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Speaker: Dr. Cemil Kutlutürk
Title: 'Ottoman Sultans in Hyderabad-India: The Example of Princess Durrusehvar '

A few of the late Ottoman female dynasty members had been in Hyderabad district of the Indian subcontinent for various reasons. One of them was Princess Durrushehvar, the daughter of the last caliph Abdulmajid, who had to go abroad in 1924 when she was around ten years old. The financial support that provided relief to the members of the dynasty who were struggling monetarily while abroad, came from the Nizam of Hyderabad. After a simple wedding ceremony in Nice in 1931 with Azam Jah, the eldest son of the Nizam of Hyderabad, the Princess arrived in Hyderabad, where she carried out a series of activities in order to increase the accessibility of health facilities and training centers, and to uphold the social status of women. The aim of this lecture is to focus on her remarkable contribution on the social arena by drawing on from the main archive sources and observations obtained as a result of research in Hyderabad.

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