

Animals in Anatolian & Turkish History



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First Day 🌸 Thursday 🌸 May 16, 2024 🌸 Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations

9:00-9:15 AM | Opening Remarks

Amy Greenberg (Penn State University)
Faisal Husain (Penn State University)

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Chair: Amy Greenberg (Penn State University)
Mine Yıldırım (Kadir Has University), “The Rabies Conundrum: Compassionate Care and Public Health Concerns in Istanbul”
Jeanne Dubino (Appalachian State University), “Canine Worlds: Orhan Pamuk’s Past and Present Encounters with Street Dogs”
F. Nihan Ketrez (Istanbul Bilgi University), “What’s in a Dog’s Name? Dog- vs. Cat-Naming Practices in Modern Turkey”
M. Emir Küçük (Boğaziçi University), “Horses of the Constantinople Tramway Company”

11:00 AM-12:15 PM | Curiosity, Science, and Technology

Chair: Selçuk Dursun (Middle East Technical University)
Gönenç Göcmengil (Istanbul University), “Possessing Nature in the Late Ottoman Period”
Süreyya İsfendiyaroğlu (Istanbul-Cerrahpaşa University) & Ömral Ünsal Özkoç (Çankırı Karatekin University), “How Did Three Game Birds in Istanbul Become Regionally Extinct before the Foundation of the Republic?”
Melih Nur Çerçinli (Directorate of the State Archives), “Animals in Ottoman Narratives from the Perspective of Education and Curiosity”
İbrahim Can Usta (Boğaziçi University), “New Agricultural Instruments in Early-Twentieth-Century Anatolia”

1:30-2:45 PM | Keynote Panel

Chair: Alan Mikhail (Yale University)
Yonca Köksal (Koç University), “Animals on the Move: Epizootics, Famines and Livestock in Late Ottoman Anatolia”
Can Nacar (Koç University), “Sheep as a Cash Crop in the Late Ottoman Empire”

3:15-4:30 PM | Law & Regulation

Chair: Nina Safran (Penn State University)
Deniz Dölek-Sever (Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University), “Biopolitics of Interspecies Relations”
Onat Ozan Ata (New York University), “Transformations in Nomadic Livestock Practices”
Theodoros Tzanatos & Elias Kolovos (University of Crete), “‘Hayvanata eza etmeden’: A Decree on Animal Slaughter in Istanbul”
Ufuk Adak (Altınbaş University), “The Governance of Horse Breeding in the Late Ottoman Empire”

4:45-6:00 PM | Anatolia Through the Ages

Chair: Mevlüde Bakır (Independent Scholar)
Yasemin Yılmaz (Düzce University), “In Death Too: The Role of Animals in Burial Practices in Anatolian Prehistoric Societies”
Ahmet Göksu & Fatma Afyoncu (Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University), “Hayâtü'l-Hayevân in the Ottoman Empire”
Sinan Akıllı & Buket Köremezli (Cappadocia University), “Discourses on Starlings before and after the Turkish Republican Era”
Ebru Gizem Ayten (METU), “Dichotomy of Pigs in Hittites”



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Chair: Deren Ertaş (Harvard University)
Irmak Ertör (Boğaziçi University), "Fish and Fisher People as Part of Anatolian and Turkish History"
Büşra Arabacı (Hacettepe University), "Big Fish Eat the Little One: Extinction of Species of Cimcim during the Integration of Beyşehir Region to the World Economy"
Fatma Esen (Georgetown University), "Anchovy in Trabzon: From a Livelihood for the Coastal Poor to Canned Fish for Foreign Countries"
Elisa Palomino (Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center), "Mesopotamian Magic: Fish Skin Rituals as Technologies of the Past"

11:00 AM-12:30 PM | Insects

Chair: Martha Few (Penn State University)
Zeynep Akçakaya (Independent Scholar), "Locusts, Science, Ottoman State and Humans: Unraveling the Dynamics of an Interdependent Relationship"
Elanur Ocaktan (Istanbul Medeniyet University), "Exploring Bees in Anatolia from the Ottoman Empire to the Republic"
Ayşenur Mulla (University of Silesia in Katowice), "Locusts in Late Antique and Byzantine Religious Writings"
Efe Erünal (Koç University), "Interwoven Existence: The Interplay of People, Worms, and Mulberry Trees in Bursa's Silk Industry in the Mid-Nineteenth Century"

2:00-3:30 PM | Sheep

Chair: Dan Beaver (Penn State University)
Dilara Avcı (Kırşehir Ahi Evran University), "Sheep and Their Importance in Early Modern Ottoman Plovdiv"
Stefan Stojadinović (Istanbul University), "Sheep Farming in the Ottoman Balkans: A Case Study of the Niš Valley in the 16th Century"
Deniz İnce (Boğaziçi University), "The Turkish State's Sheep Policy Between 1930 and 1939: Merino Sheep as 'National Assets'"

4:00-5:30 PM | The Past, Present, and Future of Animal History

Chair: Faisal Husain (Penn State University)
Donna Landry (University of Kent), "The Gift Horse Who Refuses to Be Gifted: Ottoman Multispecies Storytelling?"
Alan Mikhail (Yale University), "Thinking with Ottoman Animals"
Nancy J. Jacobs (Brown University), "Reflections on the Conference Proceedings from an Africanist Perspective"

