**HIST 581 – Sources and Methods for 19th Century Ottoman History**

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**Thursday 11:30-14:30**

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The aim of this course is to discuss the main problems and issues of nineteenth century Ottoman history, sources of this particular era and methods and approaches for studying it. The main approach will be to read and analyze primary sources relevant for main historiographical issues and questions. The course begins with a discussion on the position of Ottoman Empire as a part of nineteenth century world history, and how to apply the concept of “nineteenth century” for Ottoman Empire. Six weeks will be devoted for main historical issues and research tendencies, and five weeks for sources and methodological problems.

**Grade assessment**

1 Presentation 10 %

1 Term Paper 40 %

6 Response papers 30 % (5 % \* 6)

Participation in discussions 20 %

Total (final grade) 100 %

**Term paper**: The term paper is expected to be prepared on the basis on one of the historical issues of the nineteenth century. The usage of both primary and secondary sources is mandatory. The paper should consist of at least 4000 words.

**Students are required to read carefully those primary sources specified for each course week as shown in the syllabus. During lecture hours these sources will be discussed in detail.**

**Response papers: Students are expected to write response papers for each of the “Main historical issues and research tendencies” course weeks (weeks 2-7). The weekly response paper should discuss at least one of the specified primary source. It should consist between 2 and 4 pages.**

**Week 1 – The Issue of “19th Century” and the Periodization of Ottoman 19th**

**Century**

19th Century in World History Perspective. Ottoman Empire within the 19th Century. When does the Ottoman 19th Century possibly begin ? When does it end? Conventional periodization of the Ottoman 19th Century and possible alternatives. Relevance of periodization to the main historical issues of the 19th century. Issues which need to be treated.

**Week 2 - Main historical issues and research trends (1)**

The issues of “Westernization,” “Modernization, ” and Centralization.

- Cevdet Pasha on Tanzimat-reforms (1850-1861), in Ahmed Cevdet Paşa: *Ma’rûzât.* Haz. Yusuf Halaçoğlu (İstanbul: Çağrı Yayınları, 1980), 1-32.

- The Constitution of 1876, in: Şeref Gözübüyük & Suna Kili (ed.): *Türk Anayasa*

*Metinleri (1839-1980)* (Ankara: Ankara Üniversitesi SBF Yayınları, 1982), 27-42.

**Week 3 - Main historical issues and research tendencies (2)**

The issues of regionalism and ethnicity.

-Vraça’lı Sofroni: *Osmanlı’da Bir Papaz. Günahkâr Sofroni’nin Çileli Hayat Hikâyesi 1739-1813*. Çev.Aziz Nazmi Şakir-Taş (İstanbul: Kitap Yayınevi, 2003).

-Cevdet Pasha on peripheral populations, in Cevdet Paşa: *Tezâkir 21-39.* Haz. Cavid Baysun (Ankara: Türk Tarih Kurumu Basımevi, 1986), 105-136.

**Week 4 - Main historical issues and research tendencies (3)**

The issues of economic dependency, semi-colonization and labour history. European economic impact on Ottoman empire.

-*Ankara Vilâyeti Salname-i Resmîsi 1325 (1907).* Haz. Kudret Emiroğlu et al. (Ankara: Ankara Enstitüsü Vakfı Yayınları, 1995), 82-136.

-“Tebea-i Ecnebiyyenin Emlâk İstimlâkine Dair Nizamname” (1867), in Osman Ergin: *Mecelle-i Umur-i Belediye* *IV.* Haz. Cengiz Özdemir (İstanbul: İstanbul Büyükşehir Belediyesi Kültür İşleri Daire Başkanlığı Yayınları, 1995), 1772-1775.

-“Esnaf Kalemi Talimatı” (1892) and “Esnaf Cemiyetleri” (1912), in Ibid, 1912-1920.

-“Dersaadet Hamallarına Mahsus Talimat” (1909), in Ibid, 2152-2156.

-“Mesâhât ve Evzân ve Ekyâl-i Cedîdeye Dair Kanunnâme” (1869), Ibid, 1959-1975.

**Week 5 - Main historical issues and research tendencies (4)**

The issue of social history. Demographic studies. Family and Gender issues. Slavery. Everyday life. Historical statistics.

-Abdülaziz Bey: *Osmanlı Âdet, Merasim ve Tabirleri*. Haz. Kâzım Arısan & Duygu Arısan Günay. 3.baskı (İstanbul: Tarih Vakfı Yurt Yayınları, 2002), 273-345.

- “Kastamonu Vilâyetinde Teşkil Olunacak Memleket Hastanelerine ve Seyyar Heyet-i Tıbbiyeye Dair Nizâmnâme” (1910), in Osman Ergin: *Mecelle-i Umur-i Belediye* *VI.* Haz. Cengiz Özdemir (İstanbul: İstanbul Büyükşehir Belediyesi Kültür İşleri Daire Başkanlığı Yayınları, 1995), 3124-3129.

-“Frengi İlletinin Men’-i İntişarı Hakkında Talimatname-i Sıhhî” (1914), Ibid., 3310-3314.

**Week 6 - Main historical issues and research tendencies (5)**

The issue of culture and intellectual history. Western influence in education, press life, literature and fine arts. Intellectual movements.

-1241 Tarihi Ferman, in Mahmud Cevad İbnü’ş-Şeyh Nâfi: *Maarif-i Umumiye Nezareti. Tarihçe-i Teşkilat ve İcraatı*. Haz.Taceddin Kayaoğlu (Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2001), 3-5.

-1869 Maarif-i Umumiye Nizamnamesi Mazbatası, in Mahmud Cevad İbnü’ş-Şeyh Nâfi: *Maarif-i Umumiye Nezareti. Tarihçe-i Teşkilat ve İcraatı*. Haz.Taceddin Kayaoğlu (Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2001), 93-99.

-“Naci”, in İbnülemin Mahmud Kemal İnal: *Son Asır Türk Şairleri II* (İstanbul: Dergah Yayınları, 1988), 1032-1050.

-“Sadullah”, in İbnülemin Mahmud Kemal İnal: *Son Asır Türk Şairleri III* (İstanbul: Dergah Yayınları, 1988), 1567-1573.

-Aşçıdede Halil İbrahim: *Hatıralar* (İstanbul: İstanbul Ansiklopedisi Kütüphanesi, 1960).

**Week 7 - Main historical issues and research tendencies (6)**

The issue of opposition movements. Janissaries. Young Ottomans. Young Turks. Liberal opposition during the Second Constitutional Period.

-Hakkı Tarık Us: *1293 Meclis-i Mebusan Zabıt Cerideleri*. 2 cilt (İstanbul: Vakit Matbaası, 1939, 1954). 1. cilt: 82-88; 104-113; 150-158; 200-228; 234-243; 284-297; 338-339; 368-375; 386-388; 2. cilt: 30-41; 64-79; 206-216; 280-308; 376-392; 410-414.

-İbrahim Temo: *İbrahim Temo’nun İttihad ve Terakki Anıları* (İstanbul: Arba, 1987).

-M.Şükrü Hanioğlu: *Bir Siyasal Düşünür Olarak Doktor Abdullah Cevdet ve Dönemi* (İstanbul: Üçdal Neşriyat, [1981]).

**Week 8 – Sources for Ottoman 19th Century History (1)**

The issue of historical sources and basic steps for research. How to use secondary sources. Handbooks and reference works.

**Week 9 – Sources for Ottoman 19th Century History (2)**

Methods for using primary sources.

**Week 10 - Sources for Ottoman 19th Century History (3)**

Printed primary sources. Newspapers. Official publications (Salnameler, Fetva Mecmuaları, Düsturlar). Autobiographies, memoirs and ego-texts. Literary works.

**Week 11- Sources for Ottoman 19th Century History (4)**

Philological requirements. Issue of calendar systems. Iconographical sources. Money, coins, stamps, tuğras, heralds. Maps. Clothing. Headgear, shape of turbans and fezes.

**Week 12 - Sources for Ottoman 19th Century History (5)**

Archival sources in Turkey. Başbakanlık Osmanlı Arşivi. Şer’iyye Sicilleri. Tapu Kadastro Arşivi. Vakıf Arşivi.

**Week 13 - Sources for Ottoman 19th Century History (6)**

Archival sources outside Turkey. Public Record Office. The Quai d’Orsay. Hof – und Staatsarchiv. Archives in Bulgaria, Dubrovnik, Germany, Russia, Israel, Egypt.

**Week 14 – Paper Presentations**