



4th Conference of LHF-Istanbul, 21st September 2019, 10 am – 5pm

Levantines' culture of recreation, clubs and Princes' Islands

Levantine communities of Turkey and beyond were renowned for their work ethic, networking ability and exploiting and developing new business opportunities in the various ports connecting to the hinterlands they inhabited. Less well researched and documented were their private lives of recreation, games and sports, pastimes and hobbies and the parallel worlds they inhabited in their 'out-of-town' residences where summer months could be spent in the gentler climes of countryside or islands. The Princes Islands of Istanbul has always been a magnet for the better-off residents of the city during the summer and Levantines were and are part of that mixture and vibrancy giving these islands a nostalgic flavour.

This conference aims to highlight and explore the more private worlds of Levantines and the location is specially chosen to help set the atmosphere for this world centred more on family and friends rather than business and finance, as our earlier conferences were.

In addition to our provisional programme outlined we would welcome additional researchers and Levantine descendants participate in this academic and social gathering.



View Prinkipo / Büyükkada and Halki / Heybeliada in the distance taken by [Sébah & Joaillier](#) studio, 1890s.

21 September 2019, 10 am start, ending 5 pm

Venue: Anadolu Kulübü, Büyükkada

Opening session 10:00-10:30

First session 10:30-11:45 (Three speakers)

Second session 12:00-13:15

Lunch + Tour 13:15-15:30

Last session 15:30-16:45

There are regular ferry services to and from the island timetable viewable [here](#):

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