

# OTTOMAN BORDERLANDS: ADMINISTRATION, VIOLENCE AND KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION



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### WORKSHOP PROGRAM

**30 September-01 October 2021 (CET/MEZ) online via Webex**

#### **30.09.2021 Day 1**

*11:30-11:45 Registration*

*11:45-12:00 Welcome and Introductory Remarks*

#### **12:00-13:15 Session-1 *Infrastructures, Local Violence and Borderlands***

-Dr. Florian Riedler (Universität Leipzig), “Violence, Infrastructure and the Formation of the Ottoman-Serbian Border (1800-1878)”.

-Dr. Ümit S. Kurt, (Van Leer Jerusalem Institute) “Curious Prostitution Case in Adapazarı: Impossibility of Local Violence and Possibility of İttihad-ı Anasır (Ottomanism) in the Ottoman Borderland”.

*Moderator: Prof. Dr. Nazan Maksudyan (Freie Universität Berlin).*

*13:15-14:30: Lunch Break*

#### **14:30-15:45 Session-2 *Borderland Policies and Decision Making***

-Prof. Dr. Hannes Grandits (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin), “The Bosnian Vilayet during the Devastating Russian-Ottoman War of 1877/8”.

-Prof. Dr. Elke Hartmann (Freie Universität Berlin), “Playing the Gap: Strategies and Instruments of Ottoman Rule in the Eastern Borderland Provinces during the Late 19th Century”.

*Moderator: Dr. İlkay Yılmaz (Freie Universität Berlin).*

*15:45-17:05 Break*

#### **17:05-18:15 Session-3: *Trans-Imperial Connections, Revolutionaries and Local Violence***

-Prof. Dr. Stefan Rohdewald (Universität Leipzig), “Challenging and Securing the Empire(s): Pogroms and the Russian and Iranian Revolutions of 1905 in Local Ottoman Newspapers”.

-Prof. Dr. Houri Berberian (University of California, Irvine), “Roving Revolutionaries: Armenians and the Connected Revolutions in the Russian Iranian, and Ottoman Worlds”.

*Moderator: Dr. Stefan Kirmse (Leibniz Zentrum Moderner Orient).*

## **01.10.2021 Day 2**

### **11:45-12:55 Session-1 Translocal and Transimperial Approches to the Borderlands -I-**

- Denis Ljuljanovic (Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen), “Children of the Borderlands: Politics and Society in the Vilayet of İşkodra (1878-1912)”.  
-Dr. Gözde Yazıcı-Cörüt (Leibniz-Institut für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europa), “Playing One State Off Against the Other”: A Case Study from the Russo-Ottoman Borderland”.

*Moderator: Dr. Nurçin İleri (EUME/Forum Transregionale Studien and Re:Work International Research Center/Humboldt Universität zu Berlin).*

*12:55-13:05 Break*

### **13:05- 14:55 Session-2 Translocal and Transimperial Approches to the Borderlands -II-**

- Dr. Ramazan Hakkı Öztan (Bosphorus University), “Flaws of Information: Ottoman Diplomats and Anxieties of Governance in Fin-de-Siècle Ruscuk” .  
-Dr. Owen Miller (Bilkent University), “The Ottoman Conquest of the Mountains, Sasun, Dersim, Zeytun (1876-1896)”.  
-Jovo Miladinovic (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin) “Enhancing an Imperial Territoriality in the Balkan Highlands via Paramilitarism? The Case of the Ottoman Border Units in the Province of Kosova (1909-1912)”.

*Moderator: Dr. İlkay Yılmaz (Freie Universität Berlin).*

*14:55-15:15 Break*

### **15:15-16:30 Session-2 State Formation, Knowledge Production and Violence in the Borderlands**

- Dr. İlkay Yılmaz (Freie Universität Berlin) “Border Security, Knowledge Production and Administrative Technologies in the Eastern Provinces (1878-1908)”.  
-Dr. Matthew H. Ellis (Sarah Lawrence College) “Bedouin Mobility and Ottoman Administration in the Egyptian-Libyan Borderland”.

*Moderator: Dr. Alp Yenen (Leiden University).*

*16:30-16:45 Break*

### **16:45-17:45: Keynote Lecture**

- Prof. Dr. Taner Akçam (Clarks University), “Top-down and Local Violence in The Late Ottoman Empire – The Role of Security Concerns and A Century of ‘Accumulated Experience’ ”.

*Discussant: Prof. Dr. Erik Jan Zürcher (Leiden University).*

*17:45-18:00 Break*

### **18:00-18:40 General Discussion and Publication Plans**