



## Research - Education – Preservation

Newsletter no: 22 (Autumn / Winter 2022/2023)

Welcome to our latest newsletter where we reflect on our upcoming one in Venice, Italy. This continues the expansion of our activities and network to engage better with the global community of people with an interest in the Levantine heritage. If you would like to host an event in your country with the LHF or to support one of our events as a local volunteer or sponsor, please get in touch.

In addition, we have recently passed an important milestone of the 1922 Great Fire of Smyrna, a time to reflect for Levantines and other communities. The historical and personal appraisal by our Chairman Quentin Compton-Bishop is a way to convey how as the LHF we see share in touches on the common loss and reaffirms the mission of the LHF to preserve and make accessible the arts, culture and broader heritage of the various communities in the Levant. We are grateful for all the contributions of information and support given by our network of friends and colleagues which makes it possible to grow and sustain the LHF.

### Our activities

#### Upcoming LHF Events

24 January 2022, 6 pm (UK time)

Online presentation: 'Guns, Money and Lawyers: The English Chartered Trading Companies', Mike Wagner - [flyer:](#) - [registration:](#)

26 February 2023, 2pm (UK time)

Online presentation: 'Rediscovering the Diversity of a Levantine Family – the Jewish, German, Austrian, French and Armenian branches of One Istanbul Family', Ben Singer - [flyer:](#) - [registration:](#)

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#### Current research

*If you are seeking help with research, please write to Craig Encer who will endeavour to point you to sources of material or connect you with people in the LHF network who may be able to help. Additionally, we can post requests for assistance in our newsletter.*

#### **Requesting a photo of George Keun of Smyrna by Tim Spicer**

I am currently writing a biography of Wilfred "Biffy" Dunderdale. He was a close friend of George Keun of Smyrna and then Constantinople and Antibes. I am looking for a photo of him that I could use in the book. If anyone has one I would be most grateful. Please contact me by email: [ts@firegap.co.u.k](mailto:ts@firegap.co.u.k).



Image provided by Mr George Galdies – The annual stage production at the Italian Sisters of Alsancak, 1940s. Can anybody provide name identifications please?

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## Recent Events

21st LHF online presentation with guest speaker Joshua Shannon-Chastain: 'For Queen and Sultan: Anglo-Ottoman Advisors, Soldiers, Mercenaries and Imperial Agents in War and State (1853-1890)', 6 September 2022 - [flyer:](#) - [video:](#)

Book launch: 'Smyrna on my mind', George Galdies, 28 September 2022 - Hellenic Centre London - [flyer:](#) - [interview:](#)



George Galdies flanked by friends and our trustee Philip Mansel to his left

22nd LHF online presentation with guest speaker Michael Refalo: 'At home: Maltese British subjects in Egypt 1860s-1923', 11 October 2022 - [flyer:](#) - [video:](#)

Conference: 'Venice, Italians and the Ottoman Levant', Venice, Italy, 24-25 November 2022 - [flyer:](#) - [video 1:](#), [video 2:](#), [video 3:](#)

Schedule:

Philip Mansel, Venice and the Levant

Francisco Apellániz, Venetians in the Mamluk sultanate: Merchants and their Notaries

Book presentation: Luis Miguel Selvelli, (co-editor), Smyrna and Italy. Communities, relations and institutions of a Levantine city

Didem İşler, The church of Agia Fotini in Smyrna in the documents of the State Archives of Venice

Tommaso Stefini, Resilience and Change: Venetian merchants in Istanbul after the loss of Cyprus (1573-1645)

Vera Costantini, Venetian interests in the Ottoman Balkans



The organising team and some of the speakers the evening before the conference - [full gallery:](#) - we thank all the organisers, sponsors, speakers and delegates who have spent their time and energy to make this conference a success.

Online presentation: 'Enlightening Europe on Islam and the Ottomans: Mouradgea d'Ohsson on Law and the State', Prof Carter V. Findley, 13 December 2022 - joint event with ATS - [flyer:](#) - [video:](#)

## Recent Website additions

### Interviews:

George Galdies – Smyrna on my Mind – [link:](#)

Carter Findley - Enlightening Europe on Islam and the Ottomans – [link:](#)

Michael Refalo - At home: Maltese British subjects in Egypt 1860s-1923 – [link:](#)

### Galleries:

Franco-Belgian company promotion – [link:](#)

Orosdi Back Retail Empire – [link:](#)

Surviving architectural plaques of Istanbul – [link:](#)

## Community activities



The group signing for the Bornova culture trail encompassing the Yeşilova tumulus, Homeros valley and Levantine mansions on 5 October 2022 – left to right: Enrico Filipoçi (Levantine Association Izmir), Gülper Şahin Ergün (president of the Service Industry Employees Association), Tunç Soyer (mayor of Izmir), Mustafa İduğ (mayor of Bornova), Can Ersoy Dider (World City İzmir Association Vice President) – [additional photos:](#)



The 'pizza and wine' gathering of members of the Levantine Culture and Heritage Preservation Association (LKMKD) of Istanbul at Santa Maria Draperis Church, 7 October 2022



Beyoğlu 'Levantine' Conference: Levantine Culture and Heritage Preservation Association (LKMKD), 22-23 October 2022 organized with the sponsorship of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism - Casa d'Italia, Italian Cultural Centre, Beyoğlu, Istanbul - [programme:](#) - [additional photos:](#)



The visit of the Mayor of Istanbul Ekrem İmamoğlu (centre without tie) to the Protestant Cemetery chapel in Feriköy in Istanbul (1 November 2022), presided by Hungary this year (as part of the 7 supervising countries), holding the graves of 48 Hungarian refugees, which has been renewed inside and out after many years of struggle. This gathering marks the completion of the

renovation of the chapel by the IBB Miras, the municipality's company responsible for the restoration of cultural heritage sites. In addition, during the current presidency, the gate of the cemetery was renewed and the cemetery gained admission to the [Association of Significant Cemeteries of Europe](https://www.ferikoycemetery.org/). More information about the cemetery can be found at: <https://www.ferikoycemetery.org/> - [additional photos:](#)



Levantine Culture and Heritage Preservation Association ([LKMKD](#)) Christmas dinner at Bebek- Sacre Coeur Church, Istanbul



Members of the Izmir Levantine Association at the Christmas concert and midnight mass at Santa Maria Catholic Church, Izmir, 25 December 2022 - left to right: Mario Mille, Leonardo Baba, Dario Gloghini, Enrico Filipucci, Rodney Simes, Paolo Petrini, crouching: Giuliano Gloghini.

## Info on Levantine Culture and Heritage Preservation Association (LKMKD)

Levantine Culture and Heritage Preservation Association was founded in December 2021, in Istanbul with the mission of bringing to light the heritage related to the cultural, social and economic contributions of the Levantines, keeping them alive and transferring them on to future generations.

The Association adopts an "Open Door" policy and embraces all Levantines and people interested in Levantine culture, regardless of religion, language or ethnicity.

The Association has already around 85 members and is open to all who are interested and residing in Turkey.

The Association organizes online and offline events and activities for academic, cultural and social purposes, covering different aspects of Levantine culture and Heritage and in this regard collaborates with national and international foundations and associations such as ministries, municipalities, LHF and other Levantine related organizations.

For further details visit our website on <https://levanten.org>; follow us on [Instagram](#); or send us an e-mail to [levanten@levanten.org](mailto:levanten@levanten.org)

## In Memoriam

**Hendrick Dutilh** of Izmir, age 93, prominent businessman of many years, passed away on 29th September 2022 peacefully.

Born in 1929, from a Levantine family of French / Dutch origin, Hendrik Dutilh was amongst the veteran names of the maritime and tourism sectors of Izmir, along with his older brother Karel Dutilh, who passed away in 2013.

The Dutilh brothers had the title of tax record holder in Turkey for 6 times and İzmir 11 times until they retired in 2000. - [further information on this family origins](#):

**Peter Alexander Mackridge**, scholar of Modern Greek studies, teacher and writer, died 16 June 2022. He was a speaker for us at the London Hellenic Centre, 10 April 2018: 'The delights of Istanbul in eighteenth-century Greek literature' - [flyer](#): - [video](#): - [external obituary](#):

Levantine community Izmir death [listing](#) 2022:



## External activities

### External Upcoming Events

until 12 February 2023

Exhibition: Asia Minor Hellenism: Heyday – Catastrophe – Displacement – Rebirth – Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece-  
[info:](#)

18 February 2022, 3 pm (UK time)

Online presentation: Ottoman Encounters, Henrietta Liston's Travels and Turkish Travels – MACFEST - Muslim Arts and Culture Festival – [info:](#)

until 28 February 2023

Exhibition: 'Books of Asia Minor: Cultural Traces of Asia Minor Hellenism [1764-1922]' – Gennadius Library, Main Reading Room, Athens, Greece - [flyer:](#)

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### Recent Publications

Venetian and Ottoman Heritage in the Aegean: The Bailo House in Chalcis, Greece - Edited by Nikos Kontogiannis & Stefania Skartsis, Brepols, 2020 – [link:](#)

Memoires de Smyrne et Bournova Nostalgie d'un Francais et d'un Grec smyrniotes - Jean-Baptiste Muret, Centre for Asia Minor Studies, 2022 – [cover:](#)

The Ottoman Empire and the "Germansphere" in the Age of Imperialism - Elife Biçer-Deveci & Ulrich Brandenburg, Leipzig University publication, 2022 – [link:](#)

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### Upcoming Publication

Narrating the Dragoman's Self in the Veneto-Ottoman Balkans, c. 1550-1650 - Life Narratives of the Ottoman Realm: Individual and Empire in the Near East- Stefan Hanss, Routledge, 2023 – [link:](#)

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### New External digitisations

The Revival of Sea Trade – the Port of Marseille and its Cross-Cultural Mercantile Collaborations in the Early Modern Period - Arazoo Ferozan, 2021 – [link:](#)

The English in the Levant: Commerce, Diplomacy, and the English Nation in the Ottoman Empire, 1672-1691 - Zachary W. Schulz, Purdue University, 2018 – [link:](#)

Conversion among the Dragomans and the Language Boys of the Venetian Republic in Istanbul (1596-1709) - Volkan Dökmeci, 2022 – [link:](#)

A Legal and Historical Study of Latin Catholic Church Properties in Istanbul from the Ottoman Conquest of 1453 until 1740 - Vanessa R. De Obaldía, 2018 – [link:](#)

Representations of Ottoman Sultans in Elizabethan Times - Fatima Belgasem, Ali Essadek, 2013 – [link:](#)

English literature on the Ottoman Turks in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries - Anders Ingram, 2009 – [link:](#)

The Role of Alvise Gritti within the Ottoman Politics in the Context of the "Hungarian Question" (1526-1534) - Elvin Otman, 2009 – [link:](#)

Between the Sultan and the Doge: Diplomats and Spies in the Time of Suleiman the Magnificent - Snezhana Rakova, 2016 – [link:](#)

Contact and Conflict in Frankish Greece and the Aegean, 1204-1453: Crusade, Religion and Trade between Latins, Greeks and Turks - edited by Nikolaos G. Chrissis and Mike Carr, 2014 – [link:](#)

Smyrne, mes parents, la Grécophonie - Livio Missir de Lusignan, 1997 – [link:](#)

Smyrna, joy of Asia – Philip Mansel, The Oldie, December 2022 - [link:](#)

Introduction to Sven Becker, Impressions of Istanbul: Voyage to Constantinople - Philip Mansel, The Omer Koc Collection, 2022 – [link](#):

Knowing the 'hereditary enemy': Austrian-Habsburg intelligence on the Ottoman Empire in the late sixteenth century - Tobias P. Graf, 2022 – [link](#):

Antique Dealing and Creative Reuse in Cairo and Damascus 1850-1890 - Mercedes Volait, Leiden Studies in Islam and Society, Volume: 12, 2021 – [link](#):

Muslims in Europe, Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries - Eloy Martín Corrales, Brill, 2020 – [link](#):

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## New Podcasts

A New History of The Eastern Question, with Ozan Ozavci, Ottoman History Podcast, 22 April 2022 – [link](#):

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## New Videos

'Venetians in the Levant: from Constantinople to Aleppo' – Philip Mansel, 20 January 2020 – [link](#):

'Prisoner of the Infidels: The Life and Adventures of Osman Agha of Timișoara, an Ottoman Muslim in 17th-Century Europe' - Giancarlo Casale, 20 September 2022 – [link](#):

'Translating from the Ottoman World' - Jack Snowden, 25 October 2022 – [link](#):

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## Ephemera

Lugging a Piano to Khartoum: Historical Travelogues by Women - Andreas Pflitsch, Qantara.de 2005 – [link](#):

How England Ended Up Stealing the Flag of Genoa - Emma Law, theculturetrip.com, 2018 – [link](#):

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## Our requests

### Supporting our upcoming Beirut based gathering

We are happy to report that we are planning an event in Beirut, Lebanon in autumn 2023. This and others in the future will have both an academic focus and a networking gathering with our friends in those countries. Please contact us if you can help in ways such as securing low-cost venues, event organisation or partial sponsorship of these gatherings via [chairman@levantineheritage.com](mailto:chairman@levantineheritage.com).

## Our messages

Wishing all our friends and supporters a healthy, prosperous New Year and thank you for your on-going support.

### Subscription to this newsletter and other LHF communications

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### Contribute to our newsletter

The next newsletter is scheduled for 30 March 2023; contact us if you wish to contribute an article or place an entry / announcement.

### Craig Encer

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