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Spring Term, 2018

24 May (*Th.*) **CULTURES OF CONSPIRACY:
FROM EMPIRE TO REPUBLICS
LECTURE SERIES WORKSHOP**
CEMS, *Pasts*, SFB 948 | CEU, University of Freiburg
*Cultures of Conspiracy: Heroes, saints,
and criminals in (post) imperial politics*
T.B.A.

31 May (*Th.*) **IMPERIAL ENTANGLEMENTS
AND EXCHANGES IN THE BLACK SEA
REGION LECTURE SERIES**
Eyüp Özveren | Middle East
Technical University, Ankara
*Critical Reflections on the Patterns and
Peculiarities of the Black Sea World*
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

1-3 June **BUILDING AND CONTESTING
ORTHODOXIES: NEW APPROACHES TO
TRUTH AND POWER CLAIMS IN THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
LECTURE SERIES**
Ottoconfeſsion Project | CEMS, ERC
*Entangled Confessionalizations?
Dialogic Perspectives on Community- and Confession-Building
Initiatives in the Ottoman Empire, 15th-18th*
9:00am, Nádor 15, #103.

14 June (*Th.*) **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Christopher Wickham | Oxford University
Thinking about the Eleventh-century Economy
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

14 June (*Th.*) **CEMS END-OF-YEAR PARTY**

**ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES
FOR MASTER'S STUDENTS**

Students in Eastern Mediterranean Studies will focus on continuing as well as competing tradition(s) connecting the Roman Empire and its successive heirs/rivals, the Byzantine, Umayyad, Abbasid, Fatimid, Ottoman and Russian empires, and explore their manifold ramifications to the present. The specialization offers students an innovative diachronic approach, from late antiquity to the modern age, focusing on a geographical area at the crossroads of cultures and thereby unusually rich in its intellectual, social, institutional, and cultural heritage.

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Fall Term, 2017

14 Sep (Th.) **CEMS WELCOME RECEPTION**
5:30pm, Nádor u. 9, # 201

28 Sep (Th.) **CULTURES OF CONSPIRACY:
FROM EMPIRE TO REPUBLICS
LECTURE SERIES**
Kerem Öktem | University of Graz
*Phantom Genealogies: Belief, conspiracy
and fantasy in new Turkey*
5:00pm, Nádor 15, #101

26 Oct (Th.) **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Sona Grigoryan | Central European University
*The poetics of Ambivalence in al-Ma'arri's *Luzumiyat*,
and Issues of FreeThinking and Persecution*
5:00pm, Nádor 15, #101

16 Nov (Th.) **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Eda Güçlü | Central European University
*Urban Tanzîmât, Morality, and Corrupting
Property in Nineteenth-Century Istanbul*
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

30 Nov (Th.) **IMPERIAL ENTANGLEMENTS
AND EXCHANGES IN THE BLACK SEA
REGION LECTURE SERIES**
Jan Hennings | Central European University
*Towards a Biography of an Office: Peter Tolstoi and the
First Russian Diplomatic Residence in Istanbul at the
Beginning of the Eighteenth Century*
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #103

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4 Dec (Mo.) **WORKSHOP (CEMS-EMS-MEDS)**
Stephan Sander | University of Zurich
*New Approaches to the Renaissance Adriatic:
The imperial age of Venice and its commonwealth*
5:30pm, T.B.A.

7 Dec (Th.) **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Ida Toth | Oxford University
*Continuities and changes in the Byzantine Writing Culture:
A case study*
5:00pm, Nádor 15, #101

Winter Term, 2018

18 Jan (Th.) **IMPERIAL ENTANGLEMENTS
AND EXCHANGES IN THE BLACK SEA
REGION LECTURE SERIES**
Kelly O'Neill | Harvard University
T.B.A.
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

8 Feb (Th.) **BUILDING AND CONTESTING
ORTHODOXIES: NEW APPROACHES TO
TRUTH AND POWER CLAIMS IN THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
LECTURE SERIES**
Mercedes García-Arenal Rodríguez | Centro de
Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, Madrid
*Voice and Testimony: Graffiti in the
Prisons of the Inquisition in Palermo*
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

22 Feb (Th.) **IMPERIAL ENTANGLEMENTS
AND EXCHANGES IN THE BLACK SEA
REGION LECTURE SERIES**
Gelina Harlaftis | Ionian University, Corfu
*Maritime History: The globalization process of the
Black Sea in the nineteenth century*
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

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8 Mar (Th.) **ANNA CHRISTIDOU MEMORIAL LECTURE**
Niels Gaul | University of Edinburgh
*Byzantium's (Proverbial) Bureaucracy: The art of writing and
performing empire*
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

22 Mar (Th.) **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Christian Windler | Bern University
*Missionaries in Persia: Cultural diversity and competing norms in
early modern global Catholicism*
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

3 May (Th.) **CEMS COLLOQUIUM**
Jörg Rüpke | University of Erfurt
T.B.A.
5:00pm, Nádor 9, #201

CENTER FOR EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES AT CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

CEU's Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, heir to the Center for Hellenic Traditions (2004/5–2009/10), promotes the study of the eastern Mediterranean and its hinterlands from antiquity, especially the Hellenistic *oikoumene* (323–30 bce), to the end of the Ottoman period (1923 ce).

CEMS faculty provides expertise on the ancient, medieval, and (early) modern eastern Mediterranean in an internationally unique configuration, interconnected by common interest in themes such as: imperial legacies and (dis)continuities; ancient and medieval philosophical traditions and the cross-cultural transmission of knowledge; multi-religious societies; east-west interactions and economic and cultural exchanges ('Mediterraneans'). Along these trajectories the center encourages the constant rethinking and provocative transgression of existing disciplinary, and established or perceived spatial/chronological, boundaries and classifications, questioning transmitted orthodoxies and heterodoxies and actively working to privilege hitherto marginalized texts and sources.

2016 Fall Term,
2017 Winter Term & Spring Session