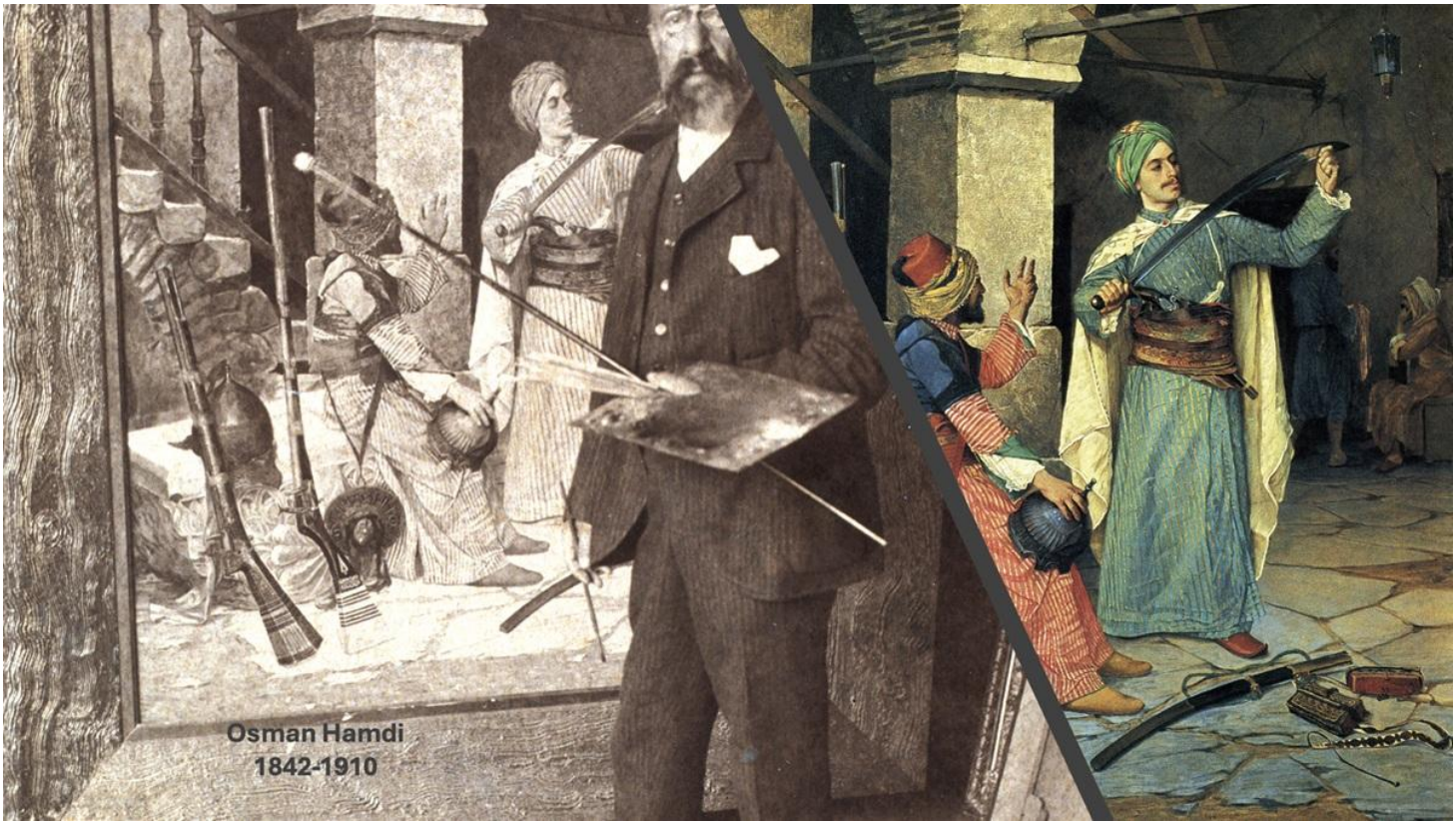
Anglo-Turkish Society hybrid lecture, 9 March 2026, 6.00 pm (UK time)
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Zeynep İnankur
Venue: Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy St, Fitzrovia, London W1T 5BT
Title: 'An Ottoman Orientalist: Osman Hamdi Bey'

Osman Hamdi Bey was a leading figure of Ottoman modernization—a polymath who combined the roles of intellectual, museum director, archaeologist, and painter. As head of the Imperial Museum and the School of Fine Arts, he shaped cultural institutions while continuing to paint throughout his life. Known for his Orientalist works, he stands apart from Western Orientalists in reflecting the culture and artistic traditions of his own society.

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