



The Levantine Heritage Foundation | 1st International Conference

The Levantines: Commerce & Diplomacy

Istanbul | Turkey | 3-5 November 2014

MON 3 NOVEMBER | Pera House (British Consulate - General)

08.30 Registration (tea & coffee provided)
*Participants are advised to arrive early, as getting through security takes a long time.

09.55 Welcome by Leigh Turner, HM Consul-General and DG UKTI
Turkey, Central Asia and South Caucasus

10.0 Opening remarks by Philip Mansel (Institute of Historical
Research, London)

10.10-12.40 Keynote session | Ball Room

Chair: Philip Mansel (Institute of Historical Research, London)

(10.10) **The Istanbul Memories Project – research into conviviality
within a multiethnic and multicultural imperial metropolis**
Richard Wittmann (Orient-Institut Istanbul)

(10.50) **Liberalism, empire, and port- cities**
Çağlar Keyder (SUNY - Binghamton & Boğaziçi University, and Bo
Istanbul)

(11.30) **From *factory* to consulate. Commerce and diplomacy in
the making of a Levantine urbanity**
Paolo Girardelli (Boğaziçi University,

Istanbul) (12.10) Q&A

12.40 Lunch (provided) & Levantine Food History Event | Palm Court

14.00-15.50 Session 1: Nationalities in the Levant | Ball Room
Chair: Philip Mansel (Institute of Historical Research, London)

- (14.00) **'Men and women of Pera, that nation of polyglots, are chirping away like our Mazurians and Krakowians...': Levantine-Polish contacts in Late Ottoman Istanbul**
Paulina Dominik (Orient-Institut Istanbul)
- (14.20) **Living the Levantine Dream: Romanian residents in Constantinople around 1900**
Silvana Rachieru (University of Bucharest)
- (14.40) **The Levantines of Genoese Chios, 1346-1566**
John Freely (Author and historian)
- (15.00) **A Dalmatian Levantine Success Story: The 'Zellich' Print House in Galata, Constantinople**
Vjieran Kursar (University of Zagreb)
- (15.20) Q&A

16.30 Drinks reception at the Crimean Memorial Church
Welcome by The Rev. Canon Ian Sherwood OBE
*sponsored by Jonathan Beard, Chairman of the Catoni Group
**Private event open only to participants registered for the conference

TUE 4 NOVEMBER | Pera House (British Consulate - General)

08.30 Registration (tea & coffee provided)

09.30-11.40 Session 2: Culture, Space & Society | Ball Room
Chair: Axel Çorlu (Georgia Gwinnett College)

- (09.30) **Beerbrewers, Architects, and Railway Workers: The Role of European Immigrants and Levantines in Innovation in the Ottoman Empire**
Malte Fuhrmann (Ruhr University Bochum)
- (09.50) **The Levantine world through the eyes of Italian travellers in "Costantinopoli" between the 19th and early 20th Centuries**
Luca Orlandi (Istanbul Technical University)
- (10.10) **The Levantine contribution to the revivalist aesthetic of late nineteenth-century Constantinople**
Alyson Wharton (Mardin Artuklu University)
- (10.30) **Guatelli Pasha and the Levantine musical life of 19th century Pera**
Emre Aracı, Author, researcher and historical musicologist

- (10.50) **Italian Levantines. The Italian community of Istanbul, 1860s – 1920s**
Sakis Gekas (York University, Toronto)
- (11.10) Q&A
- 11.40 Lunch (provided) | Palm Court
Levantine Histories Roundtables | Ball Room
Family Histories | Moderator: Quentin Compton-Bishop, (Levantine Heritage Foundation, Chairman)
Present and Future of the Levantines | Moderator: Jonathan Beard (Levantine Heritage Foundation, Trustee)
- 13.00-15.10 Session 3: Diplomacy and Governance** | Ball Room
Chair: Malte Fuhrmann (Ruhr University Bochum)
- (13.00) **A Levantine of Trabzon in the early 19th Century, Pierre Dupré and the French Consulate of Trabzon (1803-1820)**
(in Turkish)
Özgür Yılmaz (Gümüşhane University)
- (13.20) **Levantine Dragomans and Intra-Imperial Space in Nineteenth Century Istanbul**
Frank Castiglione (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
- (13.40) **Allies or enemies? : Local Governors of the Hamidian Era through the Eyes of British Consuls**
Funda Aditatar (Izmir Institute of Technology)
- (14.00) **British Consulates and Levantines in the first half of the 18th century** *(in Turkish)*
Hakan Yazar (Hitit University, Çorum)
- (14.20) **An [Italian] British Levantine Consul in Cyprus: Antonio Vondiziano (1799-1844)** *(in Turkish)*
Mehmet Demiryürek (Hitit University, Çorum)
- (14.40) Q&A
- 15.10 - 17.00 Optional walking tours (prior registration required)
Tour 1: Galata and Pera
Tour 2: Pangaltı and Şişli Cemetery, İşöz by Erhan en
- 19.30 Dinner at Divan restaurant (prior registration required)
* sponsored by Ömer Koç, Chairman of TEV (Türkçitim EVakfı)

WED 5 NOVEMBER | Italian Institute of Culture in Istanbul

- 09.30 Registration (tea & coffee provided)
- 10.00-11.30 **Roundtable: Towards a Critical Reappraisal of Cosmopolitanism**
Chair: Vangelis Kechriotis (Boğaziçi University and RCAC, Koç University, Istanbul)
- (10.00) **Cosmopolitanism and its discontents**
Arus Yumul (Istanbul Bilgi University)
- (10.15) **Cosmopolitan Commitments: Artistic Networks and the Invention of Cultural Authenticity in the Late Ottoman Empire**
Ahmetğazi Ersoy (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)
- (10.30) **Cosmopolitanism vs Nationalism in the Port-cities at the end of the Ottoman Empire : Elective Affinities**
Vangelis Kechriotis (Boğaziçi University and RCAC, Koç University, Istanbul)
- (10.45) **Riffing It: "Constan Town's" Transnationalism through 1920s Jazz Culture**
Carole Woodall (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs)
- (11.00) Discussion
- 11.30-11.50 Coffee Break
- 11.50-14.00 Session 4: Education and Commerce**
Chair: Caroline Finkel (The University of Edinburgh)
- (11.50) **The role of schools in preserving identity and language in the Italian Community of Istanbul**
Anna Lia Proietti Ergün, (Yildiz Technical University) & Verner Egerland (Lund University)
- (12.10) **Double-sided agents of modernisation: Catholic Schools in the Adrianople Province**
Ümit Eser (School of Oriental and African Studies, London)
- (12.30) **The Tubini family and their Properties in Istanbul**
Zeynep Cebeci Suvari (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul)
- (12.50) **The Levant Postal Services in the Ottoman Empire (in Turkish)**
Taner Aslan (Aksaray University)
- (13.10) **The Role of Levantines in Uşak's Carpet Industry and Trade and the first Levantine Company in this field: Cardinal & Harford**

SadıkşaklıgilU (Carpet manufacturer) andİlkay Talu (ALSA

Makina San. Ltd)

(13.30) Q&A

14.0 Lunch (provided)

15.20-17.10 Session 5: Levantines and the Ottoman Empire

Chair: Kalliopi Amygdalou (Izmir Institute of Technology)

(15.20) **Capitulations in Ottoman-French Trade Relations**

Ayşin Şşman (Gedik University, Istanbul)

(15.40) **Levantine Confectioners of the Capital**

Jülide Akyüz Orat (Kafkas University)

(16.00) **European Doctors and Ottoman Diplomats: Levantines in 19th-Century Ottoman Medicine and International Quarantine Debates**

Madeleine Elfenbein (University of Chicago) and Molly Laas, (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

(16.20) **Exploring the Levantine heritage of Rhodes: The eventful life of Dr. Johannes Hedenborg (1886-1865), Swedish vice-consul, author and traveller.**

Eric Bruns (MA, Utrecht University, current PhD independent researcher in Leiden)

(16.40) Q&A

17.10 Closing remarks by Axel Çorlu (Georgia Gwinnett College)

17.30 Closing of the conference by Quentin Compton-Bishop, Chairman of the Levantine Heritage Foundation

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Optional City Tours: Details to be announced soon.

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

TRAVEL

Please check with the Turkish Embassy in your country with regards to visa issues. All Turkish Embassies recommend that a three-month multiple entry visa is obtained from the website: www.evisa.gov.tr

REGISTRATION:

Please RSVP

*People wishing to attend the third day of the conference ONLY, at the Italian

Institute of Culture in Istanbul, may do so free of charge, but must RSVP through contact@levantineheritagefoundation.org

VENUES:

Pera House: Mesrutiyet Cd. No:34, Tepebasi, Beyoğlu

Italian Institute of Culture in Istanbul: EvliyaşrutiyÇelebitCdMh., Me . No:75, Beyoğlu

Crimean Memorial Church: Şahkulu Mh., Serdar -ı Ekrem Cd. No:83, Beyoğlu Divan

Restaurant: Istiklal Cd. No:181, Merkezhan 5th & 6th Floor, Beyoğlu

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