



# Middle Eastern Societies (1918-1939): Challenges, Changes and Transitions

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**Exhibition:** "Başkentli: Osmanlı'dan Cumhuriyet'e Ankara'da Sokak ve İnsan/ The Capital: Streets and People in Ankara from Ottoman Empire to Republic", by VEKAM, Koç University

## Thursday, 15 October

09.30-10.00 Registration

10.00-10.15 Welcome by

Özlem Özdemir (Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences, METU)

Hüseyin Bağcı (Head of the Department of International Relations, METU)

**10.15-11.15 Keynote Speech** (Chair: Kate Fleet, University of Cambridge)

**Ulrike Freitag** (Freie Universität, Berlin/ ZMO, Berlin), "State-society relations through the lens of urban development"

11.15-11.45 Coffee

**11.45-12.45 Panel I** (Chair: Kate Fleet, University of Cambridge)

**Diana Abbani** (Sorbonne/The Orient Institute of Beirut), "The musical scene in French Mandatory Beirut: between leisure and crisis"

**Emilio Spadola** (Colgate University), "Is the call modern? Mass politics and media between the two wars"

12.45-14.15 Lunch

14.15-15.15 Panel II (Chair: Nazan Çiçek, Ankara University)

**Pinar Şenişik** (Doğuş University, Istanbul), "Turkish-Greek compulsory population exchange and Cretan Muslims: a new approach to identity politics in the early Turkish Republic"

**Amal Ghazal** (Dalhousie University), "Fault lines: modernity and sectarianism among Ibadi Muslims in the interwar period"

15.15-15.45 Coffee

**15.45-16.15 Panel III** (Chair: Ebru Boyar, METU)

**Kate Fleet** (University of Cambridge), "Public good, private interest and the provision of water in early Turkish Republic: the case of Terkos"

# Friday, 16 October

**09.00-10.00 Keynote Speech** (Chair: Ebru Boyar, METU)

**Eugene Rogan** (University of Oxford), "Colonial states and nationalist societies in the interwar Arab world"

10.00-10.30 Panel IV (Chair: Ebru Boyar, METU)

**Michael Provence** (University of California San Diego), "The long shadow of the Ottoman Great War in the Arab East, 1920-1940"

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-12.00 Panel V (Chair: Ulrike Freitag, Freie Universität, Berlin/ZMO, Berlin)

**Beth Brownson** (University of Wisconsin-Parkside), "Reform or restrictions? The Ottoman family law code (OLFR of 1917) and women's status in Mandate Palestine"

**Nazan Çiçek** (Ankara University), "Mapping the social change through matters of the heart: debates on courtship, marriage and divorce in the late Ottoman and early Turkish Republican era"

## Saturday, 17 October

**09.00-10.30 Panel VI** (Chair: Eugene Rogan, University of Oxford)

**Liat Kozma** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Medical doctors and the formation of a regional profession"

**Ebru Boyar** (METU), "Taking health to the village: early Turkish Republican health propaganda in the Anatolian countryside"

**Satoshi Katsunuma** (Waseda University), "The development of reformatories in interwar Egypt"

10.30-11.00 Coffee

**11.00-12.30 Panel VII** (Chair: Kate Fleet, University of Cambridge)

**Brian McLaren** (University of Washington), "Tourism and mobility in Italian colonial Libya" **Amit Bein** (Clemson University), "There she is, Miss Universe: Keriman Halis goes to Egypt, 1933"

**Fred H. Lawson** (Mill College), "Class formation and political institutionalization in Syria, 1918-1939"

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