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Upcoming events

1st LHF-Italy lecture: 'Catholic faith and transnational culture among Levantines of Italian origin in Ottoman and Early Republican Turkey, Turin' – 23 October 2018, 6.30 pm

The Levantine Heritage Foundation is pleased to invite you to its first talk in Italy that will continue as a series. The talks will be structured as a roundtable. The hosts will discuss the cultural heritage of the Italian and Catholic presence in Turkey from the late Ottoman period until today. The LHF-Italy Group has organised the talk in association with the Polo del Novecento, the Carlo Donat-Cattin Foundation and the Atelier Ideas & Research.

Venue: The Polo del '900, Via del Carmine, 14, Turin

Info: lhf-italy@levantineheritage.com

3rd LHF-Istanbul international conference: 'Legal Status of Levantines in the Ottoman Empire', Istanbul - 26-27 October 2018 - POSTPONED



[Call for papers](#) – We are still welcoming paper submissions for the conference which we plan to hold in 2019. Please could abstracts be received by 31 Jan 2019.

Kindly sponsored by the Beyoğlu Municipality, Istanbul – **Event postponed until further notice.**

3rd Levantine Heritage Foundation international conference: ‘The Levantines: Identities and Heritage, Athens, Greece - 2-3 November 2018



Registration is now open at: <https://3rd-lhf-conference.eventbrite.co.uk>

The draft programme for the conference is available on our website – [link](#):

We would love to hear from you if you could assist us in terms sponsoring the event, accommodation options and helping out before and during the conference. Please contact lhf-athens2018@levantineheritage.com

Please note we have secured discounted prices at the [St George’s Hotel](#) the offer is time limited to, so use this [link](#) if you wish to secure accommodation during the conference season.

Outline Programme

Friday 2 November

- 08.30 Registration
- 09.30 Opening remarks
- 10.00 Keynote by Paschalis M. Kitomilides - The Challenges of Pluralism
- 11.30 Session1 – Dignitaries in the Levantine World
- 14.00 Session 2 – Networks, Families and Institutions
- 16.00 Session 3 – The role of Religion and Interreligious connections
- 17.30 Roundtable – Searching the Family Past / Family Portraits
- 18.30 Closing of Day 1 and Drinks Reception

Saturday 3 November

- 08.30 Registration
- 09.30 Keynote by Alexander Kitroeff – Greeks and Levantines in Egypt: Parallel Lives

- 10.30 Book presentation – The Smyrna Quay – Tracing a symbol of Progress and Splendour - George Poulimenos, Achilleas Chatziconstantinou
- 11.30 Session 4 – Levantines Identities – Who/what is a Levantine?
- 14.00 Session 5 – Cosmopolitan cities in transition
- 16.00 Session 6 – Levantines in a post-Ottoman world
- 17.30 Levantine Unions socialising event
- 18.30 Closing of the conference

Venue

The conference takes place in the splendid venue of Cotsen Hall in the Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies. Address: Souidias 61, Athens 106 76, Greece.

<http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/index.php/gennadius/>

For further information: lhf-athens2018@levantineheritage.com

29th Levantine Heritage Foundation dinner gathering in London– Tuesday 15 January 2019

The venue will be the Royal Thames Yacht Club, London, with guest speakers Robert Irwin ‘Western travellers in the Mamluk lands’ and Raphael Cormack ‘Cairo’s multicultural interwar theatre scene’ - further details and registration to follow.

Recent events



28th Levantine Heritage Foundation gathering in London in association with the London Hellenic Centre, 10 April 2018, with guest speakers Prof Peter Mackridge ‘The delights of Istanbul in eighteenth-century Greek literature’ and Tom Rees ‘Camarthen to Cairo via Smyrna and Cyprus: the Rees family 1850 to 1950’.- [flyer](#)

Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jwL6qfoIVCc> - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSJHQooyYtQ>

Requests

Become a member of the LHF

We hope you find our website and events interesting and useful. Access to the website and to many of our talks are free. Our work is mainly achieved thanks to our volunteers and site contributors. However, we do have significant real costs in adding to and maintaining the website, funding small research projects, organising events and preparing publications and other materials. Where we charge for events, we aim to cover only the direct costs of catering in order to make them accessible to as wide an audience as possible, including students and early career researchers.

The Levantine Heritage Foundation is reliant on membership subscriptions, donations and sponsorship. Please consider becoming a member or renewing your membership. Membership is just £20 a year, or £80 for 5 years or you can become a life member for £500. Benefits include priority booking for events and discounts on LHF publications and events where we have to charge a fee.

You can join the LHF or renew your membership on line at <http://www.levantineheritage.com/join-us.html> or email membership@levantineheritage.com. You can also pay by cheque and send it to: The Levantine Heritage Foundation, 71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JQ.

We would appreciate a volunteer to help us manage our membership lists, renewals, reminders better. If you can spare the time, please get in touch.

Donations and legacies

If you wish to make a donation to the LHF, you can also do this online at <http://www.levantineheritage.com/support-us.html>. Our bank details are there if you wish to make a direct transfer. Or you can send cheques to the LHF at The Levantine Heritage Foundation, 71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JQ.

If you wish to provide a legacy for the LHF in your will or if you have family archives that are relevant to Levantine research, please contact Quentin Compton-Bishop at chairman@levantineheritage.com to discuss your wishes.

Gift Aid:

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

Corporate Sponsorship

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. Benefits include your name and logo on our website and in publications such as conference programmes.

We have a number of package levels for sponsorship and if you would like to discuss these opportunities further please contact our Chairman Quentin Compton-Bishop on chairman@levantineheritage.com.

Join the LHF team

We are a small team of volunteers growing an expanding international network of academic and amateur researchers, historians and people with a great diversity of connections and interests in the heritage of the Levant region. Our headquarters is in London, we have active groups in Istanbul and Athens, and many collaborators in other countries and cities including, Izmir, Paris, Amsterdam, Rome, Toronto, New York and Los Angeles. We are looking for volunteers who can commit time to advise us and help organise events and communicate with our wide network. Specific opportunities include:

- Academics or historians to advise the Trustees and help with conference programmes and publications

- Membership Secretary to grow membership and take charge of member support and communications

If you are interested in getting more involved with the LHF, please contact Craig Encer, General Secretary on secretary@levantineheritage.com.

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 - [details](#) 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

The role of the French educational institutions in the modernisation in Smyrna

Ümit Eser is currently based in Paris and will be conducting research in that city till October. His research project intends to clarify the role of the French educational institutions, namely, schools and orphanages, in the modernisation in Smyrna, the main port-city in Asia Minor, in the late Ottoman and early republican periods, 1908-38. This project revolves around three main questions: local, particularly Ottoman Christians', perceptions toward the presence of the French schools in Smyrna in the post-constitutional period after 1908; the role of those schools in the formation of the Ottoman modernisation (1908-22); and their struggle for existence and their adaptation to the new ideological mind-set in the early republican period (1922-38). He may be reached at 547196@soas.ac.uk.

Call for interviewees for research project: The transformation, gentrification and multiculturalistic oral *herstory* of Punta district of İzmir

We are three women from İzmir, currently studying our masters' degrees in Ege University, the Department of Women's Studies. Our documentary project is titled "A Neighbourhood's Never-Ending Transformation from Women's Perspective; The Historical Gevrek Bakery and The Bournabad Street" which will be displayed in Salt Galata and Minerva Palas in Karaköy, Feminist Pedagogy: Museums, Memorials and Practices of Remembrance, on 1st Asian And European Conference of Women's Museums, under the organization of Sabancı University and Women's Museum İstanbul. Our project hopes to remind, embrace, and record the multicultural history of Punta district from in-depth interview video records with former or current female locals of different ethnicities, minorities and backgrounds. Furthermore, we would like to expand the perspectives of gentrification that has recently been taking place in the neighbourhood by listening to more recently moved locals and their opinions of Punta district and/or Alsancak Mahallesi. We would like to include experiences and memories of Punta district to be as diversified as possible, as this heritage is shared among all Smyrnians wherever they are right now, and it belongs to all of us. We would like to discuss with you the changes in Punta district, the past and the present, how you feel about these changes, what memories you have had. Moreover, if you have any contacts and/or citizens, members who have lived or spent time, or have listened to memories of their elders in family from Punta who are still living in İzmir and would like to share their experiences and memories for our documentary, their contributions will be celebrated by historians and feminists who will engage with our work. We believe re-writing history on

beholder of women opens new perspectives and a place that has been a crossroads for many from different backgrounds we feel is a perfect place to start recording again. We would welcome ladies from Levantine or other backgrounds who wish to share their recollections of this neighbourhood to contact us and we are happy to prove our credentials through our project acceptance letters etc.

Berrak Tuna, Ekin Çiftçi, Elif İrem Koç - berraktuna@gmail.com

External Upcoming Events

Conference: The Forgotten Revolution: Visual and Material Culture of the Hungarian Diaspora in the Ottoman Empire

7-8 September 2018

University of Cambridge, England – [info](#)

Exhibition: Tom Young: The Grand Sofar Hotel

16 September 2018 – 14 October 2018, Tuesdays – Sundays 11 am – 7 pm

Free entry. The Grand Sofar Hotel, Sofar, Lebanon – [info](#)

Exhibition: Islamic Art and Florence from the Medici to the 20th century

until 23 September 2018

Gli Uffizi / Museo Nazionale del Bargello, Florence, Italy – [info](#)

Education in Egypt under British Occupation

8 October 2018, 5-8 pm

Institute of Advanced Studies Common Ground, Wilkins Building, Gower Street, University College London – [info](#)

Workshop: ‘Late-Ottoman Identities: The National, Transnational and Marginal’

12-13 October 2018

Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic – [info](#)

Seminar: ‘Margins of the Mediterranean’

26-27 October 2018

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, USA – [info](#)

Seminar: ‘Alexandria, from Mohammed Ali to Farouk: The Rise and Fall of a Royal Capital’ – Dr Philip Mansel

29 October 2018, 7 pm

British School of Athens, 52 Souedias Str., Athens, Greece – [info](#)

Conference: ‘Transnationalism and Questions of Identity’

1-3 November 2018

John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, 25 West 43rd Street, Suite 1700, New York, USA – [info](#)

Lecture - ‘Imperial Apogee: Constantinople under Abdulhamid II 1876-1909’, Dr Philip Mansel

10 November 2018

Art Workers’ Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AT – [info](#)

Recent Publications

Istanbul d’Hier, Sans Lendemain - François Fumelli (ed. Rifat N. Bali), Libra, 2016 - [link:](#)

French Revolutionaries in the Ottoman Empire: Diplomacy, Political Culture, and the Limiting of Universal Revolution, 1792-1798 - Pascal Firges, Oxford University Press, 2017 – [info:](#) [Google segment:](#)

British-Ottoman Relations, 1661-1807: Commerce and Diplomatic Practice in Eighteenth-Century Istanbul, Michael Talbot, Barnes & Noble, 2017 – [info:](#)

US Foreign Policy in the Middle East From American Missionaries to the Islamic State (Edited) Geoffrey F. Gresh and Tugrul Keskin, Routledge, 2018 – [info:](#)

The Scottish Enlightenment Abroad: The Russells of Braidshaw in Aleppo and on the Coast of Coromandel - Janet Starkey, Brill, 2018 – [info:](#)

Unfabling the East: The Enlightenment’s Encounter with Asia - Jürgen Osterhammel, Princeton University Press, 2018 – [info:](#)

Doğduğum Şehir [The city I was born]: Istanbul 1926-1946 – Mario Vitti, Istos, 2018 (in Italian 2010) – [info:](#)

Mediterranean Encounters: Trade and Pluralism in Early Modern Galata - Fariba Zarinebaf, University of California Press, July 2018 – [link:](#) - [interview:](#)

Smyrne en ce Temps-la... Mémoires - Gilbert d’Andria, Libra, 2018 – [link:](#)

Orientalist Lives: Western Artists in the Middle East, 1830-1920, James Parry, I.B. Tauris – [link:](#)

Sex Work in Colonial Egypt: Women, Modernity and the Global Economy - Francesca Biancani, I.B.Tauris, 2018 – [link:](#)

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:](#)

Enlightening Europe on Islam and the Ottomans: Mouradgea d’Ohsson and His Masterpiece - Carter Findley

“Levantine Cosmopolitans”: The Entrepreneurs of Salonica Between the Ottoman Empire and the Greek Nation-State, Paris Papamichos Chronakis - Stanford University Press, 2018

Imperial Perceptions of Palestine: British Influence and Power in Late Ottoman Times - Lorenzo Kamel, I.B. Tauris, 2018 – [link:](#)

New External digitisations:

Canon Ian Sherwood interview – [link:](#)

How art is helping Beirut recover from the ravages of war - BBC Arts, 2018 – [link:](#)

The First Greek Printing Press in Constantinople (1625-1628) - Nil Özlem Pektaş, 2014 – [link:](#)

Consuls of Smyrna: Their Place in the City and the Empire in the 17th and 18th Centuries - Sadık Can Perinçek, 2013 – [link:](#)

Paolo Caccia Dominioni's work for the Italian embassy at Ankara - Cristina Pallini & Armando Scaramuzzi, 2017 – [link:](#)

Why You Should Read: The Turkish Embassy Letters, Lady Mary Wortley Montagu - Luke Frostick, 2018 - [link:](#)

Claiming Livorno: Commercial Networks, Foreign Status, and Culture in the Italian Jewish Diaspora, 1815-1914 - Alyssa J. Reiman, 2017 – [link:](#)

German Women in the Ottoman Empire, 1914-1918 - Oliver Stein, 2015 – [link:](#)

The Mamluk System of Rule in the Eyes of Western Travellers' - Ulrich Haarmann, 2001 – [link:](#)

Mediators Between East and West: Christians Under Mamluk Rule - Johannes Pahlitzsch, 2005 – [link:](#)

The life and letters of Ogier Ghiselin de Busbecq, volume 1 & 2, 1881 – [link:](#)

An Illustrated History of the Orient Express - Arjan den Boer, 2016 – [link:](#)

The Ottoman Empire and Cricket: From Istanbul to Cape Town - Michael Talbot, 2015 – [link:](#)

The American Hospital of Constantinople: Report for the year 1928 – [link:](#)

The American College for Girls at Constantinople: Report for the year 1911-1912 – [link:](#)

List of American Educational, Religious and Charitable Institutions in the Ottoman Empire, 1903 – [link:](#)

The Evangelical Union Church of Pera, Constantinople, 1897 – [link:](#)

The American Club of Constantinople, 1921-1922: Year book no:1 - [link:](#)

Campus Notes: International College Smyrna, Turkey, 1913 – [link:](#)

Room for Diplomacy: Izmir – Mark Bertram, 2011 - [link:](#)

The Levant Service: The Cinderella Service British Consuls since 1825 (Chapter 4) - D.C.M. Platt, 1971 - [link:](#)

The Ottoman-Venetian Border (15th-18th Centuries) - Maria Pia Pedani, 2017 - [link:](#)

Ottoman Visions of the West (15th-17th Centuries) - Arda Eksigil, 2014 – [link:](#)

Italian Contributions to Turkish Paediatrics during the Ottoman Empire - Murat Yurdakök, Luigi Cataldi, 2013 – [link:](#)

The Great Fire of 1660 and the Islamization of Christian and Jewish space in Istanbul - Marc David Baer, 2004 – [link:](#)

From Istanbul to the North Pole: Robert College and the National Geographic, Mehmet Artemel, 2005 – [link:](#)

Financing of an Education Institution in times of war, empire and republic, Mehmet Artemel, 2004 – [link:](#)

The hilltop on the South Campus of Robert College, Mehmet Artemel, 2005 – [link:](#)

Traugott Fuchs (1906-1997): A German Exile in Istanbul – [link:](#)

An Anglo-American Family Living from Empire to Republic in Istanbul: The Scott's Papers - [link:](#)

A Short Journey into the Educational Life of İstanbul American Colleges - [link:](#)

Strolling Through Istanbul in 1918: The War Memoirs of the German Private Georg Steinbach - R. Gallé (Ed.), Max Weber Stiftung, 2017 - [link:](#)

Vertical Bazaars of Modernity: Western Department Stores and Their Staff in Istanbul (1889–1921) - Yavuz Köse, 2009 – [link:](#)

Greek Banking in Constantinople, 1850-1881 - Haris Exertzoglou, 1986 – [link:](#)

Public Monuments in Turkey and Egypt, 1840-1916, Klaus Kreiser, 1997 – [link:](#)

New Podcasts:

How Syria Changed the World - Edward Stourton & Guests, BBC Radio 4, June 2018 – [link:](#)
Besieged – BBC World Service, 28 August 2018 – [link:](#)

New Video productions:

YouTube channel: The Diary of a Parsonage Istanbul – [link:](#) - [interview:](#)

A post-imperial lens on displacement and development in the Middle East, Prof Dawn Chatty, Institute of Development Studies, 22 March 2018 - [link:](#)

New news articles:

Newspaper keeps Italian heritage in Tunisia alive - Killian Cogan, Al-Monitor, 22 August 2018 - [link:](#)

Tom Young: Preserving Lebanon's Heritage - Lebanon Traveller, 23 August 2018 – [link:](#)

Ephemera:

The Orient (American community newspaper), Constantinople, March 1922 – [link:](#) April 1922- [link:](#) May 1922 – [link:](#) July 1922 – [link:](#) August 1922- [link:](#) October 1922 – [link:](#) November 1922 – [link:](#) December 1922 – [link:](#)

Levant Trade Review (American Chamber of Commerce for the Levant), June 1911 – [link:](#) November 1911 – [link:](#) December 1911 – [link:](#) March 1912 – [link:](#) September 1922 – [link:](#) March 1924 – [link:](#)

Latest Website additions

Photo galleries / analysis:

Daleggio decoration: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/daleggio-decoration.html>

Izmir 1960 Levantine theatre photos: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/izmir-60s-levantine-theatre.html>

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

Robert College sports: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/robert-college-sports.html>

Levantine houses of Fenerbahçe: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/fenerbahce1.html>

Bills of exchange: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/bills-of-exchange.html>

Courting postcards: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/courting-postcards.html>

St John Church archives: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/st-john-church-archives.html>

Interviews:

Erik Bruns interview: <http://www.levantineheritage.com/erik-bruns-interview.html>

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

Our Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LevantineHeritage>

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

The newly formed LHF Academic Advisory Committee

In order to better tailor our energies and resources for our future activities and how we connect with a wider pool of researchers and disseminate the findings and proceedings in an academically more rigorous manner we are in the process of composing the members and mission statement of the LHF Academic

Advisory Committee, some of whose members are listed [here](#). If you wish to learn more or support us in this networking please contact the group via advisory-board@levantineheritage.com.

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Contribute to our newsletter

Next newsletter is scheduled for 10 November 2018, contact us if you wish for an entry / announcement.

Craig Encer

General Secretary – secretary@levantineheritage.com

The Levantine Heritage Foundation

Hoping all our members and friends had a good summer and wishing you all a successful autumn to follow!

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