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Graduate Workshop

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Monday

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*7. des Gesandten der Ottomanischen Pforte, bey
in Wien am 26^{ten} Febr. 1792.*

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Maj. Leopold II. in Wien am 26ten Febr. 1792," Wien Museum Online Sammlung

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09:00-09:30 Registration and opening remarks

09:30 - 10:45 **Panel I - Body, Virtue, and Gendered Selfhoods in the Late Ottoman World**
Chair: Nadia Al-Bagdadi (Central European University)

A Brotherhood of Tears: Sensibility and the Reconstruction of Hegemonic Masculinity in the Late Ottoman Empire

Doğukan Oruç (Kırklareli University, Türkiye)

Triangle of Morality, Beauty and Health: Constructing Beauty Discourse through Health to Regulate Morality for Ottoman Women between 1895-1927

Ferdan Işıl Sevimli (University of Bologna, Italy)

The Kafes as a Spatial Trope: Emotional Negotiation of Shifting Subjectivities in Ottoman-Turkish Modernity

Deniz Akdeniz (Izmir University of Economics, Türkiye)

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 **Panel II - Crossing Thresholds: Identity and Transformation in the Late and Post-Ottoman World**

Chair: Tobias Mörike (Weltmuseum Wien)

Dancing across Empires: "Kurdish Princess" Leila Bederkhan and the Politics of Scandal in Interwar Vienna

Bilal Akar (University of Milan, Italy and University of Vienna, Austria)

Performing European Emotions: Acting, Cultural Transfer, and the Transformation of Emotional Expression in Late Ottoman Theatre

Dila Okuş (Istanbul University, Türkiye and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany)

Exploring the Lived Experiences of Circassian Muhajirs in the Ottoman Empire through Microhistory

Janset Nil Genç (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

Sharif Ali Haydar Pasha and the Lived Experience of the Ottoman Transition

Ebrar Şahika Küçükaşçı (Koç University, Türkiye)

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12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 - 14:45 **Panel III - Proxy and Proximity: Diplomatic Representation across Empires**
Chair: Yasir Yılmaz (Austrian Academy of Sciences, ÖAW)

The Sultan Behind the Curtain: Sokollu Mehmed Pasha's Diplomatic Construction of Murad III (r. 1574-1595)

Nilab Saeedi (Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies, ÖAW, Austria)

Integrating Algiers into Ottoman Diplomacy: Hüseyin Pasha and His Negotiations with European Consuls (1683-1689)

Ayşe Çiçek Ünal (Yale University, USA and Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

Envoys, Rivalry, and Civil War:

The Tunisian Diplomatic Mission to France of 1727

Jonas Czaika (Central European University, Austria)

14:45 - 15:00 Coffee break

Panel IV - Between Allegiances:

15:00 - 16:30 **Actors, Networks, and the Margins of the Empire**
Chair: Tolga Esmer (Central European University)

Flying over the Danube to Istanbul: Imperial Falcons Sent to the Sultan by the Lords of Wallachia and Moldavia (XVI-XVIII c.)

Vasile-Rareş Prodescu (University of Bucharest, Romania)

After Müsâdere: Confiscation, Capital, and Commerce in the Ottoman Morea

Safa Hamzeh (UCLA, USA)

Between Empire and Nation:

Individuals, Networks, and the Making of the Greek State, 1821-1833

Ahmet Karapınar (European University Institute, Italy)

Medicine and Incarceration in the Late Ottoman Empire:

The Armenian Physician of Payas General Prison

H. Hüma Yardım (City University of New York, USA)

16:45 Reception

Organizing Committee: Ahmet Baran Demir, Elli Stogiannou, Göker Giresunlu

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