WORKSHOP
ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY
OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE
December 10 & 11, 2020

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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 Çalışır (Kırklareli University)
Where Intellectual and Environmental Histories Meet:
Kashf al-zunun 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: Muhammed 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)
Muhammed 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