



7th Levantine Heritage Foundation Zoom lecture gathering with guest speaker Giampaolo Salice
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The Alexianos. A transnational Greek family

The Alessianos were a Greek family who left Monemvasia's Ottoman city in the first half of the 18th century. In 1749 they settled in the British Minorca. Between 1749 and 1781, this family's members served the British Empire as merchants, privateers and royal officials; Russia tsars as imperial consuls, naval admirals, colonists; the Algerian Dey as consuls and commercial mediators.

They operated simultaneously in the port of Mahon in Minorca, in London, in the free port of Leghorn and the Russian-Ottoman Levant. They took part in the British conquest of Havana (1762), in the Russian fleet's surprising entry into the Mediterranean (1769), in the colonisations of Menorca, the Russian Crimea and British Florida.

The seminar for Levantine Heritage will be a time to discuss some of the most significant aspects of the Alexianos' story.



Ivan Constantinovich Aivazovsky (1817 – 1900) - Battle of Çesme at Night (1856)



Giampaolo Salice is a research fellow at the University of Cagliari. He earned his PhD degree in Modern History from the University of Rome La Sapienza (2009). He worked as visiting fellow at the Centre for Hellenic Studies at King's College London (2019), at the University of Barcelona (2017), at the Institute of Germanic & Romance Studies at the University of London (2011-2012) and the University of Bristol (2010). He conducted extensive research on the interdependence between Mediterranean diasporas and European State's internal colonisation policies from the 16th to 18th century. He published articles and books and the digital platform available at storia.dh.unica.it/colonizzazioneinterne.

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