

CIEPO 26 Varna, 23–27 June 2026

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 23 June 2026				
11:30–12:30	Registration		Main Building, 1st Floor, Foyer	
12:30–13:00	Official Opening		Ceremonial Hall	
13:00–13:40	Keynote Lecture 1 NICOLAS VATIN <i>La fabrique d'un saint. Murâdî, hagiographe de Ḥayr ed-Dîn Barberousse</i>			
13:40–14:20	Keynote Lecture 2 ROSSITSA GRADEVA <i>Ottoman Studies in Bulgaria: An Overview</i>			
14:20–14:30	Exhibition Opening			
14:30–15:00	Coffee Break			
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15:00–16:30	Individual Papers Session Varna and the Black Sea Region in the Ottoman Period Chair: İlhan Şahin	Preorganised Panel Archaeology, Anthropology, Ottoman Sources, and Paleogenetics of Epidemic Outbreaks in the Bulgarian Lands (16th–18th Centuries): Building Bridges Across Disciplines Panel Leader: Valeri Grigorov	Individual Papers Session Practices and Influences in Ottoman Written Culture Chair: Selim S. Kuru	Individual Papers Session The Orthodox Church, the Vassals, and the Ottoman Center of Power Chair: Eleni Gara
15:00	Ayşe Kayapınar Varna and Its Region according to Ottoman Archival Documentation (XV–XVIIIth Centuries)	Valeri Grigorov & Kaloyan Vasilev Archaeological and Anthropological Study of the Necropolis near the Village of Kalenik	Ani Sargsyan Glossing Practices in Persian-(Ottoman-) Turkish lexicons: Manuscript Examples from the 15 th to 18 th Centuries	Radu Dîpratu The Berats of the Voivodes of Wallachia and Moldavia (16 th –17 th Centuries)
15:15	İlhan Şahin Akyazılı Sultan Âsitanesi and Vakıfları	Yana Georgakieva The Semantics of Epidemics: Interpreting the Meaning of 'Plague' in Ottoman Bulgarian Contexts (16 th –18 th c.)	Selim S. Kuru A Compass for Cosmos: Gazel, Governance, and Collaboration in the Court of Mehmed II	Eleni Gara Delusions of Grandeur and the Crisis of the Great Church in the late 16 th Century
15:30	Cengiz Yolcu Tarih Kaynağı Olarak İstanbul Mahkemesi "Bilâd-ı Metrûke" Sicilleri	Nadezhda Atanassova Health, Disease, and Society: An Anthropological Perspective on Ottoman Bulgaria (16 th –18 th c.)	Darragh Winkelman The Persianization of Ottoman Discourse: A Linguistic Perspective	Nikola Kjirikj Re-establishing Order in an Orthodox Institution: Ottoman Governance and the Abolition of the Archbishopric of Ohrid
15:45	Burak Çıtır & Selinay Doğan İki Devlet, Bir Liman: Varna Üzerinden Osmanlı-Bulgar Ticaretinin Yeniden Okunması	Marcel Keller & Kerttu Majander Plague and other infectious diseases in Ottoman-era Bulgaria – Preliminary palaeogenetic results	Kübra Malta The Notebook of Muhammed b. Receb: The World of a Janissary	
16:00	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion	Discussion
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17:00–18:30	<p>Preorganised Panel Disconnecting Southeast Europe and West Asia: On the Decline of Infrastructural Connectivity in The Late and Post-Ottoman Space</p> <p>Panel Leader: Malte Fuhrmann</p>	<p>Individual Papers Session Medicine and Medical Knowledge in the Early Modern and Modern Ottoman World</p> <p>Chair: Miri Shefer-Mossensohn</p>	<p>Individual Papers Session Emotions, Fate and Society in the Ottoman World</p> <p>Chair: John Curry</p>	<p>Individual Papers Session Diplomacy, Espionage, and Tributaries</p> <p>Chair: Aneliya Stoyanova</p>
17:00	<p>Malte Fuhrmann “The Flipside of these Magnificent ‘Peaceful Cultural Works’”: Revisiting Multinational Railway Development in pre-WW I (Post-)Ottoman Lands</p>	<p>Miri Shefer-Mossensohn Navigating Uncertainty: Medical Innovation in the Early Modern Ottoman World</p>	<p>Ido Ben-Ami Echoes of Sadness: Constructing Ottoman Identity through Grief and Mourning</p>	<p>Vasile-Rareş Prodescu Imperial Falcons from the Imperial Subjects: Birds of Prey Sent as Peşkeş from the Lords of Wallachia and Moldavia (XVI-XVIII c.)</p>
17:15	<p>Nenad Stefanov Disappearing Connections and Loose Ends: The Trn-Pirot Region and the Legacy of Mithat Paşa</p>	<p>Gamze Yazar Osmanlı İmparatorluğunda İkamet Eden Avrupalı Doktorlar ve Osmanlı Tıbbı (1720-1780)</p>	<p>Ufuk Erol Between History and Theology: Bureaucratic Discourses of Religion and State in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire</p>	<p>Aneliya Stoyanova The Frequent Change of Ottoman Officials in the 1620s as Perceived by European Diplomats at the Sublime Porte</p>
17:30	<p>Lyubomir Pozharliev The Curious Case of Petar Popov: The Rise and Fall of the First Bulgarian Steamship Navigation Company in the Ottoman Empire in the mid-19th c.</p>	<p>Ebru Aykut Osmanlı İmparatorluğu’nda Hukuki ve Tıbbi Bir Tertibat Olarak Hüsnâiyet (1870’ler–1920)</p>	<p>John Curry The Hagiography of Ünsi Hasan Efendi (d. 1723) as a marker of socio-cultural shifts in the eighteenth-century Ottoman Empire</p>	<p>Michał Wasiucionek Espionage, Agency and Networking on the Black Sea Frontier in the Seventeenth Century</p>
17:45		<p>Neta Talmud The Press, Fear and the Medical Knowledge: The Making of Scientific Citizenship in the Ottoman Arab World</p>		
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19:00	<p>Welcome Cocktail Reception Venue: Courtyard of the University of Economics</p>			

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	HALL A	HALL B	HALL C	HALL D	HALL E
9:00–10:30	<p>Preorganised Panel News, Rumors, and Facts: The Year 1526</p> <p>Panel Leader: Zeynep Nevin Yelçe Chair: Zeynep Kocabıyıköğlu Çeçen</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel The City at the Edge</p> <p>Panel Leaders: Ayşe Tuğba Silahtar Subaşı & Aleksandar Shopov</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Çiftlik Debate Revisited: New cases, new findings, and new questions I</p> <p>Panel Leader: Mehmet Ali Çelik</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Circulation, Authority, and Sociability: History and Literary Practices in the Ottoman World</p> <p>Panel Leader: Oscar Aguirre-Mandujano</p>	<p>Individual Papers Session Objects and Concepts on the Move, 15th–18th Centuries</p> <p>Chairs: Satoshi Kawamoto & Milen Petrov</p>
9:00	<p>Zeynep Kocabıyıköğlu Çeçen The Road to Mohacs: An Unholy Alliance?</p>	<p>Ayşe Tuğba Silahtar Subaşı Walls and Gates: the Daily Practices of Entry and Exit in Early Ottoman Constantinople</p>	<p>Göksel Baş Çiftlikization as a Method of Conquest: Allocation of Conquered Lands in Bosnia and Croatia (1510s-1541)</p>	<p>Ercan Akyol How to Send a Manuscript: The Circulation of Literary Works in the Ottoman World</p>	<p>Milen Petrov The Court and Conquests of Sultan Mehmed II in a 15th Century German Manuscript</p>
9:15	<p>Ela Bozok When Europe Listened: Rumor, Diplomacy, and Uncertainty after the Battle of Mohács</p>	<p>Jordan Cannon Micro-Boundaries: Fires and Urban Continuity in Early Modern Istanbul</p>	<p>Maria Shusharova Çiftlik Debate in Urban Context: the Town Askeri Çiftlik of Rusçuk (late 17th – 18th Century)</p>	<p>Hatice Aynur Commemorating Victory: Poems on the Ottoman Recapture of Belgrade in 1739</p>	<p>Nevyan Mitev Five European Coins (15th – 18th century) from the Collection of the Regional Museum of History – Dobrich, Bulgaria</p>
9:30		<p>Aleksandar Shopov Rice Agriculture and the Ottoman Urbanization of Southeastern Europe</p>	<p>Mehmet Ali Çelik Çiftlikization, peasant dispossession, and rebellions in the early eighteenth-century Elbasan</p>	<p>Edith Ambros Poems by and about 'Osmān II (r. 1618–22) and the French play on his regicide by Tristan L'Hermite (d. 1655)</p>	<p>Satoshi Kawamoto Reorganizing the Ancient Capital: Court Ceremonies and Edirne in the Second Half of the Seventeenth Century</p>
9:45			<p>Tahsin Şahin Land, Power, and Petition: Çiftlik-Related Complaints from the Province of Anatolia to the Imperial Council (1768–1780)</p>	<p>Oscar Aguirre-Mandujano Dangerous Pleasantries: Gossip, Humor, and Power in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire</p>	<p>Şengül Öney Sembolden Hafızaya: Ali Ufki'nin Müzik Yazmalarında Kültürel Aktarım ve Aracılığın İzleri</p>
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11:00–12:30	<p>Preorganised Panel Macaristan'da Osmanlı Döneminin Araştırılması 1: Macar–Osmanlı Sınır Bölgesinde Kamu Güvenliği, Eraset Ve Esir Değişimi Panel Leader: Hajnalka Tóth</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Infrastructures of the Late Ottoman Empire Panel Leader: Nathaniel Moses</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Çiftlik Debate Revisited: New cases, new findings, and new questions II Panel Leader: Bedirhan Laçın</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Rewriting the Universal: New Practices, Structures and Sources in 17th century Ottoman Historiography Panel Leader: Mustafa Akay</p>	<p>Individual Papers Session Istanbul in the 17th–18th Centuries: Migrations, Economy, and Networks Chair: Sophia Laiou</p>
11:00	<p>Balázs Sudár Osmanlı egemenliği altındaki Macaristan topraklarında kamu güvenliği</p>	<p>Önder Eren Akgül The Alteration of the Gediz River and the Costs of Austere Infrastructure in Late Ottoman Izmir</p>	<p>Bedirhan Laçın The Stratification of Ottoman Peasant Groups in the Eighteenth Century: Çiftlik, Land, and Labor Forms Reconsidered</p>	<p>Mustafa Akay Collective Time: Authorship and the Afterlife of Takvîmü't-Tevârîh</p>	<p>Eunjeong Yi Peculiar Patterns in Armenian Migration to Istanbul in the 17th Century: Places of Origin, Business Premises, and Residential Districts</p>
11:15	<p>Erika Öner Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'nun Ucunda Bir Sancak Nahiyesinin Gündelik Hayatı: Sınır Anlaşmazlıkları, Yağma ve Panayır</p>	<p>Nurcin Ileri Belgian Infrastructural Imperialism in Ottoman Port Cities: Salonica and Izmir</p>	<p>Canay Şahin Different Claims and Contradictory Sources on the Çiftlik Dispute in the mid-19th century Samsun</p>	<p>Zeynep Yıldırım Reconfiguring Universal History: Ordering Time and Knowing the World in Tanqîh al-Tavârih al-Mulûk</p>	<p>Sophia Laiou Economy and Politics in the Early 18th Century Istanbul</p>
11:30	<p>Éva Sz. Simon Osmanlı–Macaristan sınır bölgesinde „Yeniden Dirilen” Sipahiler</p>	<p>Nathaniel Moses Good Works: Charity, Infrastructure, and Capital in Late Ottoman Najaf and Karbala</p>	<p>Andrea Umberto Gritti From Lords to Peasants via Merchants: The Genealogy of Landownership in Nineteenth-Century Macedonia</p>	<p>Didar Ayşe Akbulut Ancient Histories, Modern Sources: Tradition and Synthesis in Müneccimbaşı Ahmed Dede's Jâmi' al-Duwal</p>	<p>Myrsini Manney-Kalogera Exploring the Educational Patronage of the Istanbul Furriers' Guild</p>
11:45	<p>Hajnalka Tóth Barış Antlaşması ve Esir Değişimi: 1699 Yılı Karlofça Antlaşması'nın Ardından Savaş Esirleri ve Sürgün Edilen Sivillerin Serbest Bırakılma Olasılıkları</p>	<p>Zeynep Ecem Pulas Repairing the Frontier, Maintaining the Empire: Persistence of the Hejaz Railway and Telegraph Network Across the Desert (1900–1914)</p>	<p><i>Individual Paper</i> Andreas Lyberatos Paper title: Peasants, Çiftlik Owners and Entrepreneurs in 19th c. Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Kustendil</p>		<p>Ertan Ünlü III. Mustafa Döneminde (1757-1774) İnşa Edilen Laleli Camisi ve Külliyesi İçin Yapılan İstimlakler</p>
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14:30–16:00	<p>Preorganised Panel Research of the Ottoman period in Hungary 2: Diplomacy and Trade</p> <p>Panel Leader: Gábor Demeter</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Science, Technology, and Imperialism in the 19th Century Ottoman Empire</p> <p>Panel Leader: Arda Akinci</p>	<p>Individual Papers Session The Çiftliks: Economy, Typology, and Historiography</p> <p>Chair: Socrates Petmezas</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Where is Ottoman Thought? Genres, Thinkers, Collections, and Rhetoric</p> <p>Panel Leader: Christiane Czygan</p>	<p>Individual Papers Session Gender, Religion, and Otherness in Ottoman Context</p> <p>Chair: Svetla Ianeva</p>
14:30	<p>Gábor Demeter Assessing the economic potential and landuse of peasantry on Ottoman borderlands (N-Hungary, 1550–1570s)</p>	<p>Meric Tanik Bacteria, Empires, and Rivalries</p>	<p>Yuxuan Cai A Shared Landscape: Strategic Management of Agricultural Investments as seen in Early Ottoman Thessaly and Central Greece</p>	<p>Victoria Holbrook Genres of Thought</p>	<p>Tatiana Bondarenko Relations between Christians and Muslims in Ottoman Fetvas</p>
14:45	<p>János Szabados The Activities of the Agents of the Viziers of Buda at the Sublime Porte in the mid-17th Century</p>	<p>Elati Pontikopoulou Venieri From the Black Sea to Crete and back: Submarine telegraph projects in the Ottoman Empire (1850s–1880s)</p>	<p>Ezgi Burcu Işıl-Sevgener Rural Landscape, Çiftlik Economy, and the Question of Dispossession in the 19th-Century Ottoman Balkans</p>	<p>Christiane Czygan Pillars of Muhibbî's Thought in the Hamburg Manuscript</p>	<p>Nadezhda Alexandrova Observations and Adventures in Constantinople: The Depiction of the Ottoman Capital in Dimitrie Cantemir and Sofroniy Vrachanski Versions of <i>System and Structure of the Muhammadan Religion</i></p>
15:00	<p>Adrienn Papp Gift or trade? Valuable objects in the archaeological site of Ottoman Buda</p>	<p>Darina Martykánová Mysterious M. Falkowski: entangled histories of imperialism and engineering in late Ottoman Syria and Iraq</p>	<p>Socrates Petmezas Patterns of the Agrarian Structures in the 'Large Farms' of Ottoman and post-Ottoman Balkans (19th-early 20th centuries): Towards a Typology of their Evolution and Geographical Distribution</p>	<p>Ebru Onay Thinking through Metaphor: Authority and Epistemic Practice in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Texts</p>	<p>Svetla Ianeva Divorce Practices in Nineteenth Century Ottoman Bulgaria: The Case of the Christian Community of Pleven in a Comparative Perspective</p>
15:15	<p>Csaba Göncöl Diplomatic Relations between the Crimean Khanate and Brandenburg-Prussia in the 17th Century</p>	<p>Arda Akinci Scientific Spies: Imperialism, Science and Intelligence Work in the Ottoman Yemen in the Aftermath of Young Turk Revolution of 1908</p>	<p>Petar Dobrev The Çiftlik Debate in Bulgarian Historiography: A Reappraisal</p>		
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16:30–18:00	Preorganised Panel Diplomatic Practices of Ottoman Tributaries Panel Leader: Gábor Kármán	Preorganised Panel Reading the Hamidian Regime Against the Grain: Western Tastes, Secularism and Public Health Panel Leader: Berke Torunoğlu	Preorganised Panel Continuity and Change of the Land Regime in the Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Periods: A Comparative Perspective Panel Leader: Tomoki Okawara	Preorganised Panel Affective States: Emotion, Authority, and Knowledge in the Ottoman World Panel Leader: Meriç Tanık	Individual Papers Session Political Geography and Maritime Balance of Power Chair: Zeynep Arslan-Çalık
16:30	Natalia Królikowska-Jedlińska On the Diplomatic Representation of the Crimean Khans at the Sublime Porte in the Early Modern Period	Sena Hatip Dinçyürek Bringing a Select World to Himself: Abdülhamid II and the Yıldız Palace Theatre	Hikari Egawa The Intent of Compiling and the Significance of Enacting the 1858 Ottoman Land Law	Murat R. Şiviloğlu The Madness of “King” Ibrahim: The Politics of a Label	Dimitrios Lamprakis Ottoman Political Geography: From Kâtip Çelebi to Humbaracıbaşı Ahmed Pasha Bonneval
16:45	Tetiana Grygorieva Diplomatic Communication of Cossack Ukraine with Ottoman Borderland Officials	Berke Torunoğlu A Secularist Defense from the Inside: the Hamidian Agents’ Discourse against Islamic Law	Mehmed Bečić Continuity and Transformation of Ottoman Land Law under Colonial administration: the Case of Miri and Muqata-Waqf in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Özgür Türesay From Pastor to Father, from Flock to Subjects: On the Emotional Regime of the Mahmudian Political Discourse in the Takvîm-i Vekayi	Ayşe Cicek Unal Algiers as a Diplomatic Arsenal of the Ottoman Empire: Mezzomorto Hüseyin Pasha’s Defense of Ottoman Algiers (1683–1689)
17:00	Gábor Kármán Transylvanian Princes Mediating Peace for the Ottomans in the Seventeenth Century	Berrak Burçak Della Fave The Science of Control: Chemists, Food Safety, and the Institutionalization of Public Health in the Hamidian Era	Ken’ichi Isogai Redefining the Traditional Land Categories by Colonial Administration: A Case Study of Russian Turkestan	Şeyma Afacan Anger Embodied: Women, Revolution and Asabiyet in the Late Ottoman Era	Zeynep Arslan-Çalık Reframing the Black Sea through Ottoman Mobility: Space, Sovereignty, and Empires in the Euro-Mediterranean Transitional Period (1772–1826)
17:15		<i>Individual paper</i> Emrah Yılmaz Osmanlı’nın Son Döneminde Anadolu Ve Balkan Coğrafyasında Siğir Vebasi [Vebâ-Yi Bakarı] Ve Sosyoekonomik Etkileri (1880–1914)	Tomoki Okawara Continuity and Change of Land Regime in Late Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Syria	Meriç Tanık Emotions at the Face of Technological Invention: Processing X-rays	
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9:00–10:30	<p>Preorganised Panel Sources for local economic and dynastic history in pre-Ottoman Asia Minor</p> <p>Panel Leader: Thomas A. Sinclair</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel The Black Sea in Transition: Commerce, Connectivity, and Imperial Power</p> <p>Panel Leader: Serkan Keçeci</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Alevi History as Ottoman Studies – New Perspectives</p> <p>Panel Leader: Markus Dressler</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel Introducing a Large Dataset on Centrally Supervised Waqfs before the Nineteenth Century</p> <p>Panel Leader: Christopher Markiewicz</p>	<p>Preorganised Panel New Perspectives on War and the Army in the Ottoman Empire: From Ego Documents to Institutional Change</p> <p>Panel Leader: Antonis Anastasopoulos</p>
9:00	<p>Sara Nur Yıldız Allume di rocca di Colonna (Koloneia Alum) and the regional Economy of the Inner Pontus during the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries</p>	<p>Hakan Yazar Trade, Taxation, and State Control: The Tobacco Customs Administration on the Danube Coast, 1700–1775</p>	<p>Ümmgülsüm Akşeker Ali Cenknames as a Source for Ottoman Religious and Intellectual Life</p>	<p>Semih Özmeriç & Roman Schärer Between Norm and Practice: A Relational Database Model for Integrating Ottoman Waqf Studies</p>	<p>Yannis Spyropoulos Recruitment and Revolt: The 1703 Edirne Incident as an Inflection Point in the Adoption Curve of Janissary Affiliation</p>
9:15	<p>Oya Pancaroğlu Solomon's Seal in the Limelight of Medieval Anatolian Mosques</p>	<p>Sadık Müfit Bilge After Küçük Kaynarca: Maritime Trade and Commercial Transformation in the Black Sea during the Late Eighteenth Century</p>	<p>Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer Imperial Anxieties and Archival Silences: Rethinking the Rural Qizilbash/Alevis in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire</p>	<p>Irem Gündüz-Polat Charity from State Lands: 'Sultanic' Foundations and their Waqfiyyas in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries</p>	<p>Antonis Anastasopoulos Military and Wartime Death: Evidence from Ottoman Crete</p>
9:30	<p>Andrew Peacock New light on provincial political life in fourteenth century Anatolia</p>	<p>Kahraman Şakul The Internationalization of the Black Sea</p>	<p>Janina Karolewski Narratives on the Origin and Development of Alevi Communities: An Alternative Perspective on Pre-Ottoman and Ottoman History</p>	<p>Vincent Thérouin Is this Settlement New? Trajectories of Vakf-Incorporated "Founded Settlements" of the Early Modern Ottoman Balkans</p>	<p>Münevver Hatipoğlu Sacrifice and Loyalty under the Hamidian Regime: Volunteering and Donating during the Ottoman-Greek War of 1897</p>
9:45	<p>Thomas A. Sinclair Early Artukid and Zengid coinage: can it provide information about economic activity and political conditions in Upper Mesopotamia?</p>	<p>Serkan Keçeci Smuggling, Sovereignty, and the Eastern Black Sea Frontier: Caucasian Maritime Networks between the Ottoman and Russian Empires, 1840–1845</p>	<p>Benjamin Weineck The Alevi Tribal Community of the Şeyh Hasanlılar – Reconstructing Socio-religious and Political Relations through Digital Ottoman Studies</p>	<p>Christopher Markiewicz & Pinar Ceylan The Long-Term Financial Trajectory of Ottoman Foundations (Waqfs): A Political Economy Perspective</p>	<p>Charalampos Minasidis Brothers-in-Arms or Others? Ottoman Majority and Minority Citizen-Soldiers in Ego-Documents: References and Silences</p>
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11:00	<p>Timothy May Mongol-Ottoman connections: a study in frontier history</p>	<p>Anna Sydorenko Empires in the Shadows: Smuggling Across the Ottoman–Russian Maritime Borders (1853–1914)</p>	<p>Orlin Sabev Ottoman Government’s Policies Towards Non-Muslim Printing, Late 15th – Late 18th Centuries</p>	<p>Emine Öztaner Spatializing the Development of Nurbanu Sultan’s Waqf Neighborhood in Üsküdar: Mahalle-i Ma’mûre (16th–17th c.)</p>	<p>Chris (Hristo) Kostov Progress and Prejudices: Russian Propaganda and Ottoman Responses in the Balkans (18th–19th Centuries)</p>
11:15	<p>Baki Tezcan The Boatmen who crossed the Black Sea: The Ottomans’ Kayı Origins Story Revisited</p>	<p>Ekin Mahmuzlu Merchants reshaping the Tobacco Monopoly and its Laws</p>	<p>David Neagu Books as Agents of Confessionalization in 18th-Century Istanbul: Catholic Armenians vs. Apostolic Armenians</p>	<p>Serpil Özcan Tekkeler Odağında Uzun Mesafeli Seyahatler ve Son Dönem Osmanlı İstanbul’u (19. Yüzyıl): Dijital Beşerî Bilimler Yaklaşımı</p>	<p>Dimitris Papastamatiou Social Order, Justice and Oppression in Semantic Suspension: Civil Strife and State Intervention in the Ottoman Morea during the Years 1771-1787</p>
11:30	<p>Michael Hope Kurdistan in Comparative Perspective in the Mongol Empire and the Ottoman Empire</p>	<p>Petros Kastrinakis Armed Society: Weapons, Authority, and Illicit Trade in Nineteenth-Century Crete</p>	<p>Elmira Vassileva Protestant Propaganda Among “Nominal Christians”: Circulation of Books and Interdenominational Relations in the 19th-century Ottoman Balkans</p>	<p>Fatma Aladağ Reconstructing the Urban Network of Late Ottoman Istanbul: A Space Syntax Analysis</p>	<p>Fatih Öyük Strengthening the Ties: Ottoman Intelligence in Crimea and the North Caucasus, 1780–1792</p>
11:45	<p>Konstantin Golev Imperial twilight: The Mongol heritage of the Ottomans as Imagined or Real Cultural Capital</p>	<p>Abdulmennan M. Altıntaş Smuggling under the Pretext of ‘Change of Air’: A Case Study in Late 19th-Century Ottoman Antiquities Smuggling</p>		<p>Busranur Bekman Erkan Tahrirden Nümerotaja: Geç Osmanlı’dan Erken Cumhuriyet’e İstanbul’da Sokak Adlandırması ve Bina Numaralandırmasının Mekânsal Analizi</p>	<p>Fatma Sel Turhan Prisoners of War in the Ottoman–Russian War, 1806–1812</p>
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14:30	<p><i>Individual Paper</i> Nikola Dyulgerov The Frankish Morea and the Turkish communities during the 13th and early 14th Centuries: mercenaries, enemies or allies</p>	<p>Zeynep Altuntaş Filibe Kadıları ve Filibeli İlimiye Mensupları (1839–1861): Gelen ve Giden İlimiye Mensupları Üzerine Bir İnceleme</p>	<p>Alp Eren Topal A Radical Concept of Religion: Sarıyerli Hoca Sadık's Political Theology</p>	<p>Merve Özdeş İkinci Meşrutiyet Dönemi Basınında Gündem Örüntülerinin Transformers Tabanlı Metin Madenciliğiyle Çözümlemesi</p>	<p>Pelin Tığlay Salonican, Sephardic, Socialist: Jornal del Lavorador and the Questions of the Ottoman Empire</p>
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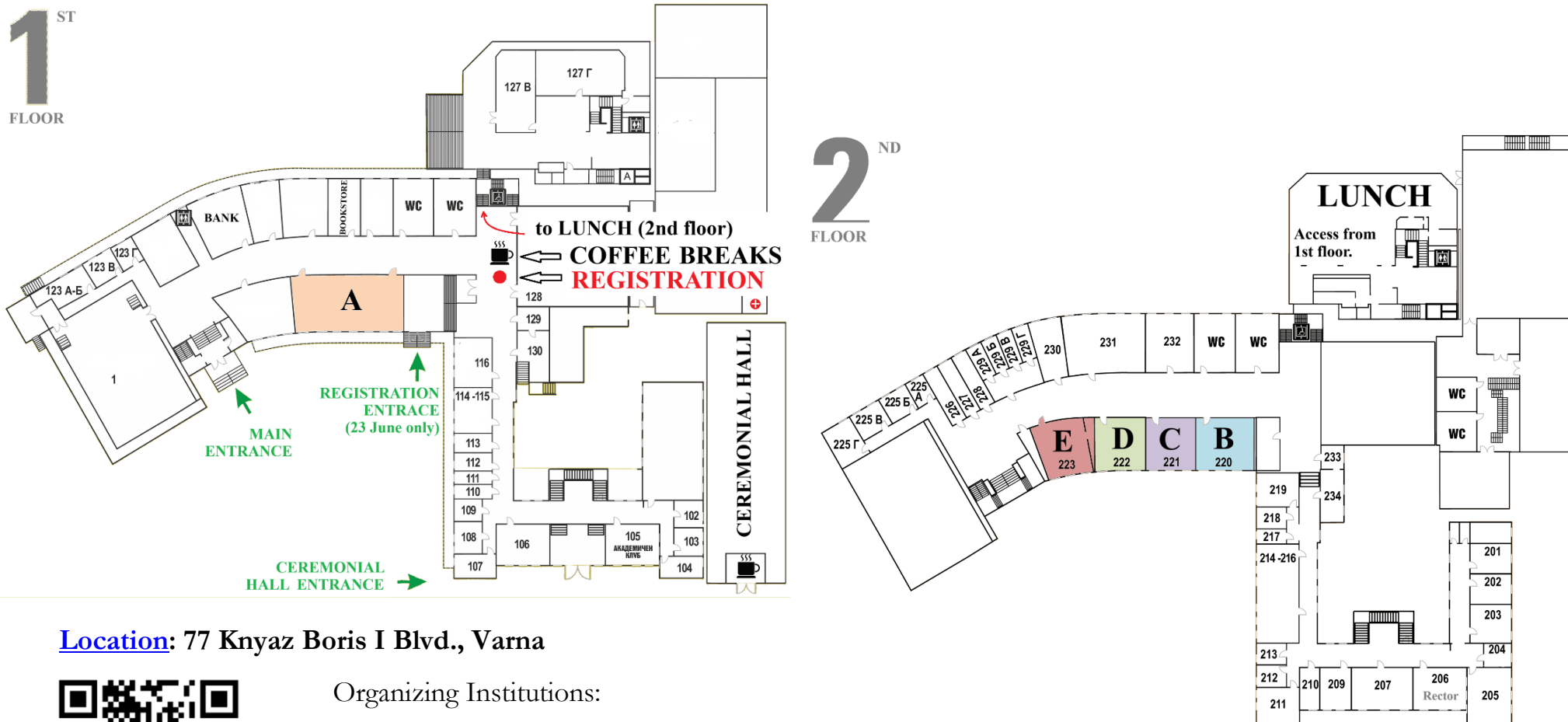


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