



TIOL3. Draft Programme as at 31 January 2025

Travellers in Ottoman Lands: Places forgotten, Places remembered

Summary of Venues

Plenary sessions	auditorium ANAMED/ NIT
Sessions a	Location 1, Minerva Han, Karaköy
Sessions b	Location 2, Minerva Han, Karaköy
9 April	Lunch venue: Mahkeme Lokantası (www.mahkemelokantasi.com.tr/) near Minerva Han, Karaköy
9-11 April	Minerva Han's cafeteria for tea, coffee and cookies
10 April evening	Evening reception in Minerva Han 6 th floor
11 April pm	Feriköy Protestant Cemetery
12 April morning	Emirgan Tulip Gardens

Programme timings

Regular papers: 15 minutes presentation plus 5 minutes for Q&A

Keynote papers: 45 minutes plus 15 minutes for Q&A

Special Guest Speaker's paper: 30 minutes presentation plus 15 minutes Q&A

Wednesday, 9 April 2025

08.45–09.15 Registration and tea and coffee

**auditorium
ANAMED/NIT**

Session 01. Introduction and Keynote Address I

09.15–09.30 Welcomes by Paul Starkey on behalf of the TIOL3 Organising Committee; by Marloes Cornelissen Aydemir, Fokke Gerritsen & Zeynep Simavi

Keynote Address I

Chair: Peter Cherry

09.30–10.30 *The Camera and the Notebook: photographic excursions in late Ottoman illustrated journals*, **Ahmet Ersoy**, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Türkiye

10.30–11.15 15-minute walk from ANAMED/NIT to Minerva Han , Karaköy for subsequent sessions, as follows:

Session 02a. Ottoman lands through the lens: art and architecture

Chair: Zeynep Simavi

- 11.15–11.35 *Architecture in Focus: the 1850s Ottoman Empire in Felice Beato's photographs*, **Robin Thomas**, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Türkiye
- 11.35–11.55 *Unknown Cilicia through a Hungarian Camera*, **Fodor Gábor**, Ottoman Studies Research Group, HUN-REN Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Research Network, Budapest, Hungary
- 11.55–12.15 *'He Painted as an Architect, and he Built as a Painter': Le Corbusier's travel to Turkey*, **Gertrud Olsson**, HDK-Valand Design Unit – Academy of Art & Design, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 12.15–12.35 *Layered Perspectives: travel albums of nineteenth-century Istanbul*, **Sibel Acar**, TOBB University of Economy and Technology, Ankara, Türkiye

Session 02b. Travel Routes and Destinations

Chair: Paul Starkey

- 11.15–11.35 *Edirne: not quite forgotten, not quite remembered*, **Amy Singer**, Department of History, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, USA
- 11.35–11.55 *Mapping Sixteenth-Century English Travel Routes in the Ottoman Empire*, **Uygar Aydemir & Merve Nur Othman**, Department of History, Üsküdar University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 11.55–12.15 *On the Wings of Travelogues: Ottoman cultural heritage of the cities in the Klis sancak*, **Frane Prpa & Ana Torlak**, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Split, Split, Croatia
- 12.15–12.35 *Late Ottoman Tunis by Train: ruler visibility and colonial invisibility. The TGM (Tunis-Goulette-Marsa) and Bône-Guelma railway networks in juxtaposition*, **Oumäïma Jaïdane**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye

12.45–13.45 **Lunch break at Mahkeme Lokantası followed by sessions at Minerva Han**

Session 03a. Architectural insights

Chair: Firuzan Melike Sümertaş

- 14.00–14.20 *The Narrative of Architecture and Medieval Aesthetics in Bertrandon De La Brocquière's Travels to Jerusalem and Constantinople*, **Esin Korkut Savul**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Türkiye
- 14.20–14.40 *'The Most Regular and the Best Made of All': insights from early modern travellers' accounts of Ottoman royal tombs*, **Ahmet Sezgin**, Faculty of Arts, Design and Architecture, MEF University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 14.40–15.00 *Byzantine Architecture Reimagined: Charles Texier, Richard Popplewell Pullan and the Western gaze on the Cappadocian landscape*, **Sena Kurcenli Koyunlu & Stephen Fai**, Azrieli School of Architecture & Urbanism, Carleton University, Ontario, Canada
- 15.00–15.20 *The Exploration of Architectural Spolia in Charles Texier's Œuvre on Anatolia*, **Fatma Sinem Özgür & Hale Gönül**, Department of Architecture, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University, Istanbul, Türkiye

Session 03b. Travellers in search of knowledge

Chair: Janet Starkey

- 14.00–14.20 *European 'Tourists' and their Guides: sightseeing activity in early modern Bursa*, **Ekin Can Göksoy**, Istanbul Research Institute (İstanbul Araştırmaları Enstitüsü), Istanbul, Türkiye
- 14.20–14.40 *Botanical Pursuits and Maritime Realities: Tournefort's expedition to the Aegean Islands (1700–1701)*, **Aristide Chryssoulis**, Peterhouse, University of Cambridge, UK
- 14.40–15.00 *Constantinople Seen and Reviewed through the Eyes of a Nineteenth-Century Diplomat and Journalist: Antonio Baratta*, **Consuelo Emilj Malara**, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Türkiye & **Luca Orlandi**, Özyeğin University, Çekmeköy/İstanbul, Türkiye
- 15.00–15.20 *Ivan Bunin in Istanbul: the anxious travel, decay, and nostalgia of the Bird's Shadow*, **Evan Alterman**, Department of Comparative Literature, Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye

15.30–16.00 Tea and coffee

Minerva Han

Session 04a. Antiquities and archaeological scholars

Chair: Fokke Gerritsen

- 16.00–16.20 *Tracing Antiquity: Count von Ulfeldt's Great Embassy to Constantinople in 1740 and the reception of ancient heritage*, **Maria Baramova**, Sofia University & **Ivan Valchev**, Sofia University 'St. Kliment Ohridski', Bulgaria
- 16.20–16.40 *The Cesnola Brothers and their Controversial Antiquities Exports from Ottoman Cyprus: defying Ottoman firmans, antiquities laws, and the Imperial Museum through Italian, American and Russian identities*, **Ozan Huseyin**, History of Art and Archaeology, SOAS, University of London, London, UK
- 16.40–17.00 *Edward Falkener in Anatolia: an architectural scholar between Classicism and Orientalism*, **Sebastian Marshall**, William St Clair Fellow, School of Advanced Study, University of London, London, UK
- 17.00–17.20 *Between Modern Musings and Living Tradition: the Turkish-Islamic monuments of Mehmed Ziya's late Ottoman landscape*, **Michelle Lynch Köycü**, History of Architecture, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Türkiye

Session 04b. Accommodation and culinary delights

Chair: Paul Starkey

- 16.00–16.20 *Exploring Human Mobility: travellers and their accommodation in sixteenth-century Üsküdar*, **Mine Arslan**, TUBITAK project, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 16.20–16.40 *The Brewer and the Butler: 'Dutch' beer production and consumption in early modern Istanbul*, **Marloes Cornelissen Aydemir**, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye. TIOL committee member
- 16.40–17.00 *'Avec la Fourchette du Père Adam': Ottoman cuisine as an indicator of civilisational status*, **Paul Csallag**, European University Institute in Florence, Italy
- 17.00–17.20 *The Making of a British Hotelier in nineteenth-century Istanbul*, **Carole Woodall**, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, USA

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Session 05. Keynote Address II

Chair: Zeynep Simavi

auditorium

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09.30–10.30 *Travel, Taste and Trend: fashion in women's travel writing and harem literature*, **Reina Lewis**, University of the Arts, London, UK

10.30–11.15 15-minute walk from ANAMED/NIT to Minerva Han , Karaköy

10.30–11.15 Tea, coffee and subsequent sessions at Minerva Han

Session 06a. Perceptions of women

Chair: Peter Cherry

11.15–11.35 *The Adventures of Regina Salomea Pilsztynowa in the Balkans and Istanbul: an exceptional case of a European woman's travels, enterprises and sociability in the eighteenth-century Ottoman Empire*, **Maxence Joscht**, Ecoles des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales E.H.E.S.S., University in Marseille, Marseille, France

11.35–11.55 *The Similar, the Strange and the Comparable: Jacob Jonas Björnståhl in Constantinople 1776–1779*, **Catharina Raudvere**, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

11.55–12.15 *Gertrude Bell and the Tur Abdin: a remote area of Turkey through the eyes of a nineteenth-century British traveller*, **Pat Yale**, travel writer, Istanbul, Türkiye

12.15–12.35 *Colonial Exoticism Versus National Nostalgia in Early Twentieth-Century Travel Writing: a comparative reading of Trabzon in Isabella Bird and Mediha Kayra's Writings*, **Şennur Bakırtaş**, Department of Translation and Interpreting, Atatürk University, Erzurum, Türkiye

Session 06b. Memory, travel and resistance: reimagining the Ottoman Empire through an alternative topography

Chair: Janet Starkey

- 11.15–11.35 *The Imagined Lands of Ottoman Luxury and Exoticism in the Horoscope for Trebizond (1336–1337)*, **Simona Puca**, University of Naples ‘Federico II’, Naples, Italy
- 11.35–11.55 *Speculation on the Position of Troy in the Antiquarianism of the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Centuries: a corresponding Homeric question*, **Marina Guarente**, University of Naples ‘Federico II’, Naples, Italy
- 11.55–12.15 *L’Hôpital pour les maladies mentales de La Manouba: a place forgotten, to remember for its anti-colonial struggle*, **Stefano Stanca**, University of Naples ‘Federico II’, Naples, Italy
- 12.15–12.35 *Narrating an Ottoman Plague to Public versus Private Audiences in Europe: Domenico Sestini’s (1750–1832) contradictory testimonies of the 1778 Istanbul plague and the question of Ottoman Muslim fatalism*, **Mert Pekdoğdu**, Department of History, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye

12.45–13.30 Sandwich / light lunch

Minerva Han

Session 07a. Sacred and secular: cultural interactions in Ottoman Istanbul

Chair: Tommaso Stefini

- 14.00–14.20 *European Travellers in Ottoman Eyüp*, **Feray Coskun**, Foundation for Research and Technology Hellas in Heraklion, Crete
- 14.20–14.40 *Summoned by the Sultan: Aḥmad Fāris al-Shidyāq and his pioneering newspaper al-Jawā’ib*, **Paul Starkey**, Durham University, Durham, UK. TIOL committee member
- 14.40–15.00 *Jurjī Zaydān in Istanbul: a traveller in the post-revolutionary capital*, **Esra Taşdelen**, Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago IL, USA
- 15.00–15.20 *Accidental Pilgrims: occult encounters in occupied Istanbul, 1918–1923*, **Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal**, BIAA Assistant Director 2019 to 2023; currently research fellow at the Scuola Superiore Meridionale, Naples, Italy

Session 07b. Diplomats, embassies and imperial attitudes

Chair: Marloes Cornelissen Aydemir

- 14.00–14.20 *European Travellers and the Role of Local Embassy Staff as Travel Guides in Eighteenth-Century Istanbul*, **Rosanne M. Baars**, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 14.20–14.40 *The Grand Embassy of Count Oettingen (1700) along the Lower Danube: symbolic encounters with the Ottoman province*, **Maria Shusharova**, Institute for Balkan Studies with Centre for Thracology (IB&CT), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 14.40–15.00 *Political Travellers in the Ottoman Empire, 1740–1820*, **Philip Mansel**, independent scholar, London, UK
- 15.00–15.20 *Questioning Imperial Attitudes in Thomas Thornton's Present State of Turkey (1807)*, **Suheyla-Hacer Sahin**, University of Strasbourg, Strasbourg, France

15:40–16.00 Tea and coffee

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Session 08a. Spiritual and religious travellers

Chair: Ines Aščerić-Todd

- 16.00–16.20 *Monks and Monasteries, Real and Re-imagined, in the Travelogues and Poetry of the Seventeenth-Century Arab-Ottoman Sufi 'Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī*, **Richard Todd**, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK
- 16.20–16.40 *'Wonders of the World' and 'Pieces of Paradise': sightseeing on the Anatolian hajj road in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries*, **Yahya Nurgat**, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 16.40–17.00 *A Vatican Emissary to Ottoman Lands: Agostino Ciasca in Egypt, Syria and Lebanon*, **Giorgio Del Zanna**, Catholic University of Milan, Milan, Italy
- 17.00–17.20 *The Mysterious Travels of Tahra Bey, Fakir, across the post-Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean*, **Raphael Cormack**, Department of Arabic, MLAC, Durham University, Durham, UK

Session 08b. Encountering war

Chair: Marloes Cornelissen Aydemir

- 16.00–16.20 *Local Battles in the Ottoman Province during the War of the Ottomans with the Holy League (1683–1699)*, **Dzheni Ivanova**, Institute for Historical Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 16.20–16.40 *Sultan Selim III and Mahmud II ‘Pulling a Long Bow’: foreign observations of Ottoman archery at the turn of the nineteenth century*, **Rik Janssen**, Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
- 16.40–17.00 *The ‘Ottoman provinces’ through the Eyes of Russian Officials, 1880 to 1910*, **Katya Vladimirov**, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 17.00–17.20 *An American ‘War-Traveller’: Constantinople, Chanak Kale and Gallipoli during World War I in the memoirs of journalist Raymond Swing*, **Melike Tokay**, Department of American Culture and Literature, Başkent University, Ankara, Türkiye

Session 09. Special Guest Session

Chair: Zeynep Simavi

- 17.30–18.15 *Places Misremembered: enslavement in Ottoman harems through the eyes of foreign women*, **Nancy Micklewright**, Special Guest Speaker, previously Head of Public and Scholarly Engagement at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Asian Art, Washington DC, USA
- 18.30–20.00 **Evening reception** plus celebration of TIOL2 and other publications **Minerva Han**
6th floor

Session 10a. Encountering Christian and Muslim communities

Chair: Ines Aščerić-Todd

- 09.30–09.50 *Evliyā Çelebî, a Crucial Witness to the Islamization of Nubia? The case of the cemetery of holy men in Old Dongola*, **Tomasz Barański**, Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology, University of Warsaw, Warsaw, Poland
- 09.50–10.10 *Muscovites, Turks and their Boys: European travellers on Orthodox and Muslim sexual mores: Orientalism or Mediterranean model of male same sex desire?* **Hanna Filipova**, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 10.10–10.30 *'Purses of Gold' and 'Syrian Princes': travels of Christian dignitaries from Ottoman lands to early eighteenth-century Scotland*, **Janet Starkey**, independent scholar, u3a, Scotland, UK. TIOL committee member
- 10.30–10.50 *Notes of Exile: Monk Yūsuf As'ad from Nazareth to Mount Sinai*, **Vevian Zaki**, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU), Munich, Germany

Session 10b. Merchants and bankers in socio-economic spaces

Chair: Mehmet Kuru

- 09.30–09.50 *Peter Mundy (1597–c.1667) and Memories of his Service in Constantinople 1617–1620*, **Jennifer M. Scarce**, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design, University of Dundee, Scotland, UK. TIOL Committee member
- 09.50–10.10 *Wordy Ambitions and a Quiet Career: an eighteenth-century Arab trader's involuntary homemaking in Istanbul*, **Björn Bentlage**, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland
- 10.10–10.30 *Camondo: the rise and tragic end of a Jewish family*, **Cristina Erck**, independent scholar, Bonn, Germany
- 10.30–10.50 *The Travels of Robert Blair Munro Binning: exploring the nineteenth-century cultural landscape and socio-economic spaces of Ottoman Egypt and the Levant*, **Emine Sökmen Adalı**, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Ankara, Türkiye

11.00–11.30 Tea and coffee

Minerva Han

Session 11a. Encountering the Caucasus

Chair: Berna Kamay-Ulusay

- 11.30–11.50 *'The Circassian Blood Fills the Veins of the Sultan': European travellers in the north-western Caucasus*, **Janset Nil Genç**, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands
- 11.50–12.10 *Cultural Exchanges on the Borders of Empires: nineteenth-century Scottish missionaries in the Crimea*, **Ines Aščerić-Todd**, Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK. TIOL Committee member
- 12.10–12.30 *Through the Eyes of Travellers: refugee experiences in the late Ottoman Empire*, **Gizem Kazzaz**, Central European University, Vienna, Austria
- 12.30–12.50 *Immigrants, State and Reshaping the Urban Landscape: the case of Ottoman Transjordan through the eyes of contemporary travellers*, **Muhammed Aslaner**, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford (St John's College), University of Oxford, UK

Session 11b. Mindful aristocrats and poet-scholars

Chair: Uygar Aydemir

- 11.30–11.50 *On the Heels of Mirza Abu Talib Khan: the rare voyage of an Indian Muslim Noble through Ottoman lands*, **Waqar Khan**, writer and retired military officer of the Pakistan army & **Adeela Naureen Waqar**, freelance journalist
- 11.50–12.10 *Giambattista Toderini and Della Letteratura Turchesca*, **Nazlı Beşer**, Sakıp Sabancı Museum, İstanbul, Türkiye
- 12.10–12.30 *The Travelling Mind and the Mindful Traveller: Orientalist-nahdawi encounters in Ottoman lands*, Feras **Alkabani**, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK
- 12.30–12.50 *The Poet and the Scholar: Lord Byron's Grand Tour/seyahat in the Ottoman Empire with John Cam Hobhouse, according to their travel firman (1810)*, **Elias Kolovos**, Department of History and Archaeology, University of Crete; **Anne McCabe**, Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents, Oxford, UK

12.50–13.30 Time for Friday prayer

Part 2. Expeditions and Visits around Istanbul

13.30–14.30 Lunch break then travel to the **Feriköy Protestant Cemetery**

14.30–17.00 Events at the Feriköy Cemetery (tour c.60-90 minutes; 2-3 hours in total).
Brian Johnson of ARIT will provide a tour. Cooperation with NIT, BIAA.
Snacks will be provided by ARIT

Session 12. Travellers and their Memorials

Chair: Peter Cherry

Introduction to the Feriköy Protestant Cemetery, **Peter Cherry**, Assistant Director at the British Institute at Ankara (BIAA), TIOL committee member
'A Beautiful and Unbroken Marriage of Souls': the memorial to Sir Thomas Baines in Feriköy Protestant Cemetery and its literary afterlives, **Peter Cherry**, Assistant Director at the British Institute at Ankara (BIAA), TIOL committee member

The Life and Death of a Foreign Correspondent Resting at Feriköy Cemetery: Georges Gaulis, **Nilüfer Hatemi**, Princeton University, Near Eastern Studies Department, New Jersey, USA

Blurring the Boundary between Heresy and Orthodoxy: foreign travellers' accounts on everyday religiosity in nineteenth-century Istanbul, **Enes Osman S. Sayın**, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada & **S. Berk Metin**, Bilkent University, Ankara, Türkiye

Saturday 12 April 2025

10.15–16.00 Travel up the Bosphorus from Eminönü to visit the **Emirgan Tulip Gardens** guided by **Mert Pekdoğdu**, a PhD candidate, Sabancı University.

Ferry schedule: departure at 10.15 from Eminönü, arrival at Emirgan at 11.20.

Return at 15.00 from Emirgan, arrival at Eminönü at 15.55.