

The Turkish Wars and the Study of Islam in Early Modern Europe



A Series of Panel Discussions

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Mondays from 15 November to 6 December; 14.00-16.00 CET

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This series of panel discussions examines the nexus between wars with the Ottoman Empire and the study of Islam and the Qur'an in early modern Europe. It sketches a broad historical trajectory from the fall of Constantinople into the eighteenth century, tracing how conflict informed popular views of Islam and impacted the material conditions and practices of orientalist scholarship, through looted orientalia (manuscripts, coins, textiles, metalwork) and prisoners who assisted orientalists as scribes and amanuenses. Each panel focuses on a particular stage of conflict, with papers exploring the interrelations between knowledge production and armed conflict from a variety of perspectives. Following these moments over time, we will consider how intensifying coordination between the agents of orientalist scholarship—those who procured, copied, collected, and interpreted the objects of orientalist interest – contributed to shifting views of Islam across Europe.

Panel I. Spoils of War from the Fall of Constantinople (1453) to the conquest of Tunis (1535)

15 November 2021, 17.00-19.00 CET (4pm-6pm GMT)

Chair: Asaph Ben-Tov

Paul Babinski, Asaph Ben-Tov, Jan Loop, *Introduction*

Octavian Negoita (Copenhagen), *Leunclavius – Islam through Byzantine Sources*

Georg Christ (Manchester), *Unread News, Crusade and Byzantine Continuity: Venetian Perceptions of the Ottomans Around the Turkish-Venetian Wars (1498-1503)*

Laura Hinrichsen (Oxford / Berlin), *“Alcoranus ex direptione Tunnetana” : Arabic Manuscripts in Europe after the Sack of Tunis (1535)*

Panel II. The Holy Roman Empire and Spain at the Turn of the Seventeenth Century

22 November 2021, 17.00-19.00 CET (4pm-6pm GMT)

Chair: Noel Malcolm

Claire Gilbert (Saint Louis), *Translation and Reputation: Brokering War between Spain, Morocco, and the Ottoman Empire 1555–1558*

Daniel Hershenzon (Connecticut), *Exchanging Islamic Manuscripts in the 17th Century Mediterranean: The Case of the Library of Mawly Zaydan.*

Chiara Petrolini (Vienna), Hülya Celik (Bochum), *Captive Books and Captive Scribes from the Eastern Front: Two 17th-century Collections in Vienna*

Stefan Hanß (Manchester), *Slaves and Scholars: Ottoman Captivity and the Making of a Humanist Community*

Panel III. The Great Turkish War (1683-1699) and its Aftermath

29 November 2021, 17.00-19.00 CET (4pm-6pm GMT)

Chair: Paul Babinski

Boris Liebreuz (Leipzig), *The books of Andreas Acoluthus: Building up an Islamic Manuscripts Library in the Wake of the Great Turkish War*

Michele Petrone (Naples), *Marsili's Qur'āns from the Periphery of the Ottoman Empire to the Margins of the Republic of Letters*

Dariusz Kołodziejczyk (Warsaw), *Between the two Khotin Campaigns of 1621 and 1673: Gathering Knowledge on Islam in a Century of Warfare*

Gulnaz Sibgatullina (Amsterdam), *In the Service of an Empire: Qur'anic Studies under Peter the Great.*

Panel IV. Diplomacy and Knowledge Production: Istanbul and the Republic of Letters in the long Eighteenth century

6 December 2021, 17.00-19.00 CET (4pm-6pm GMT)

Chair: Jan Loop

Fariba Zarinebaf (UC Riverside), *Ottoman-European Encounters in Galata: From the Marketplace to the Mahalle and the Courts in the 18th century*

Natalie Rothman (Toronto), *Dragomans and the Republic of Letters*

Paul Babinski (Copenhagen), *Teaching Turkish: The Evolution of Diplomatic Language Schools in the Eighteenth Century*

Simon Mills (Newcastle), *“Türkenbeute” in Halle*



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