



THE BALANCE OF JUSTICE IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE: NON-MUSLIMS AS AGENTS IN AN ISLAMIC IMPERIAL LEGAL CONTEXT

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PANEL 1
Conceptualizing Justice: Communal and Trans-communal Perspectives in the Early Modern World

Chair: **Baki Tezcan**
University of California, Davis

The Notion of 'Justice' among Ottoman Orthodox Christians in the Early Modern Period

Eugenia Kermeli
Hacettepe University

Compatible Kanuns: Translation and Compatibility of Ottoman, Safavid, and Habsburg 'Kanuns'

Guy Burak
New York University

In Search of the Perfect State: The Discourse on Justice in Ottoman Thought

Hüseyin Yılmaz
George Mason University

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PANEL 2
Dealing with Difference: Fatwas, Firmans, and Non-Muslims in the Ottoman Legal Order

Chair: **Sophia Laiou**
Ionian University

Non-Muslims in Ottoman Şeyhülislams' Fetvas: A Computational Analysis of Thematic Change

Boğaç Ergene
University of Vermont
and
Atabey Kaygun
Istanbul Technical University

The Status of Saint Catherine's Monastery within the Ottoman Legal Order in the Province of Egypt through the Lens of Ottoman Imperial Decrees (*Firman*)

Abdelrahman Mahmoud
Harvard University

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PANEL 3
Power and the Patriarchates: Greek and Armenian Churches and the Ottoman State

Chair: **Ahmet Tunç Şen**
Columbia University

Armenian Priests and Ottoman Kadis: Litigation and Crisis Management among Armenians in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire

Henry Shapiro
Polonsky Academy/Hebrew University

Forms of Jurisprudence in Harmony, Conflict, and Coexistence: Seeking and Implementing Justice in the Interaction between Silvestros of Antioch and the Ottoman Imperial Chancery

Hasan Çolak
TOBB University

The Transformation of the Legal Jurisdiction of the Patriarch of Constantinople

Elif Bayraktar
Istanbul Medeniyet University

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PANEL 4
Non-Muslim Legal Agency

Chair: **Henry Shapiro**
Polonsky Academy/Hebrew University

'Beni İcâreye Dutmuş İdi': Hired Labor and Agency of Non-Muslims in the Early 18th-Century Crimean Khanate

Turkana Allahverdiyeva
University of Bonn

Actors and Agents in Murky Legal Waters: Some Observations on the Practice of Kebin, 16th–18th Century

Betül Başaran
St. Mary's College of Maryland



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PANEL 5
Overlapping Systems of Justice

Chair: **Boğaç Ergene**
University of Vermont

On the Permeability of Judicial Systems in the Ottoman Empire

Phokion Kotzageorgis
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

'Ottoman' Courts Applying 'Frankish Customs': European Consular Courts in 17th-Century Istanbul

Tommaso Stéfani
European University Institute

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PANEL 6
Non-Muslim Perspectives on the Law

Chair: **Betül Başaran**
St. Mary's College of Maryland

Ottoman Greek Businesses and Istanbul Courts, 18th to Early 19th Century

Sophia Laiou
Ionian University

Mormon Missionaries and Armenians in the Late Ottoman Empire: An Investigation of Their Legal Marginalization

Kent Schull
Binghamton University, State University of New York

Saltpans of Ottoman İzmir, a Dispute over Mining Privileges, and the Language of Seeking Justice

Emre Erol
Sabancı University

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PANEL 7
Forum Shopping? Avenues of Justice in the Ottoman Legal Sphere

Chair: **Betül İpşirli Arçıt**
Marmara University

Between Two Communities: Legal Strategies and Practices among Jews in 18th-Century Salonica and Jerusalem

Eyal Ginio
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Legal Plurality and Divorce: Greek Orthodox Divorce in the Patriarchal and Sharia Courts

Gamze Yavuzer
University of Maryland

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PANEL 8
Legal Reforms and Non-Muslim Experiences in the 19th Century

Chair: **Ayşe Ozil**
Sabancı University

How the Ottoman Ulema Responded to Non-Muslims' Equality Demands after the 1848 Revolutions in Europe

Abdulhamit Kırmızı
Marmara University & Centre for Advanced Study Sofia

Ottoman Constitutionalism at the Fin de Siècle: A Social History of a Non-Muslim Perspective on Justice and Reform

Varak Ketsemanian
Princeton University

The Making of Ottoman Private International Law: William Parnis in Ottoman Service, 1864–1882

Berke Torunoğlu
Bilkent University

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Chair: **Eugenia Kermeli** *Hacettepe University*
Edhem Eldem *Boğaziçi University & Collège de France*
Baki Tezcan *University of California, Davis*

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