



Upcoming conference invitation and Call for papers –

The Second International Conference on Levantines in Istanbul



Title: Levantines as pioneers of Modernization in Industry and Trade in the Ottoman Empire

Schedule:

Friday 20th October 2017: opening talks from 3 pm with an evening concert to be announced nearer the date.

21 October 2017: Main conference in 3 themed sessions

22 October 2017: Cultural tours and networking day

Organised by the Levantine Heritage Foundation in collaboration and the kind support of the Beyoğlu Municipality

Confirmed keynote speakers: Edhem Eldem, Philip Mansel, Zafer Toprak

Call for papers deadline: 31 July 2017

Decision of selection and information given out to prospective speakers 20 August 2017

There will be a limited amount of accommodation offered courtesy of the municipality in local hotels, however this is available only for overseas applicants and their request must arrive by with the abstract submission.

We would like to hear from friends and associates who would like to support this conference through funding, or backing a side event, such as a dinner, exhibition, or guided tour. In addition we will be very grateful for volunteers to step forwards to help during the conference.

The Levantines were a small minority concentrated in the cities of the Ottoman Empire, but their influence on commerce, ideas and industrialisation was considerable. We would like to explore this theme in the conference and are keen to attract new and recent research. The scale and scope of their activities was as varied as the Levantines themselves. They worked both in small shops and giant factory complexes and their legacy survives in their buildings and networks that were forged before the Turkish Republic was declared in 1923. Some Levantines adapted to this watershed and a few have continued to call Turkey their home. We are happy to accept proposals across a wide chronological, geographic and thematic spectrum.

For further information on this conference please refer to our site <http://www.levantineheritage.com/>

To submit an abstract or to explore ways in which you can help either as a sponsor or helper, please e-mail us: lhf-ist@levantineheritage.com

Conference languages: English and Turkish (simultaneous cross-translation should be available)

Links to our earlier conference in this series: 'The Effects of and Contributions of Levantines in the Development of Beyoğlu/Pera and Galata Neighbourhoods: A long heritage of Trade, Culture and Arts since 1453' 23-24 September 2016: [call for papers](#) - [programme](#) – [poster](#).

To learn more about Levantine Heritage Foundation or purchase books of past conferences, click [here](#):

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Constantinople by Braun Hogenberg (1572-1624) 'Byzantium, now Constantinople', here displaying the portion of the map with the Golden Horn