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## **SPRING LECTURES 2013**

### **TRADE, PILGRIMAGE & COLONISATION THE IMPERIAL ROADS OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

#### **LECTURE**

Tuesday February 19

19.00

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#### **Triumph of the Mule: Overland Travel in the Ottoman Western Balkans (1500-1700)**

Jesse Howell is a PhD student at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies/Department of History at Harvard University. Currently a Junior Fellow at Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations in Istanbul, he is pursuing archival research towards his dissertation on the Ragusa Road, an overland network that linked Istanbul with the Adriatic Sea at today's Dubrovnik, Croatia. This project considers the Ottoman state's manipulation of patterns of mobility in the Mediterranean through diplomacy, infrastructure-building, and administrative policies. In addition, the road provides a frame through which to consider enduring patterns of cross-cultural interaction in a dynamic zone on the periphery of empire.

*Refreshments are served after the lecture*