

Research - Education - Preservation

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Welcome to our latest newsletter where we reflect on our upcoming campaign to find a secure and accessible home to the Levantine library whose core was provided by the late Jacques Caporal. If you would like to know more, assist us financially or through depositions to build this resource of over 1,400 volumes, please get in touch. More details below.

Our activities

Upcoming LHF Events

29th October 2024, 6 pm (UK time)

Online presentation: 'Layered Levantine Identities: The Glavany Family's Networks and Built Legacy in the Ottoman Empire and Beyond', Efe Erünal & Alexandra Koumpouli - flyer: - registration:

27th November 2024, 4 - 8 pm

Hybrid Symposium: 'Trieste and the Levant', Katia Pizzi, Richard Bassett, Philip Mansel, Michael Cottakis - Woburn Suite, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU - <u>information & registration:</u>

Current research

If you are seeking help with research, please write to Craig Encer who will endeavour to point you to sources of material or connect you with people in the LHF network who may be able to help. Additionally, we can post requests for assistance in our newsletter.

Request for information by George Galdies on the Anglo-Dutch Smyrna convoy which turned friendly rivals into enemies

The subject of the Anglo-Dutch 'Smyrna Fleet' is of special interest to me as I am familiar with the painting of the English merchant navy ship 'Resolution II' by Willem van de Velde the Younger – see pic.



She served as the flagship in an expedition against the Barbary Corsairs in 1669 and took part in the <u>attack</u> on the Dutch Smyrna convoy, which resulted in the Third Dutch War.

There is an article by Sonia P. Anderson: "The Anglo-Dutch 'Smyrna Fleet' of 1693 in her book: Friends and Rivals in the East" (brill.com) that covers this subject. I believe that one of the readers of your forthcoming newsletter may be interested to comment, or perhaps be tempted to do further research into this subject, since the Franco-Levantines owe their settlement in Smyrna to the merchant adventurers of that period. The story of the Smyrna Fleet also opens a window onto the Barbary Corsairs which were to eventually become the dreaded Ottoman Fleet. Much slave-taking and plunder was to ensue. Yet another captivating subject! (apologies for the pun).

link to the article – please get in touch with any additional information via george.galdies@btconnect.com.

Recent Events

9th July 2024

Hybrid presentation: 'Remembering and Forgetting: Britain, Turkey, and the Occupation of Istanbul, 1918-1923', Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal, 3rd joint event with the Anglo-Turkish Society - flyer: - video:

16th July 2024

34th online presentation with guest speaker Vjeran Kursar: 'Multiple Identities and Shifting Allegiances in a Levantine Diplomat Family in Ottoman Istanbul: the Case of the House of Chirico' - flyer: - video:

2nd October 2024

In-person presentation: 'The Tears of Chios: a Greek family's story of Diaspora', Richard Calvocoressi, joint event with the Centre for Hellenic Studies at King's College London - flyer: - gallery: - video:

Recent Website additions

Interviews:

Interview with Didem İsler – link:

Researcher who has discovered in Venetian state archives that the Greek Orthodox church of Agia Fotini of Smyrna was economically and politically supported by Venice during at least 24 years.

Interview with Giorgio Peresso - link:

An amateur researcher who has spent many years of analysis of the state archives in Smyrna bringing new light in the human drama that unfolded with the arrival of the refugees from 1922 Smyrna.

Interview with Philip Mansel - link:

The centuries long contacts, exchanges and flow of ideas that went both ways with the Grand Tour, the subject of an upcoming book by this prolific author on the Levant.

Interview with Dimitris Kousouris - link:

An exploration of the shifts of fortunes of the Catholic populations of the Greek islands before, during and after the Greek revolution of 1821 and evaluation of the fortunes of Frangochiotica script.

Interview with Gillian Mueller & James de Wesselow – link:

A pair of descendants embark on shedding light on an important English origin Constantinople family, the Bakers, through the generations and their rise through shrew business moves and their enduring legacy today with a book publication promised for next year.

Galleries:

Izmir priests - link:

A gallery for an exercise to note faces, places and occasions – please help fill the gaps if you are from the Izmir Catholic community.

Death notices - <u>link:</u>

A gallery of last memorials for persons cherished, and also a genealogical aid – feel free to provide similar notices from your ancestors.

Community activities

LKMKD Conference

Conference: 'Bir Akdeniz diyaloğu: İtalyan Levantenler ve Diplomatik Etkileri' [A Mediterranean Dialogue: The Italian Levantines and Their Diplomatic Influence], Levanten Kültür ve Mirası Koruma Derneği, 27 September 2024 – *in Italian* - Venedik Sarayı, Beyoğlu, Istanbul – <u>flyer:</u> - <u>gallery:</u> - <u>video:</u>



External activities

External Upcoming Events

30 October 2024, 10 am - 4 pm

Exhibition, last chance to view: 'Negligent Internment: Memories of Çorum, 1944-46' - Orient-Institut Istanbul - info:

5 November 2024, 1 pm (UK time)

Online presentation: Consuls, Travellers, Spies, Philip Mansel - Egypt Exploration Society - info:

12 November 2024, 6 pm (UK time)

Online presentation: 'Smyrna (1870-1922), City and Architecture, The contribution of the Greeks', Vassilis Colonas - Anglo-Turkish Society – $\frac{1}{2}$

10 December 2024, 6 pm (UK time)

Hybrid presentation: 'Aubrey Herbert and the "Other" Britain: A Turkish Perspective', Vera Constantini, Anglo-Turkish Society – flyer:

Recent Publications

Les levantins: Communauté méconnue de l'Empire ottoman des origines à nos jours, Rinaldo Marmara, MD Basım, 2024 – link:

Migration at the End of Empire: Time and the Politics of Departure Between Italy and Egypt, Joseph John Viscomi, Cambridge University Press, 2024 – link:

Geç Osmanlı Mimarlığında Alexandre Vallaury ve Eklektizm [Alexandre Vallaury and Eclecticism in Late Ottoman Architecture], Seda Kula, İBB Kütüphane ve Müzeler Müdürlüğü, 2024 – link:

A Biography of the Consuls at Çanakkale and Gelibolu from 1614 to 1968, Graham H. Lee - Ceren Yayıncılık, 2024 – link:

Les procès-verbaux du Cimetière Latin Catholique de Feriköy à Istanbul (1861-1908), Rinaldo Marmara, Isis Press, 2024 – link:

The memoir of a missionary diplomat Dr. Washburn's personal recollections, 1856–1900, ed. Brandon D. Johnson, Isis Press, 2024 – link:

The Long 1890s in Egypt: Colonial Quiescence, Subterranean Resistance, ed. Marilyn Booth, Anthony Gorman, Edinburgh University Press 2024 – <u>link:</u>

New External digitisations

The British community in occupied Cairo, 1882-1922 – thesis by Lanver Mak, 2001 – link:

The Ottoman Court as a Special Venue for European Diplomacy - Zsuzsanna Cziráki, 2024 – link:

French Travellers in Ottoman Lands, 15th – 19th Centuries - Jack Snowden, 2021 – link:

Diplomacy and Gifts in Constantinople: The book of accounts of Bailo Piero Bragadin (1524-1526) - Ovidiu Cristea, 2018 – <u>link:</u>

Representation and Self-Consciousness in 16th Century Habsburg Diplomacy in the Ottoman Empire - Bart Severi, 2005 – <u>link:</u>

A Brief Overview Of The Effects of Mediterranean Politics And Ottoman-Habsburg Conflict On The Modern European Identity - Ceren Civlan, Academia Letters, 2021 – <u>link:</u>

The Captive Self: The Art of Intrigue and the Holy Roman Emperor's Resident Ambassador at the Ottoman Court in the Sixteenth Century - Robyn D Radway, Journal of Early Modern History, 2018 – <u>link:</u>

Hats and tarbooshes: identity, cosmopolitanism, and violence in 1920s Alexandria - Daniel Woodward, American University in Cairo, $2014 - \underline{link}$:

Pera/Galata: Neighbourhoods and Churches of late medieval Genoese city - Nazife Selma Somer, 2024 – <u>link:</u>

Diplomacy, Evangelism and Reform: Abdülhamid II and American Protestant Missionaries, 1876 – 1890 – Hamid İncidelen, 2019 – link:

Building Beyoğlu: Histories of place in a central district in Istanbul - Galata Teutonia - Enno Maessen, 2019 – link:

Chambre de commerce française de Constantinople (1890-1926) : Bulletin Mensuel - Retronews.fr - link:

New Podcasts

Ottoman Passports with İlkay Yılmaz – Ottoman history podcast, 5 September 2024 – <u>link:</u>

Invisible Cities: Enno Maessen takes Jonathan Conlin on a tour of Beyoğlus past, present and future, from the *Deutsche Schule* to *Emek Sineması* – The Lausanne Project, 23 March 2023 – <u>link:</u>

New Videos

Discovering the Byzantine Object in Late Ottoman Istanbul: Diplomacy, Archaeology, and Collecting – Yale ISM, Dec 2022 – link:

Latin Catholicism in Ottoman Istanbul, Vanessa R. de Obaldía (University of Mainz, DoSt-I) and Claudio Monge (DoSt-I) – Dominican Study Institute, Saint Pierre Church, 4 November 2022 – link:

New TV Documentary

Ottoman Empire by train, Alice Roberts – Channel 4 UK, Oct 2024 – link:

Ephemera

High politics and unholy power plays: British policy in the Ottoman Empire was not driven by Orientalism, but self-interest and self-deception - Michael Ledger-Lomas, The Critic, June 2022 – link:

Charles-Albert Cingria – Women writers / male writers, Le Cippe – <u>link:</u>

The convoy that sank London insurers – Daniel Dematos, 2020, the Tontine Coffee-House – link:

Cypriote antiquities in the Greek Evangelical School Museum and their Trading in Late Ottoman Smyrna (Modern Izmir) - Robert S. Merrillees, CCEC, 2017 – <u>link:</u>

Byzantine 'New England', a forgotten Anglo-Saxon colony: 'New England' is associated with the east coast of America, but this is not the first place to be called that - Dean Kalimniou, Neos Kosmos, 2020 – <u>link:</u>

Jerusalem's American Colony and Its Photographic Legacy – Tom Powers, View from Jerusalem, 2009 – link:

A Postcard from Constantinople: Transylvania to Smyrna, 1860-1922 - Jorge A. Goldstein, July 2021 - link:

Visions of Constantinople/Istanbul from the 19th Century Guidebooks - Vilma Hastaoglou-Martinidis, 2001 – link:

Turkey & Europe, An Example: Alessandro Missir di Lusignano - Recollections and Tributes coordinated by Letizia Missir di Lusignano and Melih Özsöz, Economic Development Foundation, 2009 – <u>link:</u>

Mystery image

Please provide your insights by getting back to us.



Our messages

The Levantine Heritage Library & Archive

The groundwork to identify a permanent physical location for the Levantine Heritage Library and Archive is underway. It is not a simple exercise as, in an ideal situation, we seek a location and space with Levantine connections, accessible to researchers and which is largely funded by benefactors and grants. In the event that we cannot achieve the ideal, the alternatives include finding a host-library for our collection and outsourcing digitisation work for the archive. We welcome the experience and advice of our readers in helping us shape a practical strategy and implementation plan.

Meanwhile, we invite to browse our online catalogue. It consists primarily of the Jacques Caporal Collection of books and genealogical records and we are adding other books donated or loaned as they become available.

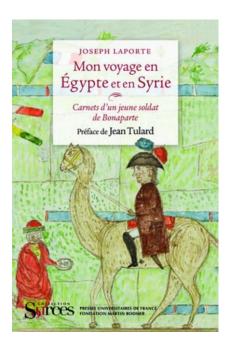
To access the catalogue, just click on this link <u>Levantine Heritage Library</u> which has a search box. Type in a key word and a list of items tagged with that word will appear. Much of the collection is in French, so some keywords are French.

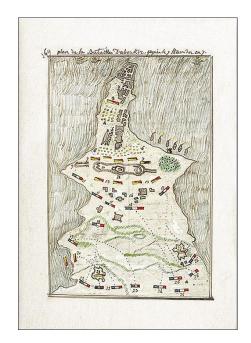
For example, type in "travel" or "voyages" and over 100 books are listed. The oldest, "Les voyages du Seigneur de Villamont" by Jacques de Villamont, is dated 1610. It was the most popular French travel book in its day, reprinted at least 10 times since it was first published in 1595. Its appeal were de Villamont's rich descriptions of places of interest and local people and customs on a journey that began in 1588 and took him from Brittany, through the major Italian cities and along the Dalmatian coast to Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Jerusalem and Egypt.





More recent publications include "Mon voyage en Egypte et en Syrie: Carnets d'un jeune soldat de Bonaparte" by Josephe Laporte in a modern printing of 2007. Originating from Grenoble, Joseph Laporte served as a junior officer in Napoleon's campaigns in Egypt and Syria. He kept a detailed journal of battles and other events and of the places he saw along the way, with charming sketches in a naïve style.





Providing access to our collection is currently a challenge as the books and other documents are in storage. However, we will help Members of the LHF with their research by extracting items and providing the information as best we can.

If you have a collection, records, images or other items you wish to gift or leave as a legacy in your will to the Levantine Heritage Library & Archive, or if you wish to make a financial donation to support our work, please contact Quentin Compton-Bishop, chairman@levantineheritage.com.

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