Anglo-Turkish Society hybrid lecture, 18 September 2023, 6.00 pm (UK time)
Speaker: Professor James Meyer
Platform: Zoom with link provided to those who register
Title: 'Red Star over the Black Sea: Nâzım Hikmet and his Generation'

One of the best-known figures in 20th century Turkish history, the poet Nâzım Hikmet (1902-1963) has long been a subject of fascination among lovers of literature, students of international communism, and anyone who can appreciate a fascinating life story. The scion of an elite and cosmopolitan Ottoman family, Nâzım would spend his life crossing borders between countries, as well as between freedom and imprisonment. In his recently published book, Red Star over the Black Sea: Nâzım Hikmet and his Generation (Oxford University Press, 2023), James Meyer traces the cross-border experiences of Nâzım and his generation of Turkish communists, drawing upon thousands of pages of previously untapped archival material from Moscow, Istanbul, Amsterdam, and Washington, D.C.

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