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Upcoming events

30th Levantine Heritage Foundation lecture & dinner gathering in London with guest speakers Talitha Schepers: 'Perceiving the Sublime Porte: Habsburg-Ottoman Diplomatic Encounters as seen through the Eyes of Netherlandish Artists (1526-1574)' and Coline Houssais: 'Paris and its historic connections with the Arabic world' - 17 April 2019, 6 pm – [flyer:](#) - [booking:](#)



"Procession of Süleyman I", from *Customs and Fashions of the Turks*, Pieter Coecke van Aelst (1502-1550), woodcut print, 299 mm (h) x 394 mm (w), 1553, Rijksmuseum Amsterdam, RP-P-OB-2304L

31st Levantine Heritage Foundation lecture & dinner gathering in London with guest speakers Gareth Winrow: 'Patriot and Liberal Internationalist? The Life of Ahmed Robenson' and Prof Gerald MacLean: 'Ottoman Aleppo Through British Eyes'– 24 July 2019, 6 pm – [flyer:](#) - [booking:](#)



Galatasaray football team, 1908-1909 season, back row middle in white top Ahmed Robenson

Sponsoring London talks

As part of our mission to support and disseminate research in Levantine heritage, the LHF's London talks are free to members of the public. We also record the talks and make them available on our website. However, we incur significant costs in staging and recording these talks in central London so that they can be accessible to a wide audience.

In 2019, the LHF plans to put on three talks in London. We are seeking three sponsors for the 2019 series at £400 each or a single sponsor at £1000. Please consider being a sponsor or recommending us to someone you know.

Sponsors will be recognised for their support throughout the year at the talks, in our newsletters and on our website. They will also be our guests at one of the dinners held after the talks for which separate charges normally apply. Sponsors will also be added to our ongoing roll of benefactors so that their generosity is recognised in subsequent years.

There are other opportunities to support the LHF by becoming a member, making a donation, sponsoring a newsletter or contributing your time. If you wish to contribute in some way towards the activities of the LHF, please contact Quentin Compton-Bishop at chairman@levantineheritage.com.

Sponsoring other activities

We are currently seeking sponsors for publishing the proceedings of Athens and for our next biennial conference. We are happy to discuss with you these projects and how your support can realise these aims. [Further info:](#)

Recent events

3. Beyoğlu Levantenler Konferansı
3rd Beyoğlu Levantine Conference

Kimdir bu Levantenler?
Who are these Levantines?

17 Aralık 2018 Pazartesi / December 17th 2018, Monday
Adres/ Venue: Akademi Beyoğlu – İmam Adnan Sokak No.9 Beyoğlu
18:00 - 20:00

Hoşgeldiniz konuşmaları/ Welcome Speeches 18:00 -18:15

Levanten Kültür Mirası Vakfı adına/ On behalf of Levantine Heritage Foundation
Jonathan Beard, Trustee

Beyoğlu Belediyesi adına/ On behalf of Beyoğlu Belediyesi
Ahmet Misbah Demircan, Belediye Başkanı / Mayor

Yuvarlak Masa: Kimdir bu Levantenler?/ Roundtable: Who are these Levantines?
18:15-19:30

Oturum Başkanı / Chair **Nuri M. Çolakoğlu**
Katılımcılar/ Participants **Prof Dr İlber Ortaylı**
Prof Dr Zafer Toprak
Dr. Rinaldo Marmara

Soru Cevap/ Question&Answers 19:30-20:00

Turkish-English translation will be available
LCV/ RSVP: lhf-ist@levantineheritage.com



LHF-Istanbul branch conference gathering: 'Who are these Levantines?', 17 December 2018 – [video](#):



29th Levantine Heritage Foundation dinner gathering in London, 15 January 2019, with guest speakers Robert Irwin 'Strangers in a Strange Land: Western Travellers in the Mamluk Sultanate of Egypt and Syria' and Raphael Cormack 'Cairo's

Purchasing copies of past LHF Conference books:

If you wish to purchase copies of conference presentations books: **First Levantine Conference in Istanbul**, 'The Levantines: Commerce and Diplomacy', held in Istanbul November 2014 - [details](#) or **Levantines Past, Present, Future Symposium**, Izmir, November 2010 - [details](#): Please refer to the pricing instructions here ([doc](#) / [pdf](#) version), and send the correct amount (including postage) through our [paypal buttons](#) (or bank transfer - details on support us page) with your address details please:

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. This month we have a request from Arthur Livenais:

Myrina's excavations and the Baltazzi's family:

I'm a French student in art history and archeology at l'Ecole du Louvre (Paris, France). I am writing a dissertation under the supervision of two curators of the Louvre museum. My subject is about the Myrina's (modern Aliağa, near Izmir) archaeological excavations and specifically the role of the landowners, the Baltazzi's family. These excavations took place between 1880 and 1882 and were directed by France and the members of the French School of Athens (Ecole française d'Athènes, Γαλλική Σχολή Αθηνών).

During these excavations, the landowner Aristide Bey Baltazzi (1831-1887) and in particular his brother Demosthene Baltazzi (1833-1896) played a very important role near the French searchers (Salomon Reinach and Edmond Pottier). The two brothers came from a wealthy family in the banking sector. While Aristide remained as banker, Demosthene was nominated supervisor of Myrina's excavation, then responsible for the vilayet of Aidin, director of the Smyrna's (actual Izmir) museum and finally the « right-hand man » of Osman Hamdi Bey, director of the Imperial Museum of Istanbul. Until the end of his life, he headed many excavations in Turkey.

The aim of my work is to study the « Turkish vision » of Myrina's excavations and the role of the Baltazzis. That is why I appeal to the Levantine Heritage Foundation for my researches. First, I would like to find some biographical elements about Aristide and Demosthene Baltazzi and pictures of them (I have got one picture of Aristide but none of Demosthene). In this way, if you have references, books, archives or pictures about the brothers, I will be glad of this.

Then, I would like to find some Smyrna's newspapers of the time of the excavations like Le Courier de Smyrne, La Réforme, Impartial. If you have or know any copies dating from 1880-1882 and mentioning in the articles the excavations of the region, I will be very interested. If you have other information that is related to the subject, I will be glad that you contact me.

Arthur Livenais. Mail: arthur-live@hotmail.fr

External Upcoming Events

Lecture: Converging Paths: Photography and the Middle East: Documentation, Orientalism and Espionage, Richard Wilding

18 April 2019, 6.45 – 8.30 pm

Asia House, 63 New Cavendish Street, London – [info](#):

Lecture - Protecting the Mediterranean: Ottoman responses to Maritime violence in the

eighteenth century, Michael Talbot

25 April 2019, 5.15 – 7.30 pm

War Studies Meeting Room (K6.07), King's College London, King's Building, Strand Campus, London – [info:](#)

Twin Lectures - 'The Ottoman Costume Album as Collaborative Object and Agent of Contact', Professor Elisabeth Fraser & 'Edward Said and the Epistolary Interior' - Professor Mary Roberts

25 April 2019, 6 – 7pm

The Courtauld Institute of Art, Vernon Square, London – [info:](#)

Lecture: Imperial Interventions in the Levant in 1919: The Wilsonian Imaginary and the Ottoman Lands, Andrew Patrick

2 May 2019, 6 – 8 pm

Djam Lecture Theatre (DLT), SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London – [info:](#)

Book launch discussion: Aspects and Visions of Greece in European Travellers' Imagery from the Renaissance onwards, Dr Aphrodite Kouria

8 May 2019, 7 pm

The Hellenic Centre, 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone, London – [info:](#)

Recent Publications

Istanbul - Kushta - Constantinople: Narratives of Identity in the Ottoman Capital, 1830-1930, Edited by Christoph Herzog, Richard Wittmann, Routledge, 2018 – [link:](#)

The Istanbul Letters of Alka Nestoroff, Klara Volarić (ed.) - Bonn: Max Weber Stiftung, 2015 - [link:](#)

The Istanbul Memories in Salomea Pilsztynowa's Diary: Echo of the Journey and Adventures of My Life (1760). With an introduction by Stanisław Roszak, Paulina D. Dominik (ed.) - Bonn: Max Weber Stiftung, 2017 – [link:](#)

Strolling Through Istanbul in 1918: The War Memoirs of the German Private Georg Steinbach, Ruben Gallé (ed.) - Bonn: Max Weber Stiftung, 2017 – [link:](#)

Patterns of Nationhood and Saving the State in Turkey: Ottomanism, Nationalism and Multiculturalism - Serhun Al, Routledge, 2019 - [link:](#)

Mediterranean diasporas: politics and ideas in the long 19th century, edited by Maurizio Isabella and Konstantina Zanou, Bloomsbury, 2015 - [link:](#) - [review:](#)

Imperial Perceptions of Palestine: British Influence and Power in Late Ottoman Times - Lorenzo Kamel, I.B. Tauris, 2015 – [link:](#)

The Middle East from Empire to Sealed Identities - Lorenzo Kamel, Edinburgh University Press, 2019 - [link:](#)

Piracy and Law in the Ottoman Mediterranean - Joshua M. White, Stanford University Press, 2017 – [link:](#)

Orientalist Lives: Western Artists in the Middle East, 1830–1920 - James Parry, The American University in Cairo Press, 2018 – [link:](#)

Alep, la maison Ghazalé - Jean-Claude David, François Cristofoli, Editions Parenthèses, 2019 – [link:](#)

Enlightening Europe on Islam and the Ottomans: Mouradgea d'Ohsson and His Masterpiece - Carter Findley – [link:](#)

Between the Ottomans and the Entente: The First World War in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora, 1908-1925

- Stacy D. Fahrenthold, 2019 - [link](#):

Not yet published:

Whispers Across Continents: In Search of the Robinsons - Gareth Winrow, Amberley, 2019

Imperial Bodies: Empire and Death in Alexandria, Egypt - Shana Minkin, Stanford University Press, 2019 - [link](#):

New External digitisations:

Ottoman-Era Photographs Take on New Meaning in Their Digital Life - Isotta Poggi, Getty Blog, 13 Dec 2018 - [link](#):

Transformation of the nineteenth century urban fabric in Istanbul's historical peninsula: Storari grid layouts - Tan Kamil Gürer, Pinar Gözek, 2010 - [link](#):

"Malhamé – Malfamé": Levantine Elites and Transimperial Networks on the Eve of the Young Turk Revolution - Jens Hanssen, 2011 - [link](#):

Interpreters as Diplomats: A Diplomatic History of the Role of Interpreters in World Politics - Ruth A. Roland, University Of Ottawa Press, 1999 - [Google segment](#):

The Latin Catholic Church Settlement in Mersin during the late Ottoman Period - Selin Çoruh, 2019 - [link](#):

The French Catholic Missionaries in Lebanon between 1860 and 1914 - Serkan Gul, 2015 - [link](#):

A Critical Assessment on the Capitulations in 17th and 18th Centuries: An All-Harmful Practice? - Ahmet Fatih Andi, 2019 - [link](#):

Traders and New Ideas about the East: The British Levant Company and the discourse on the Ottoman Empire, 1581-1774 - Jonathan S. Couch, 2013 - [link](#):

New approaches of British and Ionian presence in ports and grain-markets of the Russian Black Sea and the Danube (mid-18th – mid-19th century) - Panos Kapetanakis, 2015 - [link](#):

East Encounters West: France and the Ottoman Empire in the Eighteenth Century, Fatma Müge Göçek, 1987 - [link](#):

Dishonorable Ambassadors? Spies and Secret Diplomacy in Ottoman Istanbul - Emrah Safa Gürkan, 2018 - [link](#):

The first Protestants in the Arab World: The contribution to Christian mission of the English Aleppo chaplains 1597-1782 - Andrew Lake, Melbourne School of Theology, 2015 - [link](#):

Fonds for the Sultan: How to use Venetian sources for studying Ottoman history? - Emrah Safa Gürkan, 2013 - [link](#):

Venetian-Ottoman Peace Agreement or 'Ahd-name in 1478/79 - Sena Haciosmanoğlu, 2018 - [link](#):

Yankee Levantine: David Offley and Ottoman-American relations in the early nineteenth century - Ayşegül Avcı, 2016 - [link](#):

New Podcasts:

As Others See Us: Egypt - Neil MacGregor, 1-1-2019 - [link](#):

The Pianist of Yarmouk – Radio 4, 31-3-2019 - [link](#):

New Video productions:

Grand Sofar Hotel – Lama Chidiac, 2018 - [link](#):

"Ouvrir la (Sublime) Porte? Pour une histoire depuis les débuts de la diplomatie ottomane (fin du siècle XVIII – début du siècle XIX)" - Mathieu Grenet, 2018 - [link](#):

'The Merchant of Syria and his Ottoman ancestors' - Diana Darke, 13 December 2018 – [link:](#)
The Ottomans in Europe – Lecture by Ahmet Evin at iASK, 2 May 2018 - [part 1](#), [part 2:](#)
The Sofar Tapes (Part 1) – Tom Young, 2019 – [link:](#)
"1919: Venizelos' Asia Minor policy revisited" - Professor Roderick Beaton (King's College London), British School at Athens, 28 February 2019 - [link:](#)
The Resting Place - The Diary of a Parsonage Istanbul, 5 March 2019 – [link:](#)
John Mole lecture: 'Martoni's Pilgrimage: the Levant before the Pax Ottomana', 17 January 2019 – [link:](#)
Özde Çeliktemel-Thomen lecture: 'Dangers of Cinema: Films and Moral Discourse in the late Ottoman Empire', 21 March 2019 – [link:](#)

New news articles:

How an Ottoman diplomat captured Levantine 'glitterati' in caricatures - Giuseppe Mancini, Al-Monitor, 8 January 2019 – [link:](#) - [images:](#)
Tom Young's Grand Sofar Hotel exhibition harks back to Lebanon's golden age - The National Arts & Culture, 25 Sept 2018 – [link:](#)
Zamalek exhibition offers glimpse of royal faces from a bygone era - Zeinab El-Gundy, Ahramonline, 20 March 2019 - [link](#) - [link:](#)
The Treasure Behind the Wall - Vanessa Friedman, The New York Times, 21 Jan 2019 - [link:](#)

Ephemera:

A snowball fight in Constantinople - Ruth Selman, The National Archives, 19 December 2018 – [link:](#)
The upside of life in a harem, and modern-day slavery on the King's Road - Jason Goodwin, Countrylife, 20 February, 2018 – [link:](#)
Over 6,000 Ottoman-Era Photographs Now Available Online - Deena ElGenaidi, Hyperallergic.com, 4 January 2019 - [link:](#)
National Archives 20-year project to study around 160,000 undelivered letters that were seized by British ships between the 17th and 19th centuries – [link:](#)
Paris or Egypt? 100 Years Ago, it was Hard to tell the Difference - Messynessy - 15-3-2019 – [link:](#)

New websites:

Egypt in the Golden Age of Travel – [link:](#)

Latest Website additions

Submissions:

Journal du voyage de Conrad Godard Nicolas Schutz de Maastricht à Constantinople l'an 1756 – [link:](#) - (Sur les traces de Conrad – [link:](#)) - Chantal Petrucci, December 2018

Turrell family - Susan O'Carroll – [link:](#)

Andrea Soldi's portraits of Levant Company merchants (c. 1733-36): who are they? - Gerald MacLean – [link:](#)

Photo galleries / analysis:

Levantine probate / wills – [link:](#)

David Offley letters – [link:](#)

Interviews:

Emiliano Bugatti interview – [link:](#)

Raphael Cormack interview – [link:](#)

Sercan Sağlam interview – [link:](#)

Requests

Become a member of the LHF

We hope you find our website and events interesting and useful. Access to the website and to many of our talks are free. Our work is mainly achieved thanks to our volunteers and site contributors. However, we do have significant real costs in adding to and maintaining the website, funding small research projects, organising events and preparing publications and other materials. Where we charge for events, we aim to cover only the direct costs of catering in order to make them accessible to as wide an audience as possible, including students and early career researchers.

The Levantine Heritage Foundation is reliant on membership subscriptions, donations and sponsorship. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership. Membership is just £20 a year, or £80 for 5 years or you can become a life member for £500. Benefits include priority booking for events and discounts on LHF publications and events where we have to charge a fee.

You can join the LHF or renew your membership on line at <http://www.levantineheritage.com/join-us.html> or email membership@levantineheritage.com. You can also pay by cheque and send it to: The Levantine Heritage Foundation, 71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JQ.

We would appreciate a volunteer to help us manage our membership lists, renewals, reminders better. If you can spare the time, please get in touch.

Donations and legacies

If you wish to make a donation to the LHF, you can also do this online at <http://www.levantineheritage.com/support-us.html>. Our bank details are there if you wish to make a direct transfer. Or you can send cheques to the LHF at The Levantine Heritage Foundation, 71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JQ.

If you wish to provide a legacy for the LHF in your will or if you have family archives that are relevant to Levantine research, please contact Quentin Compton-Bishop at chairman@levantineheritage.com to discuss your wishes.

Gift Aid:

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Join the LHF team

We are a small team of volunteers growing an expanding international network of academic and amateur researchers, historians and people with a great diversity of connections and interests in the heritage of the Levant region. Our headquarters is in London, we have active groups in Istanbul and Athens, and many collaborators in other countries and cities including, Izmir, Paris, Amsterdam, Rome, Toronto, New York and

Los Angeles. We are looking for volunteers who can commit time to advise us and help organise events and communicate with our wide network. Specific opportunities include:

- Academics or historians to advise the Trustees and help with conference programmes and publications
 - Membership Secretary to grow membership and take charge of member support and communications
- If you are interested in getting more involved with the LHF, please contact Craig Encer, General Secretary on secretary@levantineheritage.com.

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The LHF Academic Advisory Committee

In order to better tailor our energies and resources for our future activities and how we connect with a wider pool of researchers and disseminate the findings and proceedings in an academically more rigorous manner we are in the process of composing the members and mission statement of the LHF Academic Advisory Committee, some of whose members are listed [here](#): If you wish to learn more or support us in this networking please contact the group via advisory-board@levantineheritage.com.

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Contribute to our newsletter

Next newsletter is scheduled for 20 June 2019, contact us if you wish for an entry / announcement.

Craig Encer

General Secretary – secretary@levantineheritage.com

The Levantine Heritage Foundation

Wishing all our members and friends had a good year to come and happy Spring!

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