Middle Eastern Societies (1918-1939): Challenges, Changes and Transitions

The Cultural and Convention Center
Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
15-17 October 2015

Thursday, 15 October

09.30-10.00 Registration

10.00-10.15 Welcome by
Özlem Özdemir (Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, METU)
Hüseyin Bağcı (Head of the Department of International Relations, METU)

10.15-11.15 Keynote Speech (Chair: Kate Fleet, University of Cambridge)

Ulrike Freitag (Freie Universität, Berlin/ ZMO, Berlin), “State-society relations through the lens of urban development”

11.15-11.45 Coffee

11.45-12.45 Panel I (Chair: Kate Fleet, University of Cambridge)

Diana Abbani (Sorbonne/The Orient Institute of Beirut), “The musical scene in French Mandatory Beirut: between leisure and crisis”
Emilio Spadola (Colgate University), “Is the call modern? Mass politics and media between the two wars”

12.45-14.15 Lunch

14.15-15.15 Panel II (Chair: Nazan Çiçek, Ankara University)

Pınar Şenışık (Doğuş University, Istanbul), “Turkish-Greek compulsory population exchange and Cretan Muslims: a new approach to identity politics in the early Turkish Republic”
Amal Ghazal (Dalhousie University), “Fault lines: modernity and sectarianism among Ibadi Muslims in the interwar period”

15.15-15.45 Coffee

15.45-16.15 Panel III (Chair: Ebru Boyar, METU)

Kate Fleet (University of Cambridge), “Public good, private interest and the provision of water in early Turkish Republic: the case of Terkos”
Friday, 16 October

09.00-10.00 Keynote Speech (Chair: Ebru Boyar, METU)

Eugene Rogan (University of Oxford), "Colonial states and nationalist societies in the interwar Arab world"

10.00-10.30 Panel IV (Chair: Ebru Boyar, METU)

Michael Provence (University of California San Diego), "The long shadow of the Ottoman Great War in the Arab East, 1920-1940"

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-12.00 Panel V (Chair: Ulrike Freitag, Freie Universität, Berlin/ ZMO, Berlin)

Beth Brownson (University of Wisconsin-Parkside), "Reform or restrictions? The Ottoman family law code (OLFR of 1917) and women's status in Mandate Palestine"

Nazan Çiçek (Ankara University), "Mapping the social change through matters of the heart: debates on courtship, marriage and divorce in the late Ottoman and early Turkish Republican era"
Saturday, 17 October

09.00-10.30 Panel VI (Chair: Eugene Rogan, University of Oxford)

Liat Kozma (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Medical doctors and the formation of a regional profession"

Ebru Boyar (METU), “Taking health to the village: early Turkish Republican health propaganda in the Anatolian countryside"

Satoshi Katsunuma (Waseda University), "The development of reformatories in interwar Egypt"

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-12.30 Panel VII (Chair: Kate Fleet, University of Cambridge)

Brian McLaren (University of Washington), “Tourism and mobility in Italian colonial Libya”

Amit Bein (Clemson University), “There she is, Miss Universe: Keriman Halis goes to Egypt, 1933”

Fred H. Lawson (Mill College), “Class formation and political institutionalization in Syria, 1918-1939”

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