



TIOL3. Draft Programme as at 25 February 2025

Travellers in Ottoman Lands: Places forgotten, Places remembered

Summary of Venues

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| Plenary sessions | auditorium ANAMED/ NIT |
| Sessions a | Location 1, Minerva Han, Karaköy |
| Sessions b | Location 2, Minerva Han, Karaköy |
| 9 April | Lunch venue: Mahkeme Lokantası (www.mahkemelokantasi.com.tr/) near Minerva Han, Karaköy |
| 9-11 April | Minerva Han's cafeteria for tea, coffee and cookies |
| 10 April evening | Evening reception in Minerva Han 6 th floor |
| 11 April pm | Feriköy Protestant Cemetery |
| 12 April morning | Emirgan Tulip Gardens |

Programme timings

Regular papers: 15 minutes presentation plus 5 minutes for Q&A

Keynote papers: 45 minutes plus 15 minutes for Q&A

Special Guest Speaker's paper: 30 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes Q&A

Wednesday, 9 April 2025

08.45–09.15 Registration and tea and coffee

**auditorium
ANAMED/NIT**

Session 01. Introduction and Keynote Address I

09.15–09.30 Welcomes by Paul Starkey on behalf of the TIOL3 Organising Committee; by Marloes Cornelissen Aydemir, Fokke Gerritsen & Zeynep Simavi

Keynote Address I

Chair: **Zeynep Simavi**, Istanbul Branch Director, American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT), TIOL Committee member

09.30–10.30 *The Camera and the Notebook: photographic excursions in late Ottoman illustrated journals*, **Ahmet Ersoy**, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Türkiye

10.30–11.15 15-minute walk from ANAMED/NIT to Minerva Han, Karaköy

Session 02a. Ottoman lands through the lens: art and architecture

Chair: **Zeynep Simavi**, Istanbul Branch Director, American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT).
TIOL Committee member

- 11.15–11.35 *Architecture in Focus: the 1850s Ottoman Empire in Felice Beato's photographs*, **Robin Thomas**, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Türkiye
- 11.35–11.55 *Unknown Cilicia through a Hungarian Camera*, **Gábor Fodor**, Ottoman Studies Research Group at the Institute of History - Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Research Network, Budapest, Hungary
- 11.55–12.15 *'He Painted as an Architect, and he Built as a Painter': Le Corbusier's travel to Turkey*, **Gertrud Olsson**, HDK-Valand Design Unit – Academy of Art & Design, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 12.15–12.35 *Layered Perspectives: travel albums of nineteenth-century Istanbul*, **Sibel Acar**, TOBB University of Economy and Technology, Ankara, Türkiye

Session 02b. Travel Routes and Destinations

Chair: **Paul Starkey**, Durham University, Durham, UK. TIOL Chair & committee member

- 11.15–11.35 *Edirne: not quite forgotten, not quite remembered*, **Amy Singer**, Department of History, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, USA
- 11.35–11.55 *Mapping Sixteenth-Century English Travel Routes in the Ottoman Empire*, **Uygar Aydemir & Merve Nur Othman**, Department of History, Üsküdar University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 11.55–12.15 *On the Wings of Travelogues: Ottoman cultural heritage of the cities in the Klis sancak*, **Frane Prpa & Ana Torlak**, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Split, Split, Croatia
- 12.15–12.35 *Late Ottoman Tunis by Train: ruler visibility and colonial invisibility. The TGM (Tunis-Goulette-Marsa) and Bône-Guelma railway networks in juxtaposition*, **Oumaïma Jaïdane**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye

12.45–13.45 **Lunch break at Mahkeme Lokantası followed by sessions at Minerva Han**

Session 03a. Architectural insights

Chair: **Firuzan Melike Sümertaş**, Postdoc at ANAMED Istanbul, Türkiye

- 14.00–14.20 *The Narrative of Architecture and Medieval Aesthetics in Bertrandon De La Brocquière’s Travels to Jerusalem and Constantinople*, **Esin Korkut Savul**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye
- 14.20–14.40 *‘The Most Regular and the Best Made of All’: insights from early modern travellers’ accounts of Ottoman royal tombs*, **Ahmet Sezgin**, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture, MEF University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 14.40–15.00 *Byzantine Architecture Reimagined: Charles Texier, Richard Popplewell Pullan and the Western gaze on the Cappadocian landscape*, **Sena Kurcenli Koyunlu & Stephen Fai**, Azrieli School of Architecture & Urbanism, Carleton University, Ontario, Canada
- 15.00–15.20 *The Exploration of Architectural Spolia in Charles Texier’s Œuvre on Anatolia*, **Fatma Sinem Özgür & Hale Gönül**, Department of Architecture, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Türkiye

Session 03b. Travellers in search of knowledge

Chair: **Janet Starkey**, writer and historian, Scotland, UK. TIOL committee member

- 14.00–14.20 *European ‘Tourists’ and their Guides: sightseeing activity in early modern Bursa*, **Ekin Can Göksoy**, Istanbul Research Institute (İstanbul Araştırmaları Enstitüsü), Istanbul, Türkiye
- 14.20–14.40 *Botanical Pursuits and Maritime Realities: Tournefort’s expedition to the Aegean Islands (1700–1701)*, **Aristide Chryssoulis**, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge (Peterhouse), Cambridge, UK
- 14.40–15.00 *Constantinople Seen and Reviewed through the Eyes of a Nineteenth-Century Diplomat and Journalist: Antonio Baratta*, **Consuelo Emilj Malara**, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye & **Luca Orlandi**, Özyeğin University, İstanbul, Türkiye
- 15.00–15.20 *Ivan Bunin in Istanbul: the anxious travel, decay, and nostalgia of the Bird’s Shadow*, **Evan Alterman**, Department of Comparative Literature, Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye

15.30–16.00 **Tea and coffee**

Minerva Han

Session 04a. Antiquities and archaeological scholars

Chair: Fokke Gerritsen, Nederlands Instituut in Turkije (NIT). TIOL Committee member

- 16.00–16.20 *Tracing Antiquity: Count von Ulfeldt's Great Embassy to Constantinople in 1740 and the reception of ancient heritage*, **Maria Baramova**, Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria & **Ivan Valchev**, Sofia University 'St. Kliment Ohridski', Sofia, Bulgaria
- 16.20–16.40 *The Cesnola Brothers and their Controversial Antiquities Exports from Ottoman Cyprus: defying Ottoman firmans, antiquities laws, and the Imperial Museum through Italian, American and Russian identities*, **Ozan Huseyin**, History of Art and Archaeology, SOAS, University of London, London, UK
- 16.40–17.00 *Edward Falkener in Anatolia: an architectural scholar between Classicism and Orientalism*, **Sebastian Marshall**, Schools of Classics and Art History, University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK
- 17.00–17.20 *Between Modern Musings and Living Tradition: the Turkish-Islamic monuments of Mehmed Ziya's late Ottoman landscape*, **Michelle Lynch Köycü**, School of Architecture, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, USA.

Session 04b. Accommodation and culinary delights

Chair: Paul Starkey, Durham University, Durham, UK. TIOL Chair & committee member

- 16.00–16.20 *Exploring Human Mobility: travellers and their accommodation in sixteenth-century Üsküdar*, **Mine Arslan**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 16.20–16.40 *The Brewer and the Butler: 'Dutch' beer production and consumption in early modern Istanbul*, **Marloes Cornelissen Aydemir**, Foundation Development Directorate, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye. TIOL committee member
- 16.40–17.00 *'Avec la Fourchette du Père Adam': Ottoman cuisine as an indicator of civilisational status*, **Paul Csillag**, European University Institute in Florence, Italy
- 17.00–17.20 *The Making of a British Hotelier in nineteenth-century Istanbul*, **Carole Woodall**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO, USA

Thursday, 10 April 2025

Session 05. Keynote Address II

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Chair: **Peter Cherry**, Assistant Director at the British Institute at Ankara (BIAA), TIOL committee member

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09.30–10.30 *Travel, Taste and Trend: fashion in women's travel writing and harem literature*, **Reina Lewis**, University of the Arts, London, UK

10.30–11.15 15-minute walk from ANAMED/NIT to Minerva Han, Karaköy

10.30–11.15 Tea, coffee and subsequent sessions at Minerva Han

Session 06a. Perceptions of women

Chair: **Atacan Atakan**, Foundation Development Directorate, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye

11.15–11.35 *The Adventures of Regina Salomea Pilsztynowa in the Balkans and Istanbul: an exceptional case of a European woman's travels, enterprises and sociability in the eighteenth-century Ottoman Empire*, **Maxence Joscht**, Ecoles des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales E.H.E.S.S., University in Marseille, Marseille, France

11.35–11.55 *The Similar, the Strange and the Comparable: Jacob Jonas Björnståhl in Constantinople 1776–1779*, **Catharina Raudvere**, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

11.55–12.15 *Gertrude Bell and the Tur Abdin: a remote area of Turkey through the eyes of a nineteenth-century British traveller*, **Pat Yale**, travel writer, Istanbul, Türkiye

12.15–12.35 *Colonial Exoticism Versus National Nostalgia in Early Twentieth-Century Travel Writing: a comparative reading of Trabzon in Isabella Bird and Mediha Kayra's Writings*, **Şennur Bakırtaş**, Department of Translation and Interpreting, Atatürk University, Erzurum, Türkiye

Session 06b. Memory, travel and resistance: reimagining the Ottoman Empire through an alternative topography

Chair: **Richard Todd**, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK

- 11.15–11.35 *The Imagined Lands of Ottoman Luxury and Exoticism in the Horoscope for Trebizond (1336–1337)*, **Simona Puca**, University of Naples ‘Federico II’, Naples, Italy
- 11.35–11.55 *Speculation on the Position of Troy in the Antiquarianism of the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Centuries: a corresponding Homeric question*, **Marina Guarente**, University of Naples ‘Federico II’, Naples, Italy
- 11.55–12.15 *From the Hôpital pour les maladies mentales de La Manouba to Berrechid system: on the border of the former Ottoman Empire, the places of psychiatry as scenarios of sociopolitical struggle*, **Stefano Stanca**, University of Naples ‘Federico II’, Naples, Italy
- 12.15–12.35 *Narrating an Ottoman Plague to Public versus Private Audiences in Europe: Domenico Sestini’s (1750–1832) contradictory testimonies of the 1778 Istanbul plague and the question of Ottoman Muslim fatalism*, **Mert Pekdoğdu**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye

12.45–13.30 Sandwich / light lunch

Minerva Han

Session 07a. Sacred and secular: cultural interactions in Ottoman Istanbul

Chair: **Tommaso Stefani**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye

- 14.00–14.20 *European Travellers in Ottoman Eyüp*, **Feray Coşkun**, Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas. Heraklion, Crete, Greece; Özyeğin University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 14.20–14.40 *Summoned by the Sultan: Aḥmad Fāris al-Shidyāq and his pioneering newspaper al-Jawā’ib*, **Paul Starkey**, Durham University, Durham, UK. TIOL committee member and chair
- 14.40–15.00 *Jurjī Zaydān in Istanbul: a traveller in the post-revolutionary capital*, **Esra Taşdelen**, Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA
- 15.00–15.20 *Accidental Pilgrims: occult encounters in occupied Istanbul, 1918–1923*, **Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal**, BIAA Assistant Director 2019 to 2023; Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Naples, Italy

Session 07b. Diplomats, embassies and imperial attitudes

Chair: **Marloes Cornelissen Aydemir**, Instructor, Foundation Development Directorate, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye. TIOL committee member

- 14.00–14.20 *European Travellers and the Role of Local Embassy Staff as Travel Guides in Eighteenth-Century Istanbul*, **Rosanne M. Baars**, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 14.20–14.40 *The Grand Embassy of Count Oettingen (1700) along the Lower Danube: symbolic encounters with the Ottoman province*, **Maria Shusharova**, Institute for Balkan Studies with Centre for Thracology (IB&CT), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 14.40–15.00 *Political Travellers in the Ottoman Empire, 1740–1820*, **Philip Mansel**, Levantine Heritage Foundation, London, UK
- 15.00–15.20 *Questioning Imperial Attitudes in Thomas Thornton’s Present State of Turkey (1807)*, **Suheyla-Hacer Sahin**, University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France

15:40–16.00 Tea and coffee

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Session 08a. Spiritual and religious travellers

Chair: **Ines Aščerić-Todd**, Head of Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. TIOL Committee member

- 16.00–16.20 *Monks and Monasteries, Real and Re-imagined, in the Travelogues and Poetry of the Seventeenth-Century Arab-Ottoman Sufi ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī*, **Richard Todd**, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK
- 16.20–16.40 *‘Wonders of the World’ and ‘Pieces of Paradise’: sightseeing on the Anatolian hajj road in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries*, **Yahya Nurgat**, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 16.40–17.00 *The Mysterious Travels of Tahra Bey, Fakir, across the post-Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean*, **Raphael Cormack**, Department of Arabic, MLAC, Durham University, Durham, UK

Session 08b. Encountering war

Chair: **Burhan İzgin**, Istanbul University , Istanbul, Türkiye; Foundation Development Directorate, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye

- 16.00–16.20 *Local Battles in the Ottoman Province during the War of the Ottomans with the Holy League (1683–1699)*, **Dzheni Ivanova**, Institute for Historical Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 16.20–16.40 *Sultan Selim III and Mahmud II ‘Pulling a Long Bow’: foreign observations of Ottoman archery at the turn of the nineteenth century*, **Rik Janssen**, Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
- 16.40–17.00 *The ‘Ottoman provinces’ through the Eyes of Russian Officials, 1880 to 1910*, **Katya Vladimirov**, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 17.00–17.20 *An American ‘War-Traveller’: Constantinople, Chanak Kale and Gallipoli during World War I in the memoirs of journalist Raymond Swing*, **Melike Tokay**, Department of American Culture and Literature, Başkent University, Ankara, Türkiye

Session 09. Special Guest Session

Chair: **Zeynep Simavi**, Istanbul Branch Director, American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT), TIOL Committee member

- 1.30–18.15 *Places Misremembered: enslavement in Ottoman harems through the eyes of foreign women*, **Nancy Micklewright**, Special Guest Speaker, previously Head of Public and Scholarly Engagement at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Asian Art, Washington DC, USA
- 18.30–20.00 **Evening reception** plus celebration of TIOL2 and other publications **Minerva Han**
6th floor

Session 10a. Encountering Christian and Muslim communities

Chair: Ines Aščerić-Todd, Head of Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. TIOL committee member

- 09.30–09.50 *German envoys and travellers' reports on non-Muslim communities of the Ottoman empire*, **Konstantinos Sampanis & Dilara Kaplan**, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 09.50–10.10 *Muscovites, Turks and their Boys: European travellers on Orthodox and Muslim sexual mores: Orientalism or Mediterranean model of male same sex desire?* **Hanna Filipova**, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 10.10–10.30 *'Purses of Gold' and 'Syrian Princes': travels of Christian dignitaries from Ottoman lands to early eighteenth-century Scotland*, **Janet Starkey**, writer and historian, Scotland, UK. TIOL committee member
- 10.30–10.50 *Notes of Exile: Monk Yūsuf As'ad from Nazareth to Mount Sinai*, **Vevian Zaki**, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU), Munich, Germany

Session 10b. Merchants and bankers in socio-economic spaces

Chair: Mehmet Kuru, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye

- 09.30–09.50 *Wordy Ambitions and a Quiet Career: an eighteenth-century Arab trader's involuntary homemaking in Istanbul*, **Björn Bentlage**, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland
- 09.50–10.10 *Camondo: the rise and tragic end of a Jewish family*, **Cristina Erck**, independent scholar, Bonn, Germany
- 10.10–10.30 *The Travels of Robert Blair Munro Binning: exploring the nineteenth-century cultural landscape and socio-economic spaces of Ottoman Egypt and the Levant*, **Emine Sökmen Adalı**, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Ankara, Türkiye

11.00–11.30 **Tea and coffee**

Minerva Han

Session 11a. Encountering the Caucasus

Chair: **Berna Kamay-Ulusay**, Assistant Professor, Foundations Development Directorate, Sabancı University. Istanbul, Türkiye

- 11.30–11.50 *'The Circassian Blood Fills the Veins of the Sultan': European travellers in the north-western Caucasus*, **Janset Nil Genç**, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 11.50–12.10 *Cultural Exchanges on the Borders of Empires: nineteenth-century Scottish missionaries in the Crimea*, **Ines Aščerić-Todd**, Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. TIOL Committee member
- 12.10–12.30 *Through the Eyes of Travellers: refugee experiences in the late Ottoman Empire*, **Gizem Kazzaz**, Central European University, Vienna, Austria
- 12.30–12.50 *Immigrants, State and Reshaping the Urban Landscape: the case of Ottoman Transjordan through the eyes of contemporary travellers*, **Muhammed Aslaner**, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford (St John's College), University of Oxford, UK

Session 11b. Mindful aristocrats and poet-scholars

Chair: **Uygar Aydemir**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Üsküdar University, Istanbul, Türkiye

- 11.30–11.50 *On the Heels of Mirza Abu Talib Khan: the rare voyage of an Indian Muslim Noble through Ottoman lands*, **Waqar Khan**, writer and retired military officer of the Pakistan army & **Adeela Naureen Waqar**, freelance journalist
- 11.50–12.10 *Giambattista Toderini and Della Letteratura Turchesca*, **Nazlı Beşer**, Sakıp Sabancı Museum, İstanbul, Türkiye
- 12.10–12.30 *The Travelling Mind and the Mindful Traveller: Orientalist-nahdawi encounters in Ottoman lands*, **Feras Alkabani**, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK
- 12.30–12.50 *The Poet and the Scholar: Lord Byron's Grand Tour/seyahat in the Ottoman Empire with John Cam Hobhouse, according to their travel firman (1810)*, **Elias Kolovos**, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Crete, Rethymno, Greece; **Anne McCabe**, Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents, Oxford, UK

Part 2. Expeditions and Visits around Istanbul

12.50–14.30 Break for Friday prayer, lunch (not provided), and travel to the Feriköy Protestant cemetery

14.30–17.00 Events at the Feriköy Cemetery (tour c.60-90 minutes; 2-3 hours in total). **Brian Johnson** of ARIT will provide a tour. Cooperation with NIT, BIAA. Snacks will be provided by ARIT

Session 12. Travellers and their Memorials

Chair: **Peter Cherry**, Assistant Director at the British Institute at Ankara (BIAA), TIOL committee member

Introduction to the Feriköy Protestant Cemetery, **Peter Cherry**, Assistant Director at the British Institute at Ankara (BIAA), TIOL committee member

The Life and Death of a Foreign Correspondent Resting at Feriköy Cemetery: Georges Gaulis, **Nilüfer Hatemi**, Near Eastern Studies Department, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, USA

Blurring the Boundary between Heresy and Orthodoxy: foreign travellers' accounts on everyday religiosity in nineteenth-century Istanbul, **Enes Osman Sayın**, Bilkent University, Ankara, Türkiye; **S. Berk Metin**, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada

Saturday 12 April 2025

10.15–16.00 Travel up the Bosphorus from Eminönü to visit the **Emirgan Tulip Gardens** guided by **Mert Pekdoğdu**, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye

Ferry schedule: departure at 10.15 from Eminönü, arrival at Emirgan at 11.20.

Return at 15.00 from Emirgan, arrival at Eminönü at 15.55.