Anglo-Turkish Society Newsletter no: 19 - Winter 2025-26

We wish all our members good 2026 to come and we resume and continue our live and online activities and events with your on-going support.

Upcoming Events:

Please book early to avoid disappointment.
Click links in blue text to reveal further information on individual entries.

27 January 2026, 6 pm (UK time)
Online presentation: 'Sultan Abdülhamid II, "Pan"-Islamism and the Hejaz Railway', Murat Özyüksel
Flyer:
Booking essential:

9 February 2026, 6 pm (UK time)
Online presentation: 'Manuel II Palaiologos (1350-1425): A Byzantine Emperor in a Time of Tumult', Siren Çelik
Flyer:
Booking essential:

10 February 2026, 5.30 pm
Joint In-person presentation: 'What have the Ottomans ever done for us? The Ottoman Empire and Europe, from Mehmed the Conqueror to Ataturk', Philip Mansel - Old Speech Room Gallery, Harrow School, Harrow-on-the-Hill, HA1 3AP – Registration essential: for details, please contact andrew@ballingal.com
Flyer:

24 February 2026, 6 pm (UK time)
Hybrid presentation: 'Cyprus 1974, No Control, No Conspiracy', Andrew Southam
details coming soon.

3 March 2026, 6 pm (UK time)
Online presentation: 'From Post Office to Afterlives: The Architectural Biography of a British Building in Galata', Liana Kuyumcuyan & Murat Tülek
Flyer:
Booking essential:

External Events (all indicated as UK time):

30 January 2026, 2.30 - 10 pm

In-person panel of talks followed by a musical concert: 'Music Transmission and the Modern Encounter in the Late Ottoman Era', Oxford Maqam - St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road, Oxford – info:

10 February 2026, 5 pm

Online presentation: 'The Jews of Edirne: The End of Ottoman Europe and the Arrival of Borders', Jacob Daniels - JDC Archives – registration:

until 15 February 2026

Exhibition: 'Henry VIII's Lost Dagger: From the Tudor Court to the Victorian Stage' - Strawberry Hill House, 268 Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, London – info:

10 March 2026, 6 pm Online presentation: ‘Networks of Influence: Levantine Agency and Italian Business in the Early Turkish Republic (1923–1939)’, Dr. Mehmet Doğar – Levantine Heritage Foundation – flyer:

12 May 2026, 6.30 pm

Hybrid presentation: ‘In Search of Phillipo: An Armenian Horse Trader between Aleppo and London’, Theodore Mould - Levantine Heritage Foundation – flyer:

Recent additions to website:

Dr Sevinc Garner hybrid presentation: ‘Language, Identity and Diaspora: Migrant Women from Turkey in the UK’, 23 September 2025 – page:

Hybrid presentation by Luis Miguel Selvelli: ‘Brotherhood Across the Mediterranean: Italian Freemasonry and the Ottoman Mission of 1910’, 28 October 2025 – page:

Hybrid presentation by Dr Debbie Challis: ‘Diplomacy before Archaeology: Charles Thomas Newton on Lesvos, Rhodes and the Crimean War 1852-56’, 2 December 2025 – page:

Sami Brown & Daniel Thomson concert, Athenaeum Club, London, 10 December 2025 – page:

Thank you to all our speakers.

New external podcasts:

A British Burlesque Artist in Belle Époque Cairo, Gwendolyn Collaço – Ottoman History Podcast, 9 January 2026 – link:

New external videos:

“Cultural Extimacy”: Reframing Turkish–Greek Relations with Dr. Leonidas Karakatsanis - British Institute At Ankara, 9 Oct 2025 – link:

“The Ottoman laws on antiquities in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries” - Dr Artemis Papatheodorou (The Metropolitan Museum of Art) – British School of Athens, 24 Apr 2025 - link:

60 Meters Below Istanbul: Engineers Find Theodosius' Lost Harbor - Free Documentary – Engineering, 1 Aug 2025 – link:

Princes, Patrons, and Painters | Prof. Edhem Eldem | Lusail Museum Conversations - Georgetown University Qatar, 21 Jan 2026 – link:

New books:

Empire of Manners: Ottoman Sociability and War-Making in the Long Eighteenth Century, James Grehan – Stanford University Press, 2025 – link:

Istanbul and the Ottoman Empire in Romantic and Victorian Culture: The Sultan’s City, 1800-1876, Piya Pal-Lapinski – Bloomsbury, 2025 – link:

Upcoming publications:

Challenging the Caliphate: Wahhabism and Mahdism in the Late Ottoman Empire, Ömer Koçyiğit – Cambridge University Press, 2026 – link:

The Race for Universal Monarchy: Apocalypticism and the Ottoman-Habsburg Rivalry in the Sixteenth-Century Mediterranean, Ebru Turan, Columbia University Press, 2026 – link:

Needs That Bind: Materializing Nationality in Post-Ottoman Regimes, Orçun Can Okan - Stanford University Press, 2026 – link:

Boundaries of Belonging: Sectarianism and Statecraft in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire, Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer - Cambridge University Press, 2026 – link:

Sufism in Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Europe: Entanglements in Past and Present - Edited By Cem Kara, Evelyn Reuter, Zsófia Turóczy – Routledge, 2026 – link:

Writing History in Ottoman Europe (Fifteenth – Eighteenth Centuries) - Volume Editors: Ovidiu Olar and Konrad Petrovszky, Brill, 2026 – link:

Fashion in Late Ottoman Istanbul, Nancy Micklewright – Bloomsbury, 2026 – link:

Information:

You have received this newsletter as you are a member of the Anglo-Turkish Society and have provided an e-mail which we hope is current. If you wish to opt-out of future communications or update us on your live e-mail address, please get in touch with us.

Craig Encer, Events coordinator

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