

## **Riot, rebellion, representation and legitimacy in the Ottoman world c1750-1860**

Ottoman, Balkan, Middle Eastern and North African perspectives on re-imagining democracy - Series 2, 2014. For series 1, and information on the wider project <http://re-imaginingdemocracy.com/re-imagining-democracy-in-the-mediterranean-1750-1860/ottoman-and-north-african-seminar/>

Tuesdays weekly HT 2.15-3.45 in Somerville College, Maitland 20 (*note change of venue from last year*)

**Aims and expectations:** the group brings together more and less expert people interested in developing their knowledge and understanding of the seminar's themes. Prior knowledge is not required, but a commitment to doing the reading and joining in discussion is expected. It's understood that not everyone will be able to attend every week.

Convenors: Joanna Innes (Somerville) and Mark Philp (Warwick)

### **Week 1: Historiography of state-society relations in the Ottoman empire c1750-1860**

Eleni Gara, 'Ottoman subjects as political actors', Introduction to E. Gara, M.E. Kabadayı and C.K. Neumann (eds), *Popular protest and political participation in the Ottoman Empire: Studies in honor of Suraiya Faroqhi* (Istanbul, 2011)

available at <https://aegean.academia.edu/EleniGara>

And Antonis Anastasopoulos, 'The Ottomans and Civil Society: A Discussion of the Concept and the Relevant Literature', in Antonis Anastasopoulos (ed.), *Political Initiatives 'From the Bottom Up' in the Ottoman Empire. Halcyon Days in Crete VII* (Rethymno, Crete, 2012), 435-453

Available at <https://crete.academia.edu/AntonisAnastasopoulos>

### **Week 2: Ottoman political ideas**

Aksan, Virginia H. 'Ottoman Political Writing, 1768-1808'. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 25, no. 1 (1 February 1993): 53-69.

Available at: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/164158>

Sariyannis, Marinos. 'Ruler and State, State and Society in Ottoman Political Thought'. *Turkish Historical Review* no. 4 (2013): 83-117.

Available at:

[https://www.academia.edu/3372151/Ruler\\_and\\_State\\_State\\_and\\_Society\\_in\\_Ottoman\\_Political\\_Thought](https://www.academia.edu/3372151/Ruler_and_State_State_and_Society_in_Ottoman_Political_Thought)

### **Week 3: Overmighty subjects**

Aksan, Virginia H. 'Canikli Ali Pasa (d. 1785): a provincial portrait of loyalty and disloyalty', in Gara, Eleni, Neumann, Christoph K., and Kabadayı, M.E., eds. *Popular Protest and Political Participation in the Ottoman Empire: Studies in Honor of Suraiya Faroqhi*. Istanbul Bilgi University Press, 2011.

Fleming, Katherine Elizabeth. *The Muslim Bonaparte: Diplomacy and Orientalism in Ali Pasha's Greece*. Princeton University Press, 1999.

**See also Eugene Rogan, *The Arabs, chs 2-3 for Zahir al Umar of Syria and Mehmed Ali of Egypt.***

### **Week 4: Islam and ulema**

Greene, Molly. 'Goodbye to the Despot: Feldman on Islamic Law in the Ottoman Empire', *Law and Social Enquiry*, 2010.

<http://www.swetswise.com/swoc-web/details.html?journalId=123152&yevold=3043553>

Barkey, Karen. *Empire of Difference*: *The Ottomans in Comparative Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008, ch. 6. 'An eventful eighteenth century: empowering the political' for accounts of the role of the ulema in rebellions within Istanbul

Chambers, Richard L. 'The Ottoman Ulema and the Tanzimat'. In *Scholars, Saints, and Sufis*: *Muslim Religious Institutions in the Middle East since 1500*, edited by Nikki R. Keddie. Berkeley; London: University of California Press, 1972

**See also for variation in responses to reform across Ottoman lands, Green, Arnold H. 'Political Attitudes and Activities of the Ulama in the Liberal Age: Tunisia as an Exceptional Case'. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 7, no. 02 (29 January 2009): 209–241. doi:10.1017/S0020743800023187.**

### **Week 5: Disorder among the forces of order**

Hathaway, Jane. *Mutiny and Rebellion in the Ottoman Empire*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2002. Intro and essays by Anastasopoulos, Zens and Fahmy

Bruce Masters, 'Aleppo's janissaries: crime syndicate or *Vox Populi*?' in Gara, Eleni, Neumann, Christoph K., and Kabadayı, M.E., eds. *Popular Protest and Political Participation in the Ottoman Empire: Studies in Honor of Suraiya Faroqhi*. Istanbul Bilgi University Press, 2011.

Reid, James J. *Crisis of the Ottoman Empire: Prelude to Collapse 1839-1878*. Franz Steiner Verlag, 2000, ch. 4, Rebellions and revolutions – for similar themes continued into mid C19, pp. 189-235. *Note that large parts of this book are available in Google books*

## **Week 6: Local perceptions of disorder**

Grehan, James. 'STREET VIOLENCE AND SOCIAL IMAGINATION IN LATE-MAMLUK AND OTTOMAN DAMASCUS (CA. 1500–1800)'. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 35, no. 02 (2003): 215–236.

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=152861>

Marino, Brigitte, 'Designer les gouverneurs, les militaires et les rebelles a Damas, au XVIIIe siecle' in Georgeon, François, ed. *Les Mots de Politique de L'empire Ottoman a La Turquie Kemaliste*, 2012.

## **Week 7: Representation**

HADJIKYRIACOU, Antonis, Revisiting the *millet* debate: communal organization and the projection of institutional identity in pre-*Tanzimat* Ottoman Cyprus [unpublished lecture presented at the Centre for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University, October 1, 2013]

Marcus, Abraham. *The Middle East on the Eve of Modernity: Aleppo in the Eighteenth Century*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1989, chs, 8-9 (urban communal institutions)

On-line through SOLO

Thompson, Elizabeth. 'Ottoman Political Reform in the Provinces: The Damascus Advisory Council in 1844-45'. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 25, no. 3 (1 August 1993): 457–475. doi:10.2307/163955.

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/163955>

## **Week 8: Contemporary narratives of tumult and rebellion**

1. Juchereau de St Denis, *Les Revolutions de Constantinople* Book 2, pp. 1-246

[in Google Books](#)

2. Makryiannis, Giannis (1797-1864) *The Memoirs of General Makryiannis 1797-1864*. London; New York; Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1966, ch. 1
3. Mishāqah, Mikhāṣīl. *Murder, Mayhem, Pillage and Plunder: The History of the Lebanon in the 18th and 19th Centuries*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988, Part IV, 1831-40
4. Ranke, Leopold von. *The History of Servia, and the Servian Revolution: With a Sketch of the Insurrection in Bosnia*. H. G. Bohn, 1853, esp chs 17-22.

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