

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Program

Thursday, December 10, 2020

9:45 - 10:00

Welcome and Introduction

Fatih Ermiş (Orient-Institut Beirut)

10:00 - 11:00

Panel 1: Sources of the Ottoman Environmental History

Chair: Fatih Ermiş (Orient-Institut Beirut)

M. Fatih Calısır (Kırklareli University)

Where Intellectual and Environmental Histories Meet:

Kashf al-zunūn and its Addenda as a Source for Ottoman Environmental

History

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 - 13:15

Panel 2: Agriculture and Climate

Chair: Ayşe Nur Akdal (Boğaziçi University)

Mehmet Kuru (Sabancı University)

The Limits of The Little Ice Age in Early Modern Ottoman Anatolia

Elçin Arabacı (independent researcher)

"Either enforce the law, or we will abandon our villages"

Contested disputes on rice cultivation in Post-Tanzimat Bursa

13:15 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:30

Panel 3: Natural Resources and Ecology

Chair: Mehmet Kuru (Sabancı University)

Georgios C. Liakopoulos (Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human

History, Jena)

Ethnicity and the use of natural resources in the Early Ottoman Peloponnese

Graham Auman Pitts (Georgetown University)

The Ecology of Silk in Mount Lebanon (1845-1920)

Friday, December 11, 2020

10:30 - 12:30

Panel 4: Gardens and Parks as Constructed Environments

Chair: Muhamed Valjevac (Marmara University)

Ayşe Nur Akdal (Boğaziçi University)

Market Gardens and Gardeners of Imperial Istanbul: Reconsidering Urban-Rural

Relationship in Ottoman Environmental History

Mustafa Emir Küçük (Boğaziçi University)

Urban Parks in Late Ottoman Istanbul:

Constructed Nature for Recreation

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 17:00

Panel 5: Environment and Epidemics

Chair: Georgios C. Liakopoulos (Max Planck Institute for the Science of

Human History, Jena)

Muhamed Valjevac (Marmara University)

The Bosnian Great Plague 1729-1739

Nükhet Varlık (University of South Carolina)

Climate, Migration, and Plague in Ottoman Anatolia

Benan Grams (Georgetown University)

Water supply and public health in Damascus (1903-1910)

17:00 - 17:30

Concluding Discussion