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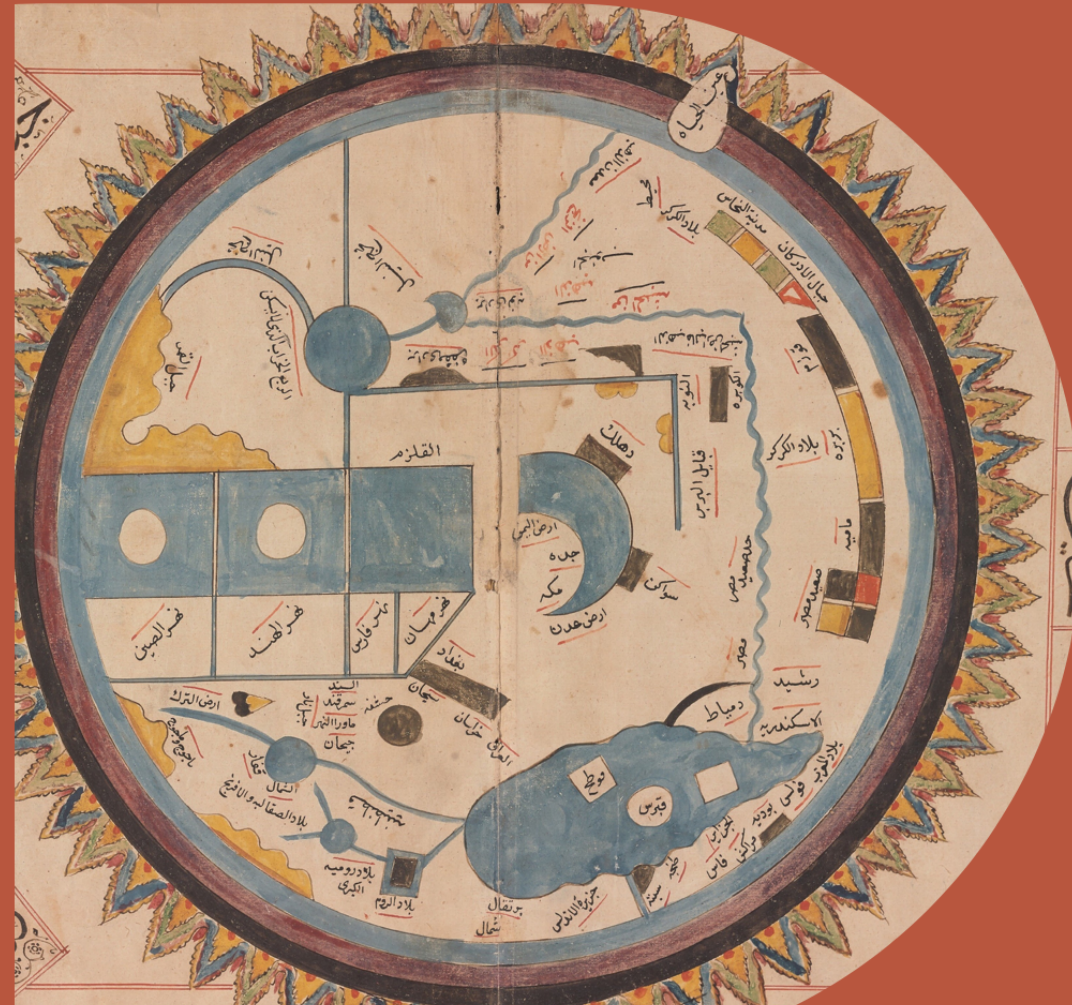
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Registration

Registration is free. A certificate of attendance will be issued.

Registration form:

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09:30 Registration // 10:00 Presentation

SALÓN DE ACTOS (SESSIONS A)

10:15 Keynote speech **Kent F. Schull (Binghamton University)** The Ottoman Collaborative: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and the Future of Ottoman Studies

11:00 Break

Parallel session 1A

Chair: Marcella Miranda (IH-CSIC)

11:30 **H. Cahit Sankaya (Boğaziçi University)** 'Buna çare tevbeden hâli olmamak gerekdür': Re-framing the Circulation of the 16th-Century Ottoman Apocalyptic Knowledge

11:50 **Satuk Buğra Çetinkaya (Osmaniye Korkut Ata University)** Western Perceptions and Factional Struggles in 18th-Century Ottoman Politics: Reading Embassy Reports Through an Occidentalist Lens

12:10 **Hediye Sümeyra Korkmaz (Marmara University)** The Presence and Impact of the Rūmī Ulema in Mamluk Cairo

12:30 **Vladislava Spasova Ilieva (Academia de Ciencias de Bulgaria)** Circulación e interpretaciones sobre la personalidad de Cristo en el islam turco (XIII-XVII), herejías, y "mártires crísticos"

12:50 Debate // 13:30 Lunch Break

Parallel session 2A

Chair: Francesco Caprioli (IH-CSIC)

15:30 **Elisabeth Lobenwein (German Historical Institute Rome)** Couriers as Agents of Knowledge Circulation

15:50 **Yunus Doğan (European University Institute)** Espionage as Circulation of Knowledge

16:10 **Marissa Smit-Bose (University of Cambridge)** When in Rome: intelligence-gathering in the Italian career of an Ottoman Çavuş

16:30 **Nida Nebahat Nalcaci (Independent)** "What News on the Galata?": Venice's Knowledge and Captive Redemption Network

16:50 Debate // 17:30 Coffee Break

18:00 Keynote speech (Salón de actos): **Isa Blumi (Stockholm University)** Local Knowledge, Global Power: Imperial Intimacies and their Bureaucratic Consequences in Ottoman Adriatic and Red Sea regions, 1800-1900

SALÓN NOBLE (SESSIONS B)

Parallel session 1B

Chair: Ignacio García de Paso (UAM)

11:30 **Louis Fishman (CUNY)** Sephardic Worlds: Emerging Ideas and Communal Knowledge within Ottoman Spheres

11:50 **Zeynep Arslan-Çalık (University of the Basque Country)** Circulation as Infrastructure: Mobility, Archival Labor, and the Uncharted Knowledge Networks in the Ottoman–European Space, 1770s–1820s

12:10 **Boriana Antonova-Goleva (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences/ New Europe College)** Circulation of Knowledge, Transport Modernisation, and Corruption in the Ottoman World

12:30 **Ekin Akalın (UAM & University of Nantes)** Were Ottoman Military Painters Artist? Academic Painting Training in the Military Schools of Constantinople: Between Technical Drawing and the Fine Arts

12:50 Debate

13:30 Lunch Break

SALÓN DE ACTOS, PINAR 25 (SESSIONS A)

10:15 Keynote speech **Eric Dursteler (Brigham Young University)** 'In tempo del rumore del Cigala': Information Flows in the Early Modern Mediterranean

11:00 Break

Parallel session 3A

Chair: Juan Luis Simal (UAM)

11:30 **Elif Gültekin (Medeniyet University)** From Text to Practice: Mobility of Cholera Treatises and the Transformation of Ottoman Medical Knowledge

11:50 **Berrak Burçak (Bilkent University)** The Circulation and Medicalization of Aesthetic Knowledge in the Late Ottoman Empire

12:10 **Semih Çelik (University of Exeter)** The Ottoman 'vegetative State'? Collecting and Circulating Plants and botanical Knowledge through the first Ottoman Herbarium, 1835-1850

12:30 Debate // 13:10 Lunch Break

Parallel session 4A

Chair: Juan Luis Pan-Montojo González (UAM)

15:30 **Luis Alfredo de la Peña Jiménez (University of the Basque Country)** El faro y la puerta. Apuntes sobre la ilustración neo-helénica en el imperio otomano

15:50 **Daniel Broccato (Jagiellonian University)** Construyendo lugares a través de imperios: Mundos cotidianos de la diáspora africana en la Anatolia occidental durante el período otomano tardío

16:10 **Luis Illanas García (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos)** El entorno geopolítico turco-balcánico: de San Stefano a la génesis del acuerdo de Müzzsteg

16:30 Debate // 17:10 Coffee Break

18:00 Keynote speech (Salón de actos, Pinar 25): **Giancarlo Casale (European University Institute)** Ottoman Diplomats and global Knowledge, 1720-1740

18:45 Concluding remarks

SALA 6121, PINAR 25 (SESSIONS B)

Parallel session 3B

Chair: Mathilde Albisson (IH-CSIC)

11:30 **Fatma Sinem Eryilmaz (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)** The Transmission of absolute Knowledge in the early modern Ottoman World

11:50 **Efe Can Zeybek (Brandeis University)** Circulating Ancientness: "Kadîm" Claims and the Mobility of 'Âdet-i Kadîme

12:10 **Mustafa Özağaç (Istanbul University)** Literary Form as Knowledge Circulation in the Ottoman World (1500–1900)

12:30 Debate

13:10 Lunch Break

Parallel session 4B

Chair: Ferrán Escrivà Llorca (Universitat de València)

15:30 **Ahmed Tahir Nur (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)** Debating Disease: Plague and Circulation of Knowledge in the Sixteenth Century Ottoman World

15:50 **Melis Taner (Özyeğin University)** Green Empires and Itinerant Plants

16:10 **Abdüssamet Yılmaz (University of Chicago)** Vernacularization and Medical Knowledge in Early Modern Ottoman Empire

16:30 **Jonas Burkhard (Yale University)** Traditional Arabic Cartography in the Early Ottoman Context

16:50 Debate

17:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 Session 1
Chair: Arda Akinci (UAM)

1. **Gül Aydın (Istanbul Technical University)** Engineering the Modernization: How the Profession Reconstructed Gender and the Middle Class in Early Republican Türkiye?
2. **Ceren Rasimoğlu (Acıbadem University)** In the Shadow of the "Qualified Physician": Professional Boundaries and the Representation of Mütetabbib in the Late Ottoman Press
3. **Meltem Kocaman (Istanbul University)** Class, Expertise, and Professional Identity: The Making of Electrical Technicians in 1940s Turkey

12:30 – 14:00 Session 2
Chair: Darina Martykánová (UAM)

1. **Meriç Tanık (Warwick University)** How Knowledge Moves: The Extraordinary Power of the Ordinary
2. **Gönenç Göçmengil (Istanbul University)** Science, Curiosity and Politics: Possessing Nature in Late Ottoman Empire
3. **Kent F. Schull (Binghamton University)** 'They are not Known to Us': Mormons and their Armenian Converts in the late Ottoman Empire, 1860-1921
4. **Darina Martykánová (UAM)** Closing Remarks