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ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND TURKEY

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

27–28 OCTOBER 2017

FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2017

9:15–9:30 OPENING AND WELCOME

Onur İnal, University of Hamburg
Yavuz Köse, University of Hamburg

9:30–11:00 ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS AND PROTESTS IN TURKEY

Chair: Onur İnal, University of Hamburg

PANEL I

Zehra Taşdemir Yaşın, Binghamton University
Contextualizing the Rise of Environmental Movements
in Turkey: Two Instances of Anti-Gold Mining Resistance

Bürge Abiral, John Hopkins University
From Landraces to Modern Wheat: History of Wheat in Turkey

Ethemcan Turhan, KTH Environmental Humanities Lab
Coal, Ash, and Other Tales: The Making and Unmaking
of an Anti-Coal Movement in Western Turkey

11:00–11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30–13:00 WATER AND ENVIRONMENT IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Chair: Selçuk Dursun, Middle East Technical University

PANEL II

Antonis Hadjikyriacou, Boğaziçi University
Water-intensive Agriculture and the Era of the ‘Mediterranean
Autumn’ in Early Modern Cyprus

Vaso Seirinidou, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
Evros/Maritsa/Meriç River and the Making of a
Borderland Ecology

Styliani Lepida, University of Cyprus
Water Shortage Issues in an Ottoman Province:
The Case of 17th Century Cyprus Landscapes

13:00–14:00 LUNCH BREAK

**14:00–15:45 CIRCULATION, TRANSFER AND ADAPTATION
OF ENVIRONMENTAL KNOWLEDGE IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE**

Chair: Onur Inal, University of Hamburg

Özkan Akpınar, Özyeğin University

Reclaiming the Empire: Environment, Hydraulic Engineering
and Local Politics in Late 19th Century Salonica

Camille Cole, Yale University

Social, Economic, and Environmental Geographies of
Steamshipping in Southern Iraq, 1865–1909

Canan Bolel, University of Washington

Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Role of the Mount Pagus in
the Spatiotemporal Jewish Identity in Izmir

Yavuz Köse, University of Hamburg

The Inventor of Nature – Alexander von Humboldt in Turkey

15:45–16:15 COFFEE BREAK

**16:15–17:45 ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND URBAN SANITATION
IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE**

Chair: Seda Altuğ, Boğaziçi University/EUME

Mehmet Kentel, University of Washington

Environment and Urban Infrastructure in Late Ottoman
Istanbul: Water and Sewage in the (Re)Making of Pera,
Kasımpaşa, and Terkos

Mohammed Gamal-Eldin, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Cesspools, Mosquitos, and Fever: An Environmental History
of Malaria Prevention in Ismailia and Port Sa'id, 1869–1910

Uğur Bahadır Bayraktar, Independent Scholar

Up to Auction: Water, Rights, and Commodification in
Ottoman Diyarbakir, 1860–1913

18:30–20:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE – ROOM 221

Joachim Radkau, Bielefeld University

Ottoman/Turkish Environmental History from a Global
Perspective: Facts, Thoughts, and Questions

WELCOME RECEPTION

PANEL III

PANEL IV

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2017

9:00–10:45 TRANSFORMATION OF OTTOMAN LANDSCAPES (15TH–17TH CENTURIES)

Chair: Yavuz Köse, University of Hamburg

Elias Kolovos, University of Crete

Was There A Little Ice Age in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean? Based on the Case Studies of Salonica and Crete

PANEL V

Hristo Hristozov, University of Sofia

Environmental Limits and Climate Variability in the Mountains on the Ottoman Balkans: Changing Social Landscape in the District (Kaza) of Nevrekop, 15th – early 18th Centuries

Mehmet Kuru, Sabancı University

Mapping People and Produce: Ecological Change and the Shift in Tax-Base in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Anatolia

Suraiya Faroqhi, Ibn Haldun University

Vineyards on the Bosphorus: How They Flourished and How They Disappeared

10:45–11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15–13:00 TRANSFORMATION OF OTTOMAN LANDSCAPES (18TH–19TH CENTURIES)

Chair: Suraiya Faroqhi, Istanbul Bilgi University

PANEL VI

Önder Eren Akgül, Georgetown University

Nomads, Migrants, and Çiftliks: A Socio-Ecological Change in the Ottoman Aegean, 1750s–1820s

Seçil Uluişik, University of Arizona/Austrian Academy of Sciences

Chasing the Animal: Rivalry, Power, and Politics of Livestock in Ottoman Provinces, 1790s–1860s

Yener Koç, Boğaziçi University

Meşta-Nişin Aşair: Environmental and Political Adaptation of the Nomadic Tribes of Northeastern Anatolia, 1800s–1860s

Selçuk Dursun, Middle East Technical University
Forest Commons and Property Rights in the Late
Ottoman Empire and Early Turkish Republic

13:00–14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00–15:45 ENVIRONMENT AND POLITICS IN TURKEY

*Chair: Ethemcan Turhan, KTH Environmental
Humanities Lab*

Seçil Binboğa, University of Michigan
Soil, Technic and People: The Cold War Politics of Spatial
Expertise in Turkey

Dale J. Stahl, University of Colorado Denver
A Technopolitical Frontier: The Keban Dam Project and
Southeastern Anatolia

Sezai Ozan Zeybek, Istanbul Bilgi University
‘Forests Cannot Be Left to the Mercy of Peasants’
Scientific Forestry and the Invention of Public Benefit

Rana İzci Connelly, Marmara University
Knowing Nature: Politics of Picknicking in Istanbul

**15:45–16:15 LAUNCH OF THE NETWORK FOR THE STUDY
OF ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF TURKEY**

CLOSING REMARKS

17:00–18:30 ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY AT THE WATERFRONT

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