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Entangled Confessionalizations?

Dialogic Perspectives on Community- and Confession-Building Initiatives in the Ottoman Empire, 15th-18th Centuries

Budapest, June 1-3, 2018

Central European University, Nador utca 15, 1st floor, Room 103

PROGRAM

June 1

14:00-14:30 Registration and Coffee

14:30-15:00 Introductory remarks by Tijana Krstić (CEU) - *Reconsidering the Concept of 'Confessionalization'*

15:00-17:00— Panel 1: Community- and Confession-Building among the Eastern Christians of Ottoman Iraq, Syria, and Egypt

Commentator: Cesare Santus (École française de Rome)

John-Paul Ghobrial (University of Oxford)—*The Conversion to Catholicism of the Christians of Mosul in the 17th Century*

Bernard Heyberger (École des hautes études en sciences sociales)—*The limits of Catholic and Orthodox Confessionnalisation in the 18th Century*

17:00-17:30—Coffee break

17:30-19:00—Keynote Lecture at Auditorium B: Sebouh Aslanian (UCLA)

19:00-20:00—Reception

June 2

9:00-11:00—Panel 2: Confessional Dynamics among the Ottoman Greek Orthodox

Commentator: Tijana Krstić (CEU)

Yorgos Tzedopoulos (Research Associate, Academy of Athens)—*Martyrdom and Confessionalization among the Greek-Orthodox of the Ottoman Empire, late 15th – mid-17th centuries*

Ovidiu Olar (Research Associate, Ruhr University Bochum / N. Iorga Institute of History—Bucharest)—“*Io se puotesse reformare la mia chiesa, lo farei molto volentieri...*”: Kyrillos Loukaris and the Confessionalization of the Orthodox Church (1620-1638)

Eleni Gara (University of Aegean)—*Struggling for authority: Greek Orthodox hierarchs, their flocks and the Ottoman authorities in the seventeenth century*

Molly Greene (Princeton University)—Anastasios Gordios and Christian Spiritual Authority in the Ottoman Empire

11:00-11:15 Coffee and snacks

11:15-13:15— Panel 3: Greek Orthodoxy in Dialogue with Christian Denominations beyond the Ottoman Borders

Commentator: Jan Hennings (CEU)

Alex Tudorie (Postdoctoral Fellow, CEU/University of Bucharest/ OTTOCONFESSIO)—*Towards the Confessionalization of the Orthodox ‘confessio fidei’: from Jeremias II Tranos (†1595) to Dositheos II (†1707)*

Margarita Voulgaropoulou (Research Associate, Central European University/ OTTOCONFESSIO)—*Orthodox Confession Building and the Greek Church between Protestantism and Catholicism: The Mission of the Marquis De Nointel to the Levant (1670-1673)*

Vera Tchentsova (Project Associate, University of Oxford)—*Whose realm, his bishop: Orthodox Patriarchs and their flock beyond the borders of the Ottoman Empire in the 17th century*

Hasan Çolak (TOBB University of Economics and Technology)—*Building a church and building a community in Amsterdam: Greek Orthodox and Armenian merchants between Ottoman and European worlds*

13:30-15:00 Lunch and Coffee (Nador 15)

15:00-17:00: Panel 4: Confessional Dynamics within Armenian Communities in the Ottoman Empire (and Beyond)

Commentator: Sebouh Aslanian (UCLA)

Henry Shapiro (PhD Candidate, Princeton University/ OTTOCONFESSIO) — *Grigor Daranałts'i: An Ottoman-Armenian Priest in the Age of Confessionalization*

Paolo Lucca (Ca' Foscari University, Venice) — *From Doctrinal Persuasion to Economic Inducement. Paolo Piromalli's Missionary Work among the Armenians and His Conversion Strategies*

Cesare Santus (Postdoctoral Fellow, l' Ecole Française de Rome) — *The Şeyhülislam, the Patriarch and the Ambassador: a case of entangled Confessionalization (1692-1703)*

Anna Ohanjanyan (Postdoctoral Fellow, CEU, OTTOCONFESSIO/ The Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts, Matanadaran) — *Gevorg Mxlayim Ōłli: An Overlooked Agent of Confessionalization*

17:00-17:15 Coffee and snacks

17:15-19:15 Panel 5: Confessional Dynamics in Ottoman Rumeli

Commentator: Natalie Rothman (University of Toronto)

Nenad Filipović (Oriental Institute, Sarajevo) — *Grand Vizier Sinan Pasha and the Ottoman Non-Muslims*

Emese Muntan (PhD Candidate, CEU, OTTOCONFESSIO) — *Non-Catholic Agents of Tridentine Confessionalization — Baptisms and Marriages in Northern Ottoman Rumeli in the Seventeenth Century*

Ana Sekulić (PhD Candidate, Princeton University) — *"Çitlerimi hedm ederler:" Franciscan Monastery, Confession Building, and Land Accumulation in an Ottoman Bosnian Town (16th-19th c.)*

Marijana Mišević (PhD Candidate, Harvard University) — *Writing Slavic in Arabic Script: An Expression of a New Way of Being Ottoman in the Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Rumeli?*

19:30 Dinner for the participants at Urban Betyar Restaurant (Október 6. street. 16-18)

June 3

9:00-11:00—Panel 6: Confessional Dynamics among Ottoman Jewish Communities in Dialogue with Christians and Muslims

Commentator: Carsten Wilke (CEU)

Roni Weinstein (Independent Scholar) and Guy Burak (E. H. Bobst Library, NYU)—*Jewish Rabbis at the Intersection of Legla Traditions: A Note of the Legal Worldviews of Jossef Karo (d. 1575) and Jossef Sambari (d. c. 1703)*

Cengiz Şişman (University of Houston—CL)—*Confession-Building among the Crypto-Communities: The Cases of Early Modern Ottoman Jews and Christians*

Pawel Maciejko (Johns Hopkins University)—*Sabbatai Tsevi's Understanding of Islam and His Conversion*

Hadar Feldman (PhD Candidate, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)—*Confessionalization and the Sabbatian Ma'aminim*

11:00-11:15 Coffee break and snacks

11:15-13:15—Panel 7: Sunnis, Shiites and Those In-Between from Ottoman and Safavid Perspectives

Commentator: Kathryn Babayan (University of Michigan)

Derin Terzioğlu (Alexander-von-Humboldt Kolleg for Islamic Intellectual History, University of Bonn/ Boğaziçi University/ OTTOCONFESSIO)—*Containing Confessional Ambiguity in the Confessional Age: Sunnism, Sufism and Alid loyalty in the Ottoman Empire, ca. 1500-1700*

Rıza Yıldırım (Emory University)—*Formation of the Qizilbash/Alevi as a Confessional Community: Emergence of the Buyruk Genre as the Catechistic Guidebook for the Qizilbash Path*

A. Damla Gürkan-Anar (PhD Candidate, Boğaziçi University/ OTTOCONFESSIO)—*Masjid-e Jame-ye Abbasi: A Twelver Shiite Congregational Mosque in the Context of the Question of Friday Prayer in the Safavid World*

Selim Güngörürler (Postdoctoral Fellow, Boğaziçi University/OTTOCONFESSIO)—*Iranian-Shiite Pilgrim Convoys in Iraq and Hejaz, 1639-1722: A Joint Ottoman-Safavid Organization?*

13:30-15:00 Lunch and Coffee

15:00-17:00 Panel 8: Confessional Dynamics among Various Ottoman Muslim Communities

Commentator: Stefan Winter (Université du Québec à Montréal)

Nikolay Antov (University of Arkansas)—*The Abdals of Rum and the Development of Competing Muslim Confessional Identities in the Early Modern Eastern Balkans*

Helen Pfeifer (Cambridge University)—*The Traditions of the Prophet and the Influence of Arabs on Confessional Dynamics in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*

Nir Shafir (University of California, San Diego/Postdoctoral Fellow, CEU, OTTOCONFESSIO)—*Rejecting Confession: "Millet-i Ibrahim" and the Question of Religion in the Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Empire*

17:00-17:15 Coffee Break

17:15-19:00 Conclusions

19:30 Dinner for participants at Koleves restaurant (Kazinczy street 41)