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University of Chicago, May 12th & 13th, 2006



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The Middle East History and Theory Conference is organized in collaboration with the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago. It is held annually and provides a forum for students and faculty in the social sciences and humanities to present papers treating Middle Eastern and Central Asian art/architecture, literature, society, history and politics from the 7th century to the present. This year, through the organization of the panels, the keynote address by Professor [Beshara Doumani](#) (University of California at Berkeley), a plenary session with Professor [Kenneth Cuno](#) (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), the discussion will focus on the topic of "Family in the Middle East".

In addition, there will be a number of special events taking place in conjunction with the conference. On Friday afternoon, there will be several activities in honor of Prof. Robert Dankoff, on the occasion of his retirement. There will be a roundtable and recognition session in his honor, for his years of dedication to the fields of Turkish and Islamic Studies at the University of Chicago. This will be followed by a reception. Later that evening we will host a concert by the University of Chicago's *Middle East Music Ensemble*, directed by Issa Boulos.

Throughout the conference there will be a photograph exhibition in Ida Noyes (Library Lounge) titled *Out of Frame: An exploration into the Bigger Picture of Modern Turkey*, by artist Meghan Rose MacIver from Simon Fraser University.

The full schedule is on display below. Green indicates panels revolving around this year's theme: *Family in the Middle East*. Beige indicates panels and or papers that are part of the *2nd Symposium on Modern Turkey*. Green titles can be downloaded.

A pdf version of the conference program can be downloaded [here](#). Other practical information can be downloaded [here](#).

Friday, May 12th

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast and registration
Ida Noyes Library Lounge

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Late Ottoman Social History

Moderator: Collin Heywood
(Ida Noyes Library)

Nazan Maksudyan
(Sabanci University)
Abandoned Children of 19th Century Ottoman Empire

Y. Tolga Cora
(Bogaziçi University)
Educating the Bodies and the Morals for the 'Survival' of the State" Some Notes on the Emergence of Boy Scouting in the Ottoman Empire

Metin Atmaca
(University of Texas, Austin)
Trouble in School: The Public Education and Resistance in the Late Ottoman Empire

Karen Kern
(Hunter College, CUNY)
Love at a Revolutionary Moment: Modernization, the State, and 'Milk Marriage' in Ottoman

Classical Arabic Poetry

Moderator: Tahera Qutbuddin
(West Lounge)

Ted Cohen
(University of Chicago)
Variations in the Mu'allafa of Imru al-Qays

Elizabeth Urban
(University of Chicago)
Remembering the Garden of Eden: Praise and Piety in the Language of the Birds in the Rasa'il of the Ikhwan al-Safa'

Catherine Bronson
(University of Chicago)
The Implications of Khansa's Elegiac Composition: An Argument for General Continuity in Theme and Style over the Course of her Life

Imperialism, Colonialism, and Philanthropic Intervention in Middle East Foreign Policy

Moderator: Hakan Özoglu
(East Lounge)

Dan Morrison
(University of Chicago)
The Carter Doctrine: A Step Back to the Cold War through Iran and Afghanistan

Erin Glade
(University of Chicago)
Reassessing Foreign Policy in a Weak State: The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the Context of American and British Foreign Policy, 1961-1963

Sibel Oktay
(Sabanci University)
Civil Society and Foreign Donors, a Case Study: Turkey and the Open Society Institute

Mohammad Akacem
(Metropolitan State College of Denver)
co-author : Dennis D. Miller

Birecik

(Baldwin Wallace
College)
*OPEC: Whose Oil Is
it Anyway?*

12 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Roundtable in Honor of Prof. Dankoff

Moderator: Cornell Fleischer
(Ida Noyes Library)

Howard Crane
(Ohio State University)

Gottfried Hagen
(University of Michigan)
Deconstructing the Ottoman Book

Pierre MacKay
(University of Washington)
The Manuscripts of the Seyhatname---A Little Unfinished Business

Ahmet Karamustafa
(Washington University, St. Louis)
*Religious Voices in Modern Turkish Free Verse: The Poems of Sezai
Karakoç (b. 1933) and İsmet Özel (b. 1944)*

Snjezana Buzov
(University of Pittsburgh)
Cevdet Pasha on the courting custom in nineteenth-century Sarajevo

2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**The Formation of Ottoman Political Language in the Early Imperial
Period, 1453-1622 (Panel dedicated to Robert Dankoff)**

Moderator: Prof. Cornell Fleischer
(Ida Noyes 216/217)

Sooyong Kim
(Bryn Mawr College)
The Plain Turkish Movement Reconsidered

Ebru Turan
(University of Chicago)
*Voice of Opposition in Ottoman Politics During Suleyman's Reign (r.
1520-1566)*

Side Emre
(University of Chicago)
Ibrahim-i Gülsenî (d.1534): A Silenced Holy Voice of Political Dissent in Ottoman Cairo between 1517 and 1534

Tülün Degirmenci
(Hacettepe University)
A New History for a new Image: Osman II and Illustrated Turkish Sehnames

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**The Politics of
Language/The
Language of Politics**

Moderator: Saeed
Ghahremani
(East Lounge)

Samad Alavi
(University of
Chicago)
*Martyrs and
Martyrdom in Iranian
Political Poetry:
1909-1979*

James Gustafson
(University of
Washington)
*Sharqzadegi: The
Islamic Republican
Party's Discursive
Struggle Against
Marxism, 1979-1981*

Abel Kerevel
(University of
Washington)
*Prescribing Morality:
Censorship in the
Islamic Republic*

**Symposium on
Modern Turkey:
Domestic, Regional
and Global
Challenges and
Turkish Responses**

Moderator: James
Tallon
(West Lounge)

Hakan Özoglu
(University of
Chicago)
*Silencing the
Opposition: Kemalist
Response to Political
Opposition 1920-
1925*

Dilek Barlas (Koc
University)
Serhat Guvenc
(Bilgi University)
*A Middle Power in
the Making: Turkish
Diplomacy and Naval
Policy in the Balkans
and Mediterranean
between the two
World Wars*

Joshua Walker
(Yale University)
*Turkey in the Global
Order*

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Women and
Participation in the
Nation-State**

Moderator: Noha
Forster
(West Lounge)

Anisa Noormohamed
(University of
Chicago)
*The Transformation of
the Egyptian Woman:
Reconciling Islamic
Law With Modernity*

Line Khatib
(McGill University)
*The Syrian State's
Conflict with the
Muslim Brotherhood
and its Impact on
Women's Status*

Aslıhan Tokgöz
(Brown University)
*The Role of Day-Time
Television
Programming in the
Lives of Rural
Women: A Feminist
Ethnography of
Turkish Soap Opera
Viewers in
Contemporary Turkey*

**Islamic Art and
Artifact Workshop:
The Use of
Numismatics in
Islamic History and
Archaeology**
Moderator: John
Woods
(Ida Noyes Library)

Warren Schultz
(DePaul University)
*Big Problems and
Little Coins: The
Limits of Numismatic
Evidence and the
Case of Mamluk
Syrian Fulus*

Michael Bates
(American
Numismatics Society)
*Who was Named on
Abbasid Coins, and
Why?*

Choukri Heddouchi
(University of
Chicago)
*Stages in Die-
Preparation of
Sijilmassa Coins*

Robert Haug
(University of
Michigan)
*Provincial Minting
and Provincial
History: the Central
Asian Mints of
Panjhir and
Andabarah in the
Late 3rd/9th Century*

**Symposium on
Modern Turkey:
Critical Approaches
to Modern Turkish
History**

Moderator: Kaya
Sahin
(East Lounge)

Erol Ulker
(University of
Chicago)
*Assimilation of the
Muslim communities
in the first decade of
the Turkish Republic
(1923-1934)*

Ramazan Aras
(University of
Western Ontario)
*Reconstruction of
Assyrian Family in
the Post-1915 Era in
Mardin*

Coskun Cakir
(Georgetown
University)
*The Role of Economic
Historiography in the
Modern Turkish
Historiography*

4:00 p.m. - PLENARY SESSION

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Professor **KENNETH CUNO** (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign)

Divorce and the Fate of the Family in Modern Egypt

5:30 p.m. - Recognition of Professor **ROBERT DANKOFF**

Ida Noyes Library

To be followed by a reception in honor of Prof. Dankoff.

8:00 p.m. - CONCERT

International House (1414 East 59th Street) - Assembly Hall

THE MIDDLE EAST MUSIC ENSEMBLE

Director: Issa Boulos

Saturday, May 13th

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast

Ida Noyes Library Lounge

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Construction of Private and Public Space in the Middle East

Moderator: Persis Berlekamp
(East Lounge)

Brian Wood
(Georgetown University)
*The House for Najib Mahfuz:
Within the Walls of Intimate
Space*

Zafer Sagdic
(Yildiz Technical
University)
*The Place and Importance of
the Akaretler Rowhouse*

Law and Governmentality in the Middle East Nation-State

Moderator: Farouk Mustafa
(West Lounge)

Rafi Mottahedeh
(University of Arizona)
*Dynamism & Change in the
Lebanese Juvenile Justice
System*

Faisal Ghori
(University of California,
Berkeley)
*Islamic Reform & The
Origins of Political Islam*

Parent and Child in Social Text and Practice

Moderator: Katherine E.
Hoffman
(Ida Noyes Library)

Gretchen Pfeil
(University of Chicago)
*Boys and Birds: Family and
Charity in Sufi Muslim
Practice in Dakar, Senegal*

Montserrat Rabadán
(University of Chicago)
*Traditional Palestinian
Family Relationship Patterns
in the Khreffiye (Palestinian*

*Group in Ottoman Civil
Architecture*

David London
*Cultural Significance and
Urban Implications of
Housing Modifications in
West Jerusalem*

Ioannis Grigoriadis
(SOAS/Sabanci University)
*Novel Approaches to the
Question of Secularism in
Turkey: Bridging Islam and
Liberalism?*

Dina Rashed
(DePaul University)
*Family Matters: Politics of
Economic Reform in Egypt
and the Two Mubaraks*

“Fairytale”)

Megan Clark
(University of Chicago)
*Making Kurdish Visible:
Children and Other Displays*

Özlem Aslan
(Bogaziçi University)
*Mothers of Peace: The
Experience of a Women’s
Organization within the
Context of Kurdish Identity
and Turkish Nationalism in
Turkey*

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Production of Text in
Early Islam**

Moderator: Paul Cobb
(East Lounge)

R. David Coolidge
(Princeton University)
*Setting the Stage: The
Creation of the World
According to the Universal
Historians*

Bilal Ibrahim
(McGill University)
*Judicial Traditions and the
Formation of Islamic Law*

Ghazzal Dabiri (University
of California, Los Angeles)
*Al-Jahiz and Translation
Theory*

**Middle Eastern
Intellectuals and the
Question of Modernity**

Moderator: Orit Bashkin
(Ida Noyes Library)

Harry Bastermajian
(University of Chicago)
*Historiography on the
Armenian Community of
Ottoman Anatolia and the
Prospect of Protestant
Missionary*

Omar Cheta
(University of Chicago)
*An Arab Ottoman’s Thoughts
on Resistance to Occupation:
Muhammad Bayram V on the
Sudan (1885 – 89)*

Nora Achrafi
(Georgetown University)
*Following the Leader - A
history and evolution of the
Amir ‘Abd al-Qadir as
symbol in 19th-century
Britain, France, and 20th-
century Algeria*

**Roundtable Discussion:
Identifying the Early
Ottoman State**

(Ida Noyes 216/217)

Colin Heywood (University
of Hull)

Rudy Lindner
(University of Michigan)
*Predatory Expansion in
Early Ottoman
Historiography*
Ilker Evrim Binbas
(University of Chicago)
*Sa'in al-Din Turka: A
Timurid Observer of the
early Ottoman Intelligentsia*

Muriam Davis
(Georgetown University)
*Mohammad Arkoun and the
Contours of a Postmodern
Islam*

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**New Perspectives on
Timurid History**

Moderator: Patrick Wing
(East Lounge)

Rubina Salikuddin
(University of Chicago)
*The Timurid Naqshbandi
Order and Political
Involvement*

Derek Davison
(University of Chicago)
*Timur's Projection of
Legitimacy in the Mongol
and Muslim Traditions*

Mustafa Banister
(University of Chicago)
*Mamluk Preparations for
Timur's Invasion*

**Late Ottoman Palestine:
Peasants, Visitors, Settlers
and Journalists**

Moderator: Abigail Jacobson
(Ida Noyes Library)

Yuval Ben-Bassat
(University of Chicago)
*A Divided and Challenged
Community: The Yishuv and
the Young Turk Revolution of
1908*

Avshalom Rubin
(University of Chicago)
*Converging Parallels:
Ottomanism and Zionism in
the Writings of Eliezer Ben-
Yehuda, 1881-1914*

Linda Wheating-Irving
(Chicago, IL)
*Was Palestine Picturesque?
Some Nineteenth-Century
British "Views"*

**Symposium on Modern
Turkey: On Poets,
Musicians and Voices in
Modern Turkey**

Moderator: Martin Stokes
(West Lounge)

Metin Yüksel
(University of Chicago)
*Exploring the 'Dengbêj'
Tradition in Turkey*

Melissa Bilal
(University of Chicago)
*Remembering the Armenian
Lullaby in Turkey*

Sehvar Besiroglu
*Changing Musical Identity of
Women in the Ottoman
Empire*

4:00 p.m. - KEYNOTE ADDRESS
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Professor **BESHARA DOUMANI** (University of California, Berkeley)
The Promise and Perils of Family History

6:00 p.m. - THE ANNUAL LAMB ROAST
Hosted by the Middle East Studies Student Association Ida Noyes Library Lounge

