

**Halcyon Days in Crete XI Symposium**

**Enchantments and disenchantments: early  
modern Ottoman visions of the world**



The seventy Greek scholars struck dead by the curse of Hermes. 16<sup>th</sup> century, Nizami Ganjavi, *Khamasa*; The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, W.610, f. 338b.

**Rethymno, 14-17 January 2022**

All times are Eastern European Time (UTC/GMT +2).

20 min. papers plus 10 min. discussion.

## **Friday, January 14**

### *Session I*

Chair: Gelina Harlaftis

- 17:45-18:00 Addresses
- 18:00-18:30 **Zeynep Aydođan (Rethymno)**, “Antinomian dervishes and anti-*kerāmet* polemics before the 'Age of confessionalization'”
- 18:30-19:00 **Renaud Soler (Paris)**, “La vie du Prophète et l'ordre des choses : les *Siyer-i Nebi* de Veysī (m. 1037/1628) et Nābī (m. 1124/1712)”
- 19:00-19:30 **Nikolas Pissis (Berlin)**, “Paisios Ligaridis on magic and divination”

19:30-20:00 Break

### *Session II*

Chair: Ethan L. Menchinger

- 20:00-20:30 **Marinos Sariyannis (Rethymno)**, “Sources and traditions of knowledge: revelation, hermeticism, reasoning in an Ottoman context”
- 20:30-21:00 **Güneş Işıksel (Istanbul)**, “Yirmisekiz Mehmed Çelebi's art of describing: narrative of wonders and details of precision”
- 21:00-21:30 **Aslı Niyaziođlu (Oxford)**, “An enchanted Kostantiniyye? Talismanic antiquities of Ottoman *acaibs* (15th-17th centuries)”

## **Saturday, January 15**

### *Session III*

Chair: Zeynep Aydoğan

- 18:00-18:30 **Harun B. Küçük (Philadelphia)**, “Weberian categories and models of Ottoman modernity”
- 18:30-19:00 **Baki Tezcan (Davis)**, “A canon of disenchantment: Birgivi, Rumi, and Kadızade”
- 19:00-19:30 **Kostas Sarris (Thessaloniki)**, “Dialectics of enchantment and disenchantment in the intellectual world of Meletios of Athens”

19:30-20:00 Break

### *Session IV*

Chair: Güneş Işıksel

- 20:00-20:30 **Slobodan Ilić (Nicosia)**, “Underground life of a Sufi saint: The hidden Idris (İdrîs-i Muhtefî, d. 1615) and the secret history of the Melâmî-Hamzevî order in the 17th Century”
- 20:30-21:00 **Tuna Artun (New Jersey)**, “Warfare, re-enchanting? An occult history of the Ottoman military”
- 21:00-21:30 **Gottfried Hagen (Michigan)**, “Miracles in the age of disenchantment”

### **Sunday, January 16**

### *Session V*

Chair: Harun B. Küçük

- 18:00-18:30 **Maria Mavroudi (Berkeley) - Cornell H. Fleischer (Chicago)**, “Ottoman and Byzantine classifications of knowledge in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries”

- 18:30-19:00 **Guy Burak (New York)**, ““Sound transmission and sincere unveiling’: ‘Abd al-Rahman al-Bistami’s epistemology and Islamic universalism”
- 19:00-19:30 **Ashhan Gürbüz el (Montreal)**, “Starting with enchantment: understanding charismatic authority with Ibn Khaldun”

19:30-20:00 Break

### *Session VI*

Chair: Aslı Niyazioğlu

- 20:00-20:30 **Cemal Kafadar (Cambridge MA)**, “The enchanted *çelebis* of the seventeenth century and their disenchantments”
- 20:30-21:00 **A. Tunç Şen (New York)**, “Mystics vs. *munajjims*: competing experts of esoteric knowledge in the early modern Ottoman world”
- 21:00-21:30 **Feray Coşkun (Istanbul)**, “Wondrous and strange in Ottoman geographical texts”

### **Monday, January 17**

### *Session VII*

Chair: A. Tunç Şen

- 18:00-18:30 **Side Emre (College Station)**, “A diagram of the cosmos: mystical cosmologies and diagramming in the early modern Ottoman Empire”
- 18:30-19:00 **Nir Shafir (San Diego)**, “Visualizing wonders in al-Jazari’s (d. 1206) work on mechanics and its Ottoman reception”
- 19:00-19:30 **Miri Shefer-Mossensohn (Tel Aviv)**, “17th century Ottomans think about European medicine and rethink their world”

- 19:30-20:00 **N. Işık Demirakın (Rethymno)**, “On the same page: convergence and divergence of natural and supernatural in the early 19<sup>th</sup>-century Ottoman Empire”

20:00-20:30 Break

*Session VIII*

Chair: Eleni Gara

20:30-21:30 Concluding remarks, discussion

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