



Upcoming conference invitation and Call for papers –

The Third International Conference on Levantines in Istanbul

Title: Legal Status of Levantines in the Ottoman Empire



Proposed Schedule:

Friday 26th October 2018: opening talks from 3 pm with an evening reception to be announced nearer the date.

Saturday 27th October: Main conference in 3 themed sessions – change in the legal status, economic consequences, case studies

Sunday 28th October: Cultural tours and networking day

Organised by the Levantine Heritage Foundation in collaboration and the kind support of the Beyoğlu Municipality

Call for papers deadline: 15 September 2018

Decision of selection and information given out to prospective speakers 30 September 2018

There will be a limited amount of accommodation offered courtesy of the municipality in local hotels, however this is available only for overseas applicants and their request must arrive by with the abstract submission.

We would like to hear from friends and associates who would like to support this conference through funding, or backing a side event, such as a dinner, exhibition, or guided tour. In addition we will be very grateful for volunteers to step forwards to help during the conference.

The Levantines were a small minority concentrated in the port cities of the Ottoman Empire, but their influence on commerce, ideas and industrialisation was considerable. The Ottoman State made a clear distinction between its citizens and foreigners as laws applicable to both groups were incompatible. As the native born foreign population that we term Levantines grew both in size and influence this created great tensions in the system, particularly when it came to legal disputes, 'mixed' marriages and property ownership. We would like to explore how this long-standing issue was addressed from both sides and how it was at times abused by foreign governments or Levantines, and how the successor states and the Turkish republic adjusted to the status of Levantines and its legacy today. We are happy to accept proposals across a wide chronological, geographic and thematic spectrum as long as the broad focus revolves around the title.

For further information on this conference please refer to our site <http://www.levantineheritage.com/>

To submit an abstract or to explore ways in which you can help either as a sponsor or helper, please e-mail us: lhf-ist@levantineheritage.com

We invite proposals for panels as well as individual presentations. Proposals should include title and abstracts (limited to 500 words) and a 1-paragraph biographical note of the author(s) including the name(s) of the presenter(s), institutional affiliations where applicable, mailing address, telephone number and email address. Presentation duration is 20 minutes. The language of presentations will be English or Turkish.

Links to our earlier conferences in this series:

> 'The Effects of and Contributions of Levantines in the Development of Beyoğlu/Pera and Galata Neighbourhoods: A long heritage of Trade, Culture and Arts since 1453' 23-24 September 2016: [call for papers](#) - [programme](#) – [poster](#).

> 'Levantine as pioneers of Modernization in Industry and Trade in the Ottoman Empire', 10-11 November 2017 - [call for papers - flyer: /](#)

[Türkçe: - gallery - videos:](#)

To learn more about Levantine Heritage Foundation or purchase books of past conferences, click [here:](#)

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Removing of the French post box, possibly at the French Post Office in Constantinople, at the time of the abrogation of the foreign capitulations, 1914.