

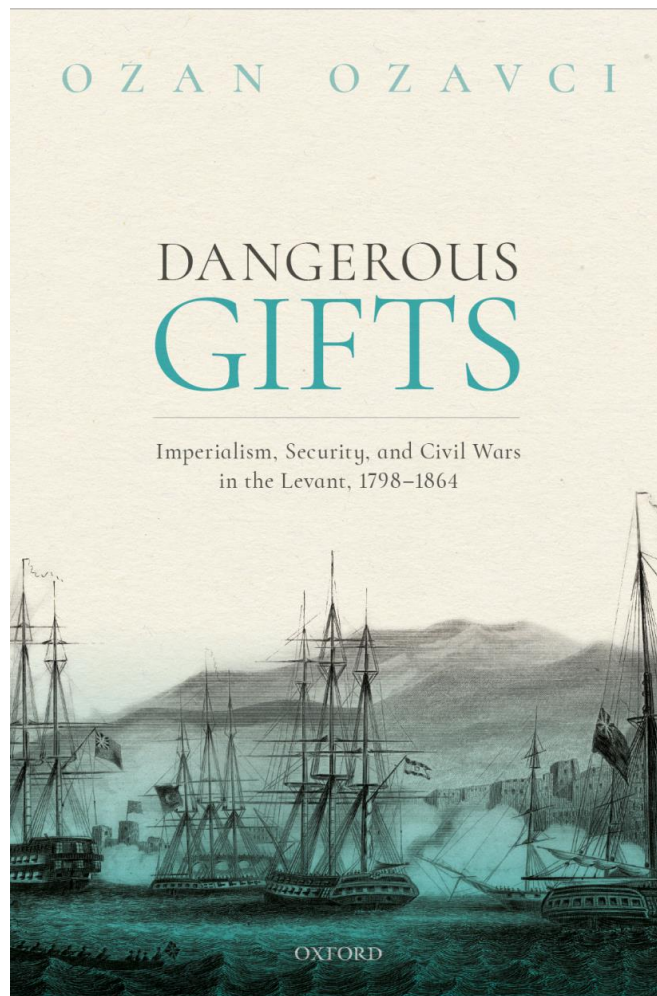


15th Levantine Heritage Foundation Zoom lecture gathering with guest speaker Dr Ozan Ozavci  
7 October 2021, 6pm (UK time)

## **Dangerous Gifts: Imperialism, Security, and Civil Wars in the Levant**

From Napoleon Bonaparte's invasion of Egypt in 1798 to the foreign interventions in the ongoing civil wars in Syria, Yemen, and Libya today, global empires or the so-called Great Powers have long assumed responsibility of bringing security to the Middle East. The past two centuries have witnessed their numerous military occupations to 'liberate', 'secure', and 'educate' local populations. They staged the first 'humanitarian' interventions in history and established hitherto unseen international and local security institutions. In this talk, Dr Ozavci will introduce his new book that revisits the late eighteenth- and nineteenth-century origins of these imperial security practices. He will question how it all began. Why did Great Power interventions in the Ottoman Levant tend to result in further turmoil and civil wars? And why has the region been embroiled in a paradox—an ever-increasing demand for security despite its increasing supply—ever since?

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