&A
- 16.50 Closing remarks by Axel Çorlu (Georgia Gwinnett College)
- 17.10 Closing of the conference by Quentin Compton-Bishop, Chairman of the Levantine Heritage Foundation

### **REGISTRATION:**

*Speakers do not have to pay registration fees, only dinner fees*

Please RSVP at <https://lhf-2nd-international-conference.eventbrite.co.uk>

Full conference fee: £60

LHF members: £50

Student Fee: £30 (Please email a copy of your Student Card or official letter by the university)

Dinner: £50 (LHF members £45)

### **VENUES:**

Europe House, 32 Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P 3EU

The Hellenic Centre, 16-18 Paddington Street, London W1U 5AS

The Oriental Club, Stratford House, Stratford Place, London W1C 1ES

The Vincent Rooms, The Victoria Centre, Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PD

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