

Frontiers in the Umma: On the Sunni-Shii Borderlands in the Ottoman Middle East

**29 May 2025, 08:30 - 17:00 } (Istanbul)
30 May 2025, 08:30 - 13:00 }**

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29.05.2025

8.30: Coffee

9.00: Introduction

Philippe Bourmaud (IFEA/University Jean Moulin - Lyon III)

Charles Ganier (ANAMED) and **Alexis Wick** (Koç University)

9.30-11.00: *Religious Difference in a Sunni State*

Moderator: **Philippe Bourmaud** (IFEA)

Faruk Yaslıçimen (Boğaziçi University), “Sectarian Difference and Dissimilar Heterodoxies in the Late Ottoman Empire”

Şehnaz İyibaş (Koç University), “In the Name of Sovereignty and Religious Cohesion: Managing Water in Late Ottoman Iraq”

11.00-11.15: Coffee

11.15-12.45: *Shii Spaces and Spiritualities in Ottoman Iraq*

Moderator: **Dahlia Gubara** (Koç University/King’s College London)

Stefan Winter (UQAM/Koç University), “The Ottoman Administration of the Shii Shrine Cities of Iraq, 1667-1746”

Elif Diğiroğlu (EHESS), “Organizing Mourning Ceremonies (Matem) in the Atabat-ı Aliye during the Reign of Abdulhamid”

12.45-14.30: Lunch

14.30-16.15: *Eastern Borderlands: Local and Imperial Practices*

Moderator: **Alexis Rappas** (Koç University)

Güneş Işıksel (Medeniyet University), “The Unconquered Middle: Local Autonomy and Imperial Struggle in the Iranian and Micrasiatic Borderlands in the Longue Durée”

Rıza Yıldırım (Independent Scholar), “Shifting Boundaries in Qizilbash-Alevi Politico-Religious Allegiance in the Aftermath of the Safavid Era” (by Zoom)

Erdal Çiftçi (Mardin Artuklu University), “Revisiting Tribes and Imperial Policies in the Ottoman-Iranian Borderlands during the 19th Century”

16.15-17.00: General Discussion

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9.00-10.30: *Ambivalent Encounters: Iranian Perspectives on the Ottomans*

Moderator: **Charles Ganier** (ANAMED)

Güllü Yıldız (Marmara University), “Passing Borders for Pious Encounters: Iranian Pilgrims in Ottoman Lands”

Denis Hermann (CNRS), “Perceptions of the Ottoman Regime in Late Qajar Iran’s Political Philosophy Literature (andarznāmeḥ) (ca. 1865-1900)”

10.30-10.45: Coffee

10.45-12.30: *Between Islamic Unity and Reason of State*

Moderator: **Olof Heilo** (SRii)

Zeinab Azarbadegan (University of Oxford), “Dashed Dreams of Islamic Unity: Ottoman-Qajar Relations in the 1870s”

Amal Ghazal (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies), “The Other Sectarian Borderland: Ibadis in the Ottoman Empire”

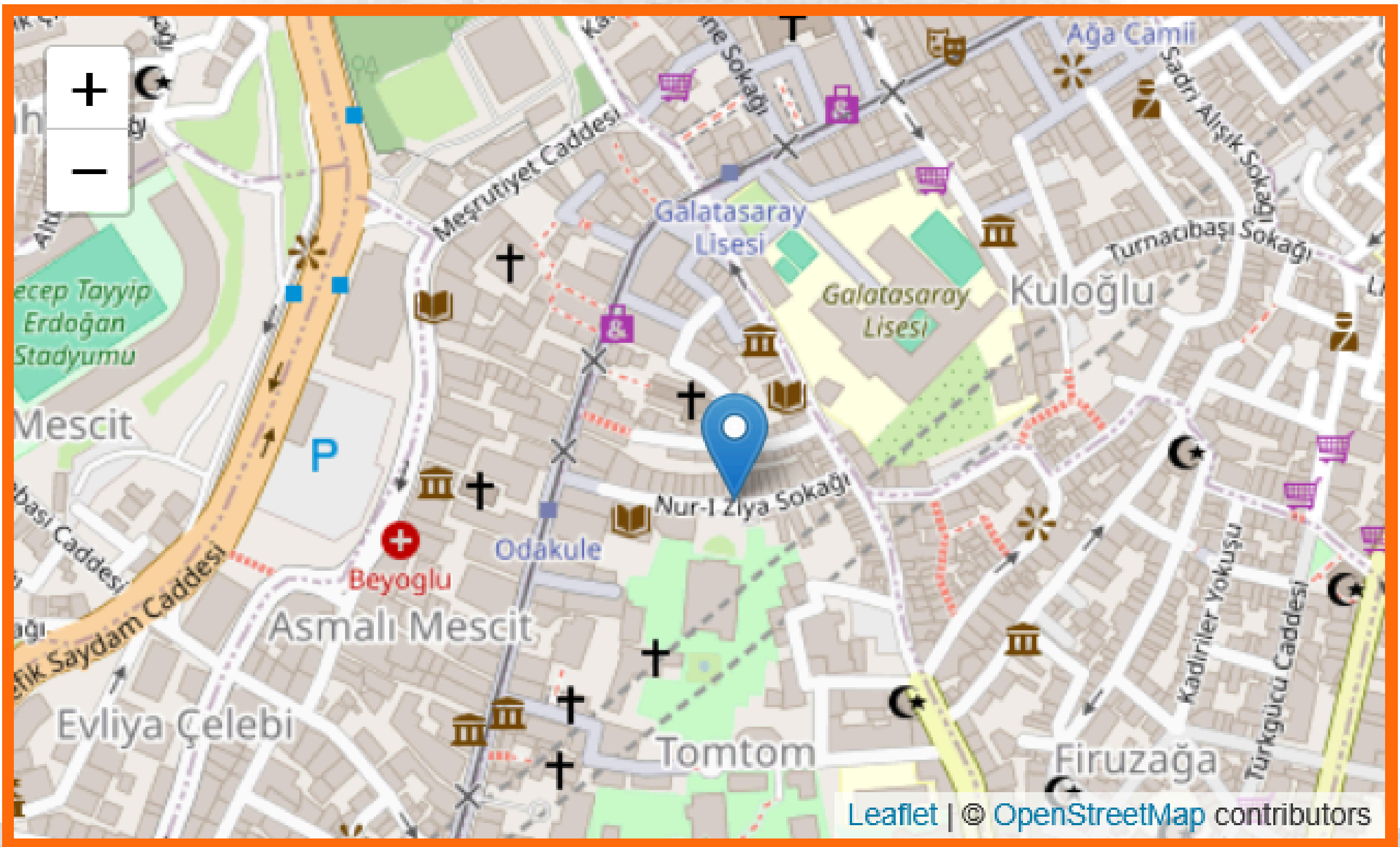
Isa Blumi (Stockholm University), “From the Balkans to the Gulf: Correcting Blurred Frontiers in the Umma, 1850-1924”

12.30-13.00: Conclusions and Next Steps

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