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# ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AND TURKEY

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
27–28 OCTOBER 2017

# FRIDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2017

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## 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

PANEL III

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, Princeton University

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

PANEL IV

Uğur Bahadır Bayraktar, Independent Scholar

Up to Auction: Water, Rights, and Commodification in  
Ottoman Diyarbekir, 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**

## SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2017

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### 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, University of Toronto

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

Suraiya Faroqhi, Istanbul Bilgi 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*

Önder Eren Akgül, Georgetown University

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

PANEL VI

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**

*Organized and lead by Constantin Canavas  
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