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PROF. DR. VLADIMIR HAMED-TROYANSKY

EMPIRE OF REFUGEES

NORTH CAUCASIAN MUSLIMS
AND THE LATE OTTOMAN STATE

Public Book Talk & Lecture

Between the 1850s and World War I, the Ottoman Empire welcomed about a million Muslim refugees from Russia. These refugees established hundreds of villages throughout the Ottoman Balkans, Anatolia, and the Levant. Most villages still exist today, including what is now the city of Amman. In his new book, *Empire of Refugees: North Caucasian Muslims and the Late Ottoman State*, Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky examines how Circassian, Chechen, Dagestani, and other refugees transformed the late Ottoman Empire and how the Ottoman government managed Muslim refugee resettlement. *Empire of Refugees* argues that the Ottoman government created a refugee regime, which predated refugee systems set up by the League of Nations and the United Nations. It offers a new way to think about migration and displacement in the Middle East.

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky is a historian of global migration and forced displacement and Assistant Professor of Global Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. His research examines Muslim refugee migration and its role in shaping the modern world. He is the author of *Empire of Refugees: North Caucasian Muslims and the Late Ottoman State* (Stanford University Press, 2024). His articles appeared in *Past & Present*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, and *Slavic Review*. He received a Ph.D. in History from Stanford University and served as a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University.



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