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News

London 2016 Conference - Call for papers

The Levantine Heritage Foundation (LHF) will be hosting a conference in London, 2-4 November 2016 titled 'Levant & Europe: Rethinking the Eastern Mediterranean', to be held at Europe House, Smith Square, London SW1 P3HZ and the Hellenic Centre, Paddington street London W1U 5AZ. For enquiries for the conference please contact [lhf2016\[at\]levantineheritagefoundation.org](mailto:lhf2016@levantineheritagefoundation.org)

The deadline for sending a proposal is 1st February 2016 and the registration for attendance will be open in the same month on our website. The call for papers is online here:

<http://www.levantineheritage.com/pdf/LHFCallForPapers2016.pdf>

Please help spread the word and support us in any way you can. We will soon announce what sort of help, both practical and financial we would appreciate.

21st Levantine Heritage Foundation talks, drinks and canapés gathering

Our next talk and drinks gathering will be on Wednesday 27th January 2016, 6-9 pm, with guest speakers Briony Llewellyn: The Ambassador's Artist: Luigi Mayer (c.1750-1803) and Sir Robert Ainslie, British Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire (1775-93) & Thora Ray: 'A Millwright's Tale; Life in Menemen, Turkey during WW1'. - [flyer](#) - [booking](#): We hope to see you as many of you there as possible.



A Luigi Mayer painting executed in 1788, that sold in auction at Christies (£46,850), June 2010

Our last gathering on the 22 October 2015 was again a very high turn-out and we were honoured to have talks from two high calibre researchers (Brian Taylor: 'In search of Antoine van der Steen, the forgotten painter of eighteenth-century Constantinople' and Valerie Neild talking about 'Snow in Smyrna: the travels of a portrait'. The [flyer](#) for this event: - [videos](#) of talks:



A sub-group photo from the 20th Levantine Heritage Foundation dinner, London, 22 October 2015

Aleppo talks and drinks evening Thursday 28th April 2016, 6-9 pm

22nd Levantine Heritage Foundation talks and drinks gathering, with guest speakers Dr Philip Mansel: 'Aleppo: World City to War Zone' & Dr Simon Mills: 'Trade, Religion, and Scholarship between England and Aleppo, 1620-1760', focussing on the intellectual interactions which took place in this international city - [flyer](#) - [booking](#):



Central Aleppo with its citadel as they stand in late 2015

Other Events

lecture: The Hospitallers (Knights of St John) in Mainland Greece, the Aegean and Turkey: 1306-1522- Michael Heslop, Royal Holloway, University of London

Tuesday, 19 January 2016, 7.15 pm

Hellenic Centre, London – free event, booking essential, press@helleniccentre.org.

<http://www.helleniccentre.org/pages/events-culture/upcoming-events/the-hospitallers-knights-of-st-john-in-mainland-greece-the-aegean-and-turkey-1306-1522.php>

Jean-Etienne Liotard painting exhibition

Royal Academy, London - until 31 January 2016

An important exhibition of the artist who was resident in Constantinople for four years in the mid-18th century, painting portraits of Ottoman officials and European diplomats, as well as merchants and Levantines.



Information: <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/article/jean-etienne-liotard-the-story-so>

Lecture: Sir Alfred Bilotti and the end of Ottoman Crete, 1885–1899, David Barchard

Wednesday, 3 February 2016 18:30-21:00

[BIAA Lecture](#), British Academy, London

Levantine Theatre show, 8th year: 'Yalancı Araniyor' - Dimitri Psathas comedy

12-13 & 15-16 February 2016 Izmir Sanat, Culture Park

20 February 2016 Istanbul Notre Dame de Sion, Harbiye

Lectures: Memory of Ottoman Salonica - 'The new Town is beautiful: Iconography of the Hamidiye district in Thessaloniki (1885-1912)', Vassilios Colonas - 'The Memoirs of Dr. Meir Yoel: An Autobiographical Account on Social Change in Ottoman Salonica at the Turn of the 20th Century', Rena Molho

Tuesday 15 March 2016

[Remembering the Ottoman Past in the Eastern Mediterranean lecture series](#), Istanbul

Conference: The Past in the Present of the Middle East

15-16th April 2016

Brunei Gallery, SOAS, London - [draft programme](#)

Lecture: In the footsteps of Gertrude Bell - Pat Yale

Monday, 8 February 2016 18:00-20:00

An illustrated talk by travel writer and Cappadocia resident Pat Yale, Royal Anthropological Institute, London - [flyer](#)

Recent & Upcoming Publications

Malta Women, History, Books And Places - Susanna Hoe

450 pages, Holo Books, Oxford ISBN: 978-0-9572153-5-1, Nov 2015.

There are some 4 or 5 pages dedicated to Smyrna and Smyrnan women who had been evacuated to Malta in 1922.

Information: <http://www.timesofmalta.com/articles/view/20151013/local/remarkable-women-in-the-history-of-malta.588010>

Aleppo: The Rise and Fall of Syria's Great Merchant City – Philip Mansel, to be published soon in 2016

[Information:](#) & [cover:](#)

Inside the Seraglio: Private Lives of the Sultans in Istanbul – John Freely

Soon to be published - [information](#)

The Sultan's People: A Social History of the Ottoman Empire - Suraiya Faroqhi

Soon to be published - [Information:](#)

The Diary of Émile de Borchgrave: Recollections of a Belgian Diplomat in Ottoman Istanbul (1885-1892), ISIS Press, 2015 [Information:](#)

Damas a la Fin de l'Empire Ottoman (vers 1875) - Grégoire Balivet, Isis Press, 2014 [Information:](#)

The English Secretary: Peggy Flexman in Turkey and Greece, 1909-1917 - Lyndon Comstock, 2014

[Information:](#) & [Segment](#)

The Istanbul Letters of Alka Nestoroff - Klara Volaric (ed.) - Orient-Institut, Istanbul, 2015 (Volume 1 of Memoria) [Segment:](#)

Latest Website additions

interviews:

Clifford Endres: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/interview11.html>

Zeynep Cebeci Suvari: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/interview12.html>

Sadık Uşaklıgil: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/interview13.html>

Articles:

[Hyde Clarke](#) (1815-1895) by David Wilson

[Our Levantine Heritage](#), an address given by David Whittall on the occasion of the second Descendants of the Whittalls of Turkey Family Reunion, London 19 September 2015.

[The Bobbitt Family in the Levant](#) – Francie Kieffer

[Updating the Whittalls of Turkey Genealogy in 1996 and organising the reunion of 1999](#) - Betty McKernan

[Marseille, port de la Turquie - English version](#) - Patrick Boulanger, Conservateur du Patrimoine culturel de la CCI Marseille Provence

[Les Achats Français d'Huiles Egéennes au XVIIIe Siècle](#) - Patrick Boulanger

[Les archives de la Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie Marseille Provence](#) - Patrick Boulanger

Photo gallery:

[Hochepped family album of Seydikoy, 1922-25](#) - Wallis Kidd

Diaries:

<http://www.levantineheritage.com/diary1.html>

The Holton family of Smyrna members accounts of daily life during WWI / 1922 events period - Courtesy of Ruth Holton

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- We have had a number of friends who have elected to become life members this year (£500), for which we are very grateful as these funds will help continue our ongoing mission.
- Do you have a Levantine heritage? [Search](#) for your family names on our website. Discover family histories and photographs. Meet potential relatives at our events.
- Are you an historical researcher of the Eastern Mediterranean and Levant? Check out our reference material and join our network of academics. Present a paper at one of our conferences.

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Our Updated Mission Statement: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/pdf/Mission-Statement-for-Levantine-Heritage-Foundation.pdf>



Family Reunion of the descendants of the Whittall family of Turkey, Hammersmith Town Hall, London, 19 September 2015, organised by Betty McKernan and attended by family members from 12 different countries around the world. A welcome address by John Whittall, a historical context address by David Whittall - [read the text](#).



Courtesy of Nancy Stevenson, descendant of the one-time chaplain Rev. John Theodore Wolters (1805-1882), the return of 3 engravings depicting the Buca Anglican 'All Saints' Church, drawn 1870-71 just before and after the completion of the final stage of this [church](#) established in 1865 (its history goes back earlier to the 1820s but was then a small converted house), 10 Nov 2015, photographed in front of this church now serving a Baptist congregation - from left: Alan Prior, Craig Encer, P. Ertan Çevik, Willie Buttigieg - [view the engravings](#).



For the first time since 1922 the throwing of the cross ceremony by the Orthodox Greek community of Izmir on Epiphany day at Alsancak with the resident Orthodox priest of the city Ft Kyrillos, accompanied by the new Catholic Archbishop of the Izmir Ft Lorenzo and city dignitaries, 6 Jan 2016 - [watch video segment](#). The nativity scene earlier in the same area, courtesy of Mayor of Konak Sema Pekdaş.

The Committee of the Levantine Heritage Foundation,

Would like to wish:

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Craig Encer

Secretary

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