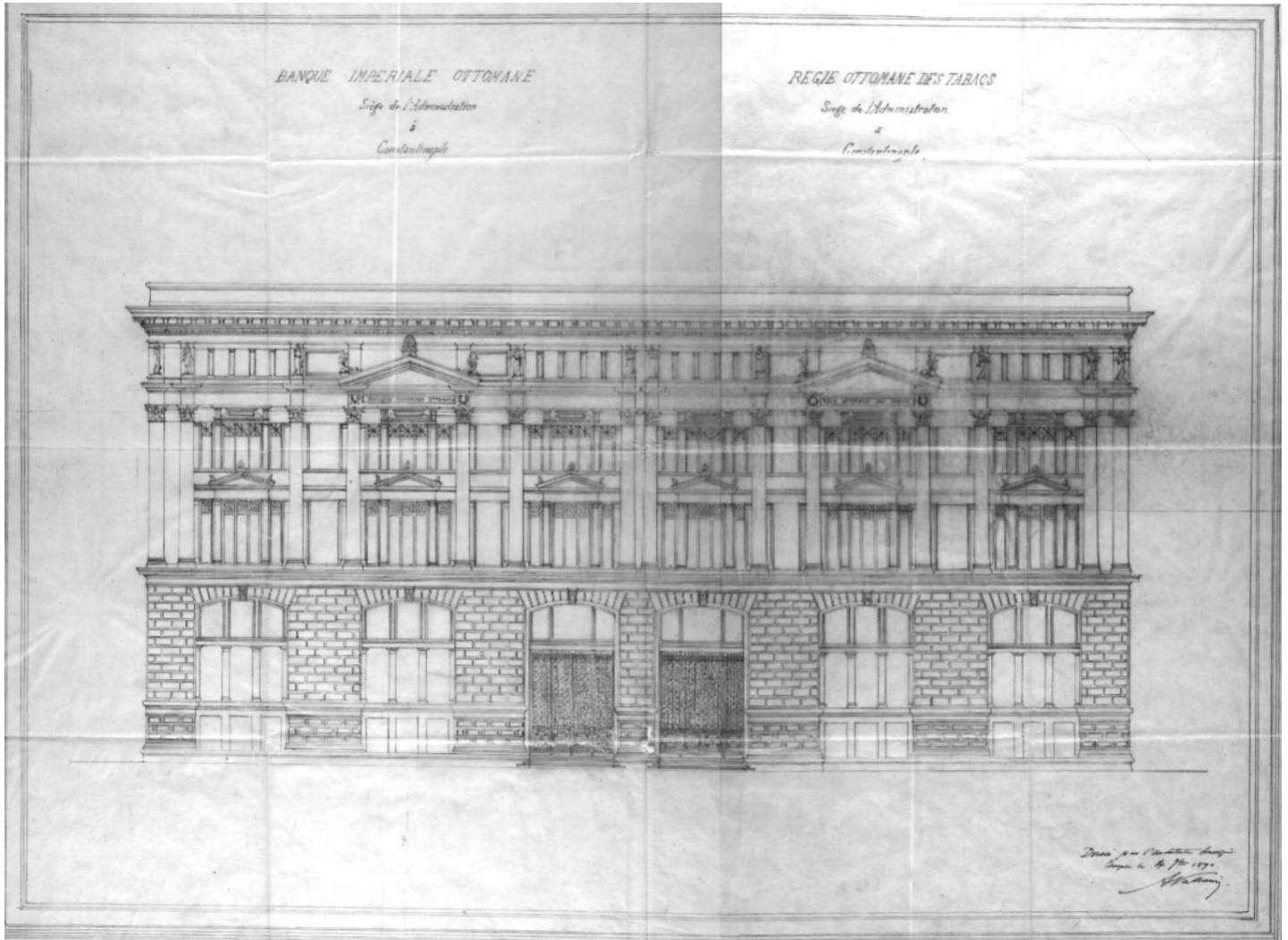




1st Levantine Heritage Foundation Zoom lecture gathering with guest speaker Nilay Özlü (Altınbaş University) - 19 November 2020, 5pm (UK time)

A Levantine Architect: Alexandre Vallauray (1850-1921)

Born to a Levantine family in the Ottoman Empire, Alexandre Vallauray became one of the most prominent and prolific architects of Constantinople. Being educated in Paris École des Beaux Arts, Vallauray designed numerous public and private buildings in the Ottoman capital, ranging from museums to schools, offices to mansions, and from mosques to hotels. His characteristic design vocabulary, enriched with local forms and materials, as well as universally recognized architectural details, reflects his diverse background shaped within Italian, French and Ottoman cultural spheres. This seminar will introduce the family background of Vallauray and will present his architectural style, focusing on some of his significant designs, such as the Ottoman Imperial Bank, Pera Palace Hotel, Abdulmecid Efendi Mansion and the Greek Orphanage.



Elevation drawing of Ottoman Bank, Galata – SALT Archive



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