

**Fourth Annual Ottoman Political Economies Meeting (June 30-July 1, 2025)**

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## Event Programme:

### June 30th

**10:00 am – 10:30 am:** Welcome and Introduction

#### **10:30 am - 12:15 pm: Session 1**

Transition to Capitalism: Demography, Money, and Fiscal Reform

Moderator: Tommaso Stefini, Sabancı University

Pelin Tıglay	Independent Scholar	Tracing the Ottoman Demographic Transition: Modeling the Age Distribution of Bursa (1500-1840)
Ellen Nye	Purdue University	Currency Transition: The Use of Foreign Coins in the Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Empire
Can Büyükvardar	Heidelberg University	Managing Pluralism: Ambiguity and Fiscal Reform at the Turn of the Eighteenth Century

**12:15 pm – 1:45 pm:** Lunch

#### **1:45 pm – 3:30 pm: Session 2**

Court Records as Sources in Ottoman Political Economies

Moderator: Ellis Garey, Brown University

Nada Moumtaz	University of Toronto	Legal fictions: Truth and Evidence in Beirut's Ottoman Court
Metin Coşgel	University of Connecticut	Intergenerational Mobility in Ottoman Istanbul: Evidence from Court Records
Nora Barakat	Stanford University	Trade, Property Relations and Codified Law in Late Ottoman Gaza: A View from the Regular Court

#### **3:45 pm – 5:30 pm: Session 3**

Fields to Markets: Agrarian Production, Trade, and Surplus Extraction

Moderator: Seda Altuğ, Koç University and IFEA/INALCO

Camille Cole	Illinois State University	The City Unbound: Dates and Geographies of Wealth in Nineteenth-Century Basra
Elizabeth Williams	University of Massachusetts Lowell	The Sultan's Lands in Aleppo and Syria
Yara Saqfalhait	Columbia University	The Architecture of the Ottoman Customs Bureaucracy (1860-1917)

## **July 1st**

### **10:30 am – 12:45 pm: Session 4**

Carbon, Hydraulic, and Animal Power

Moderator: Naz Yücel, Independent Scholar

Deren Ertaş	Harvard University	Leveraging Scarcity: The Politics of Charcoal and Firewood Provisioning to the Keban & Ergani Mines, 1725-1775
Nathaniel Moses	Harvard University	Good Works: Making Hydraulic Infrastructure in Late Ottoman Najaf and Karbala
Joan Chaker	Harvard University	Capitalism in the Countryside: A Collective Biography of the Muleteers of Mount Lebanon over the Nineteenth Century
Önder Eren Akgül	Northwestern University	Ecological Fears of Global Capital, the Gediz Riverbed Alteration, and Austere Infrastructure in the Late Ottoman Empire

**12:45 pm – 2:15 pm: Lunch**

### **2:15 pm – 4:30 pm: Session 5**

Empire, Crisis, and Sovereignty

Moderator: Yaşar Tolga Cora, Boğaziçi University

Peter Hill	Northumbria University	The Syrian rebellions against Ibrahim Pasha of Egypt, 1834-1840
Masato Tanaka	Heidelberg University	The Crisis of 1907 and the Reform Movements in Ottoman Lebanon: Class and Communal Anxiety in the Age of Financial Precarity
Pınar Odabaşı	University of Akron	Edirne during World War I: Borders and Belonging at the End of Empire
Kate Dannies	Miami University in Ohio	Women Surviving World War I: Disaster, Crisis, and Social Reproduction in Wartime Istanbul

**4:45 pm – 6:15 pm: OPE Business Meeting**

**Other OPE members who attended the event:** Varak Ketsemanian (American University of Beirut), Henry Clements (University of Warwick), Lâle Can (The City University of New York), Hengameh Ziai (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)