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Upcoming events

26th Levantine Heritage Foundation dinner gathering in London – Thursday 21 September 2017

with guest speakers Dr Jonathan Conlin, senior lecturer in modern history at Southampton University on 'Very Loyal Subjects and Friends of Our Country: The Gulbenkians and Ottoman/Turkish Economic Development, 1880-1935' and Nicholas Pelham, author and Middle East correspondent of The Economist, on his Alexandrian and Levantine background

Flyer: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/pdf/26th-Levantine-Heritage-Foundation-dinner-gathering-flyer.pdf>

Booking: <https://26th-lhf-gathering.eventbrite.co.uk>

2nd LHF-Istanbul Conference in association with Beyoğlu Municipality – 20-22 October 2017

Title: '**Levantines as pioneers of Modernization in Industry and Trade in the Ottoman Empire**' - [call for papers](#) - enquiries: [lhf-ist\[at\]levantineheritage.com](mailto:lhf-ist[at]levantineheritage.com)

27th Levantine Heritage Foundation dinner gathering in London – Thursday 18 January 2018

with guest speaker David Abulafia, author and pre-eminent historian of the Mediterranean basin - details to be finalised soon.

3rd Levantine Heritage Foundation international conference: 'Heritage and Diasporas in the Levant', Athens, Greece

We are still in the planning stages for this conference and would love to hear from you if you could assist us in terms potential speakers, sponsoring the event or side events, accommodation options and helping out for duties before and during the conference. We are also open to suggestions of holding joint events in the same period with partner organisations based in Greece to celebrate the shared culture.

Recent events

Our last gathering on the 29 June 2017 was again a thoroughly enjoyable with the theme of 1st Levantine Heritage Foundation social networking and bring and share family ephemera evening in London, - [flyer](#):

The speakers for this event were our members who outlined their own projects and eliciting help from our community and beyond and we are happy to pass on messages and information you may have:

Barrington Tristram & Liz Knight presentation of their own family history - [video](#):

Mark Ransome short presentation on his Smyrna family heritage – [video](#):

Frances Clegg presentation on the Bornova, Izmir street names project – [video](#):



The gathering at the 1st Levantine Heritage Foundation social networking and bring and share family ephemera evening in London, 29 June 2017.

Our last conference was in London: **'The Levant & Europe: Shipping and Trade Networks of People and Knowledge'**, 2-4th November 2016, London - [Programme](#) - [booklet](#) - [press](#) - [gallery](#) - [videos](#):
We were very happy with the outcome, some of the presentations will soon feature on the website and we would like to thank again our sponsors and volunteers that made this event possible.

Requests

Joining us, supporting us, sponsorship

The Levantine Heritage Foundation is reliant on membership subscriptions, donations and sponsorship and our work is mainly done through volunteers and site contributors. Our talks in London are free and associated networking activities such as the post-talk dinners are priced to break even to make them as affordable as possible given the convenience of a central London location. Major events, such as the upcoming Athens 2018 conference and other planned events which need detailed preparation, cannot be financed by ticket sales alone. We do have a small number of commercial sponsors and supporters to whom we are very grateful and we seek further partnerships and commercial sponsors. We have a number of package levels for this sponsorship and if you would like to discuss these opportunities further please contact our Chairman Quentin Compton-Bishop on [chairman\[at\]levantineheritage.com](mailto:chairman[at]levantineheritage.com) and thanks again!
[Further info:](#)

Membership of the LHF is set at £20 a year and there is a discount for a 5 year purchase, and the links to pay are on this page of our website - <http://www.levantineheritage.com/join-us.html>

Purchasing copies of past LHF Conference books:

If you wish to purchase copies of conference presentations books: **First Levantine Conference**

in **Istanbul**, 'The Levantines: Commerce and Diplomacy', held in Istanbul November 2014 - [programme](#) or

Levantines Past, Present, Future Symposium, Izmir, November 2010 - [details:](#)

Please refer to the pricing instructions here ([doc](#) / [pdf](#) version), and send the correct amount (including postage) through our [paypal buttons](#) (or bank transfer - details on support us page) with your address details please:

Current research

Calling our friends for exchange of information and potential networking

Isabel Haynes one of our members, is conducting a research on 'SPONTY or SPONTI or SPONDIS: a Levantine family of dragomans, doctors and merchants' and is searching for the descendants of this family and for more information. The details of what she knows on her family heritage so far on this line is outlined in this [page](#): We welcome other such postings which we see as an intermediary step before a full submission, hopefully enriched by contributions for members and researchers.

External Events

Book launch and discussion (in Greek): The treasures of Kampos through the testimony of its inhabitants

25 August 2017, 8 pm

International Centre for Maritime Research and Tradition, 51 Michail Livanou, Chios - [flyer](#)

Symposium: 'Heinrich Friedrich von Diez (1751-1817) – Diplomat, Orientalist, and Collector

7-8 September 2017

State library Berlin, Germany - [info](#)

Book launch: 'Lawrence of Arabia and Lowell Thomas, A Grand Celebration'

25 September 2017, 6-9 pm

The Explorers Club, 46 East 70th Street, New York, USA - [info](#)

Exhibition: Silver & Salt - Early Photographs from Ömer M. Koç Collection: 1843-1860

until 10 October 2017

Sadberk Hanım Museum, Büyükdere, Istanbul - [info](#)

Symposium: Aegean Islands

19-21 October 2017

Lecture with Concert: The Greek Side of the Ottoman Music

[Manuscripts of Lampadarios](#), Kudsi Erguner on Ney and Giannis Koutis on Ud and vocal

6 November 2017, 7.15 pm

The Hellenic Centre, 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone, London – [info](#)

Symposium: The Mediterranean In Motion

16-18 November 2017

Izmir Mediterranean Academy, Ahmed Adnan Saygun Sanat Merkezi, Izmir, Turkey – [info](#)

International Workshop: Politics and Sociability in a Transcultural Context: The Diplomatic Milieu in Istanbul during the Long Eighteenth Century

17 November 2017

German Historical Institute, Hôtel Duret-de-Chevry, 8 rue du Parc-Royal, Paris – [info](#)

Lecture: The Geography of Cyprus in the Middle of the 19th Century – Evidence from Lord Kitchener's Historical Map of Cyprus (edition of 1985) - Dr Christos Chalkias

20 November 2017, 7.15 pm

The Hellenic Centre, 16-18 Paddington Street, Marylebone, London – [info](#)

Conference: The Social, Cultural and Economic History of İzmir and the Region

24-25 November 2017

The Hrant Dink Foundation, Izmir– [info](#)

Recent Publications

Une Ambassadrice de France À Constantinople les Souvenirs de Gabrielle Blignières-Bombard 1909-1914 - Isis press, 2016 – [info](#):

Sultan Abdülmecid'in Bir Mimarı, William James Smith: Architecht of Sultan Abdülmecid - Afife Batur, Edhem Eldem, Aygül Ağır, Gül Cephaneçigil, Mine Topçubaşı Çilingiroğlu, Seda Kula Say, Ayşe Hilal Uğurlu, İstanbul Büyükşehir Belediyesi, 2016 – [info](#):

Mediterranean Encounters: Artists Between Europe and the Ottoman Empire, 1774–1839 - Elisabeth A. Fraser, Penn State University Press, 2017- [info](#):

Egypt: British Colony and Imperial Capital - James Whidden, Manchester University

Press, 2017- [info](#): - [Google books view](#):

Not yet published:

A Short History of Venice and the Venetian Empire - Maria Fusaro - [link](#):

Britain and the Collapse of the Ottoman Empire: British Diplomacy and the Birth of the Modern Middle East - Warren Dockter, Christopher Catherwood - [link](#):

Germany and the Ottoman Railways: Art, Empire, and Infrastructure - Peter H. Christensen, 2017 - [link](#):

New digitisations:

Three Centuries Family Chronicles Of Turkey And Egypt - Foat Emine Tugay, 1963 - [link](#):

Ottoman words the English language has borrowed - [link](#):

The Ottoman Empire 1700-1922 - Donald Quataert - [link](#):

Constantinople - Edmond de Amicis translated by Caroline Tilton, 1896 - [link](#):

Ismeer, or, Smyrna and its British hospital in 1855 - Martha C Nicol, 1856 - [link](#):

Foreigners in Turkey; their juridical status - Philip Marshall Brown, 1914 - [link](#):

Exporting Legality: The Rise and Fall of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in the Ottoman Empire and China - Mariya Tait Slys, 2014 - [link](#):

De l'utilité commerciale des consuls. L'institution consulaire et les marchands dans le monde méditerranéen (XVIIe-XXe siècle) - Arnaud Bartolomei (ed), Publications de l'École française de Rome, 2017 - [link](#)

La fin de Smyrne: Du cosmopolitisme aux nationalismes - Hervé Georgelin, 2013 - [link](#):

Impacts of a Levantine Bourgeois Family; The "Whittalls" in the 19th Century Ottoman Empire - Zeynep Naz Simer, 2014 - [link](#):

Latest Website additions

Links: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/links.html>

Levantines of Edirne: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/levantines-of-edirne.html> - Graham Lee.

Photo galleries / analysis:

Smyrna bridges: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/smyrna-bridges.html>

Tophane Ford Works: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/tophane-works.html>

Eppstein medals: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/eppstein-medals.html>

Serra venture: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/serra-venture.html>

Frank Han: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/frank-han.html>

Aidin personnel: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/aidin-personnel.html>

Lloyd Triestino Shipping Line - <http://www.levantineheritage.com/lloyd-triestino-line.html>

Long distance walkers to the Levant - <http://www.levantineheritage.com/walkers.html>

For membership: [membership\[at\]levantineheritage.com](mailto:membership[at]levantineheritage.com)

Becoming a member is easy. Our members enjoy significant advantages, including a quarterly bulletin. Please check our link to discover them and subscribe. <http://www.levantineheritage.com/join-us.html> This

will support our ongoing work.

- We have had a number of friends who have elected to become life members this year and last (£500), for which we are very grateful as these funds will help continue our ongoing mission.
- Do you have a Levantine heritage? [Search](#) for your family names on our website. Discover family histories and photographs. Meet potential relatives at our events.
- Are you an historical researcher of the Eastern Mediterranean and Levant? Check out our reference material and join our network of academics. Present a paper at one of our conferences.
- We are currently 'match funding' amongst supporters for the 2-3 November 2018 LHF Conference in Athens 'Heritage and Diasporas in the Levant' – if you wish to know more or can help in any way, happy to hear from you.

Gift Aid: if you are a UK tax payer, you can make your donation go further with gift-aid – [word](#) / [pdf](#) documents:

A reminder to existing members that the membership year expires at the end of September and that we will be writing to those due to renew shortly.

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For information on upcoming Istanbul 2017 Conference: [lhf-ist\[at\]levantineheritage.com](mailto:lhf-ist[at]levantineheritage.com)

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LevantineHeritageFoundation>

Our Updated Mission Statement: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/pdf/Mission-Statement-for-Levantine-Heritage-Foundation.pdf>

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Next newsletter is scheduled for 15 October 2017, contact us if you wish for an entry / announcement.

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The Levantine Heritage Foundation

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