

**WATS VIII:
ETHNIC TENSIONS AND VIOLENCE AT THE END OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE**

International Institute of Social History and NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide
Studies
Amsterdam, October 27-30, 2011

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 27

17:00 – 19:30 Welcoming reception for workshop participants

Location restaurant “De Jaren”

20:00-22:00 Public session: “Legacies of mass political violence”

Chair: Wichert ten Have (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies)

Location Crea building University of Amsterdam

Ronald Grigor Suny (University of Michigan): “The Politics of the Armenian Genocide: Coming to Terms with History in the New Turkey”

Uğur Ümit Üngör (Utrecht University): “Confiscation and Destruction: Genocide and the Confiscation of Armenian Property”.

Friday, October 28

Location IISH

9:00-11:00 First Session: “The Violent Break-up of Empire, I”

Chair: Erik Jan Zürcher (International Institute of Social History)

Christine Philliou (Columbia University): “The Alpha and the Omega? Accounts of Urban Violence and Collective Punishment Involving *Rum* in the 1820s.”

Sinan Dinçer (Ruhr University, Bochum): “The Armenian Massacre in Istanbul in 1896.”

Y. Doğan Çetinkaya (Istanbul University): “Social Mobilization, Boycott Movement and the Elimination of Greek Orthodox Population in the Ottoman Empire 1909-1914”

Dilek Güven: “The Massacres of Adana 1909 in the German Foreign Office Archives.”

Commentators: Richard Hovannisian (UCLA); Gerard Libaridian (University of Michigan).

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break.

11:30-13:00 Second Session, part 1: The Violent Break-up of Empire, II

Chair: Ronald Grigor Suny (University of Michigan).

Emre Erol (Leiden University): “Natives, Migrants and Refugees in Eski Foça (Παλαιά Φώκεια) From Balkan Wars to Turkish Republic.”

Aram Arkun (Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center): “The Beginnings of Conflict between the Turkish Nationalist Movement and the Armenians and French in Kozan Sancak After World War I.”

Commentators: Fikret Adanır (Sabancı University); Erik Jan Zürcher (International Institute of Social History).

13.00- 14.00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Second Session, part 2: The Violent Break-up of Empire, III

Chair: Johannes Houwink ten Cate (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies).

Theodosios Kyriakidis (St. George Peristereota Research Centre): “The Destruction of the Christian Communities of the Ottoman Empire (Armenians, Greeks and Assyrians) as reported at the Vatican Archives.”

David Gaunt (Södertörn University): “Kurdish-Assyrian relations in the late Ottoman Empire.”

Commentators: Hans-Lukas Kieser (University of Zurich)

15:00-17:00 Third Session: Memory and Narratives

Chair: Johannes Houwink ten Cate (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies).

Lerna Ekmekçioğlu (MIT): “The Failed Belonging: Turkish Armenians Remembering their Ottoman Past.”

Jennifer Dixon (Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School): “Mechanisms of Continuity and Change in Official Narratives of Dark Pasts.”

Commentators: Uğur Ümit Üngör; Nanci Adler (both NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies)

17:00 Drinks and Dinner at the IISH

19:30 – 21:30 - Evening Session: Authors Meet Critics: A Discussion of Two Recent Works.

Location IISH

- Ronald Grigor Suny, Fatma Müge Göçek, and Norman Naimark (ed.), *A Question of Genocide: Armenians and Turks at the End of the Ottoman Empire* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011).
- Fatma Müge Göçek, *The Transformation of Turkey: Redefining State and Society from the Ottoman Empire to the Modern Era* (London: IB. Tauris, 2011)

Chair: Erik Jan Zürcher (International Institute of Social History).

Panel: Ronald Grigor Suny, Fatma Müge Göçek, Gerard Libaridian (University of Michigan).

Commentators: Haik Demoyan (Armenian Genocide Museum); Ton Zwaan (NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies)

Saturday, October 29

Location IISH

9:00-11:00 Fourth Session: The “Millet System”: Perspectives and Sources.

Chair: Fatma Müge Göçek (University of Michigan).

Matthias Bjørnlund (Danish Institute for Study Abroad): “Scandinavian Perceptions of Non-Muslim Minorities in the Late Ottoman Empire.”

Vangelis Kechriotis (Bosphorus University): “The Perception of the Millet System among the Greek-Orthodox in the Long 19th Century.”

Roger Heacock (Birzeit University): “The Literary Invention of the Palestinian ‘Milla’.”

Hakem Rustom (London School of Economics): “An End to the Millet System? The Armenian Question and the Classification of Anatolian Populations at the Lausanne Conference.”

Commentators: Hans-Lukas Kieser (University of Zurich); Raymond Kevorkian (University of Paris VIII Saint Denis).

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break.

11:30-13:30 - Fifth Session: Language, Nation, and the Construction of Conflict.

Chair: Gerard Libaridian (University of Michigan).

Şehnaz Şişmanoğlu Şimşek (Boğaziçi University): “Evangelinos Misailidis: The Voice of the Unheard in 19th Century Ottoman Society.”

Michiel Leezenberg (University of Amsterdam): “From Coffee House to Nation State: The Emergence of New National Languages in the Later Ottoman Empire.”

Louis Fishman (Brooklyn College): “Renegotiating the Millet System: Jews, Armenians, and Greeks following the short-Lived freedoms of the Young Turc Revolution, 1908-1911.”

Dikran Kaligian: “Security and Insecurity in the Years Prior to World War I; The Armenian, Assyrian, and Greek Communities.”

Commentators: Fikret Adanır (Sabancı University); Ronald Grigor Suny (University of Michigan).

13:30- 15:00 – Working Lunch on the Future of WATS for the Committee

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch for other Participants, End of Program

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