The Levantine Heritage Foundation | 2nd International Conference

The Levant and Europe: Shipping and Trade
Networks of People and Knowledge
London | 2-4 November 2016

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER | Europe House

09.00  Registration (tea & coffee provided)
09.20  Opening remarks by Philip Mansel (Institute of Historical Research, London)

09.30-10.30  Keynote Speech: The International College of Smyrna: An Educational Enterprise at the Nexus of Business and Missionary Networks
Sibel Zandi-Sayek, Associate Professor, Department of Art and Art History, The College of William and Mary

10.30-11.50  Session 1: Cities and Companies in Finance and Trade in the Levant
Panel Chair: Jason C White (Appalachian State University)
10.30  The Rise and Fall of Constantinople as a Financial Centre
Funda Soysal (Boğaziçi University)
10.50  Trading with the Ottomans; the Levant Company in the Middle East
Despina Vlami (Research Centre for Medieval and Modern Hellenism, Academy of Athens)
11.10  Building Economic and Cultural Networks: the Oriental Railways Company
Andreas Bouroutis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)
11.30  Q&A
11.50  Coffee Break

12.10-14.00  Session 2: Exploring Trade in the Levant through the Histories of Goods
Panel Chair: Malcolm Billings
12.10  Illicit Latin Trade in the Levant during the Later Middle Ages
Mike Carr (University of Edinburgh)
12.30  Fruits of Empire: Figs, Raisins, and the Transformation of
**Western Anatolia in the Late Nineteenth Century**
Onur Inal (Independent Researcher, Hamburg)

12.50 *Trader/smuggler: Levantine Commerce in Opium in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1900-1940*
Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal (British Institute at Ankara)

13.10 *Drinking (Beer) from the Sea of Gaza; Late Ottoman Palestine nomads, the Victorian Beer Culture and "Gaza Barley" Trade*
Dotan Halevy (Columbia University)

13.30 Q&A

14.00 Lunch Break

**15.00 - 17.10 Session 3: Networks and Ideologies**
Panel Chair: Axel Çorlu (Georgia Gwinnett College)

15.00 *The Levant Company and the Early Modern Origins of Capitalism, State, and Empire*
Jason C White (Appalachian State University)

15.20 *Levantine Labour Networks before the First World War*
Anthony Gorman (University of Edinburgh)

15.40 *Anarchy in the Empire: Levantines and Minorities as 'Enemies of the State', 1850-1917*
Axel Çorlu (Georgia Gwinnett College)

16.00 *The Italian Trade Network in Turkey in the Years 1923-1939*
Francesco Pongiluppi (Sapienza University of Rome)

16.20 *Living in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Capital: Bulgarian Merchants Between Parochialism and Cosmopolitanism*
Evguenia Davidova (Portland State University)

16.40 Q&A

18.30 Drinks Reception at the Oriental Club

*Please note dress code: Jacket and tie and tailored trousers for gentlemen and equivalent smart formal dress for ladies is required*

**THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER | Europe House**

09.30 Registration (tea & coffee provided)

10.00-10.30 Awards ceremony: two travel awards to participating doctorate student presenters

10.30-11.50 **Session 4: Print and Image Culture between Europe and the Levant**
Panel Chair: Nicolas Pitsos (Center of European-Eurasian Studies at the Institute of Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO), Paris)

10.30 *Viewing Istanbul through Western Brushstrokes: Nineteenth-Century Levantine Artists*
Belgin Demirsar Arlı (Istanbul University) – Selva Suman (Istanbul Technical University)

10.50 *Istanbul and the Nineteenth Century Transnational Trade of Print Products: the Leipzig Network*
Alberto Gabriele (Tel Aviv University)

11.10 *The Levantines and their Legacy in the Ottoman Newspaper Press: a Case Study about William Nosworthy Churchill*
Birten Çelik (Middle East Technical University)
11.30 Q&A

11.50 Coffee Break

**12.10-14.00 Session 5: Cities & Infrastructure**
Panel Chair: Kalliopi Amygdalou (Izmir Institute of Technology)

- **12.10 Early Modern Levantine Commerce Revisited: The Commerce of Izmir (1580 – 1780)**
  Mehmet Kuru (University of Toronto)

- **12.30 Construction of Quays as a Catalyser of Urban Change: Smyrna and Salonica (1860-1900)**
  İrem Gençer (Yıldız Technical University)

- **12.50 Demeter and Poseidon: the “Ottoman Railway from Smyrna to Aidin” and the Historical Relations between the Levantine Port-City of Smyrna and the Aegean Valleys**
  Giulia Tacchini (Politecnico di Milano)

- **13.10 The Long-lived Egyptian Okelle; Extraterritorial Microcosms and Long-Distance Trade**
  Cristina Pallini (Politecnico di Milano), Manar El Gammal (Politecnico di Milano) and Silvia Boca (Independent Researcher)

- **13.30 Q&A**

14.00 Lunch Break

**15.00-17.10 Session 6: The European Commercial World and the Levant: Maritime Trade between Middle and Modern Ages**
Panel Chair: Salvatore Bottari (Università degli Studi di Messina)

- **15.00 The Levant and Sicily: Trade, Merchants and Merchandise between the XII and XV Centuries**
  Elisa Vermiglio (Università per Stranieri di Reggio Calabria “Dante Alighieri”)

- **15.20 Levantine Merchants from Constantinople in the Late Sixteenth Century International Maritime Trade in North-Western Black Sea and Lower Danube Areas**
  Cristian Luca (Lower Danube University of Galați)

- **15.40 Gate to the Levant: Malta and the Maritime Trade between the Eastern and Western Mediterranean (1740-1750)**
  Salvatore Bottari (Università degli Studi di Messina)

- **16.00 Trade Exchanges between the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies and the Countries of the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea (1734-1861)**
  Maria Sirago (Liceo Jacopo Sannazzaro, Napoli) and Franca Pirolo (University of Catania)

- **16.20 Trade in the Levant in the Neapolitan Diplomatic Correspondence in Constantinople (1803-1804);**
  Mirella Vera Mafrici (University of Salerno)

- **16.40 Q&A**

19.00 Conference Dinner at The Vincent Rooms
FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER | The Hellenic Centre

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15.40 Greeks from the Pelion Region in Egypt: a Case of Levantine Diaspora, 1825-1950
Vilma Hastaoglou-Martinidis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

16.00 The Zantiot Community in Eighteenth Century Cyprus
Theoharis Stavrides (University of Cyprus)

16.20 Q&A

16.50 Closing remarks by Axel Çorlu (Georgia Gwinnett College)

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

REGISTRATION:
Speakers do not have to pay registration fees, only dinner fees
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Full conference fee: £60
LHF members: £50
Student Fee: £30 (Please email a copy of your Student Card or official letter by the university)
Dinner: £50 (LHF members £45)

VENUES:
Europe House, 32 Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P 3EU
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