

Third JANET Workshop 2022, Janissaries in Ottoman Port-Cities: Muslim Financial and Political Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean

Istanbul Medeniyet University

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The project “JaNet: Janissaries in Ottoman Port-Cities: Muslim Financial and Political Networks in the Early Modern Mediterranean,” funded by the European Research Council under the program Starting Grant 2019, aspires to create an innovative entanglement of military, social, political, and economic history which has the potential to change our current perception of the early modern Mediterranean and the role of Islam in it. JaNet investigates the economic and sociopolitical role of the Janissaries in the 18th and early 19th centuries through their examination as a complex of interconnected networks in the Mediterranean. By studying the Janissary corps, the project brings forward a radically new historical analysis concerning, on the one hand, the role of Muslims in the Ottoman and wider Mediterranean commercial economy – a role largely ignored by the bibliography – and, on the other, the processes that led to the creation of diasporas and the dissemination of people and ideas among various Muslim communities in the area.

Project Website: <https://janet.ims.forth.gr/>

Program

September 14

14:00-14:30 OPENING SESSION

14:00-14:10 Welcome Address (Turhan Kaçar, Dean, Faculty of Letters, Istanbul Medeniyet University)

14:10-14:30 “JANET 2022-2023: Developments and Prospects/the Medeniyet University Experience” Yannis Spyropoulos & M. Mert Sunar

14:30-16:00 SESSION I: Janissaries and Their Provincial Networks

14:30-14:55 Yannis Spyropoulos, “Istanbul Janissaries and their Trans-provincial Connections: Two Janissary Letters Intercepted during the 1821 Greek War of Independence”

14:55-15:15 Discussion

15:15-15:40 Anna Sydorenko, “The Transformation of Janissary Networks in the Steppe-Frontier Region of the Black Sea”

15:40-16:00 Discussion

16:15-17:45 SESSION II: Some Aspects of Janissary Involvement in Istanbul’s Economy

16:15-16:40 İrfan Kokdaş, “Some Remarks on the Istanbul Esame Market (1750-1826)”

16:40-17:00 Discussion

17:00-17:25 Abdulmennan M. Altıntaş, “Janissary-Artisan Relations: The Case of Istanbul Boatmen’s Guild (1677-1752)”

17:25-17:45 Discussion

September 15

14:00-15:05 SESSION I: Social and Everyday Life of Janissaries in Istanbul and Provinces

14:00-14:25 Yahya Araz, “Personal Worlds, Sense of Belonging, and the Society: The Vasiyets of Janissaries and Their Families in Istanbul (1750-1826)”

14:25-14:45 Discussion

14:45- 15:10 Demetris Papastamatiou, “Depicting the Profile of Wealthy Janissaries in Salonica of the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century: Properties, Entrepreneurial Strategies, Familial and Social Networks, and Debts”

15:10-15:30 Discussion

15:30-15:55 Süreyya Pekşen & Mehmet Savan, “The Universe of Janissary Poets and the World of Galatalı Hüseyin Ağa, one of the Last Janissary Poets”

15:55-16:15 Discussion

16:35-17:35 SESSION II: Istanbul Turned Upside Down: Janissary Involvement in Rebellions and Violence

16:35-17:00 Aysel Yıldız, “The Notorious Soldiers of Istanbul: Sipahs, Armorers and the Janissaries”

17:00-17:20 Discussion

17:20-17:55 M. Mert Sunar, “Street Battles among Janissary Regiments in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century Istanbul”

17:55-18:15 Discussion

Note: The Workshop sessions can be followed via zoom

Time: Sep 14, 2022, 02:00-05:45 PM Istanbul

Time: Sep 15, 2022, 02:00- 06:15 PM Istanbul

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