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

**Spring 2023**

**Wednesday 16:40-19:30**

**Dr. Selçuk Akşin Somel**

**E-mail**: somel@sabanciuniv.edu

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 and the two articles/book chapters 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 sources and one of the two articles/book chapters specified for the course week. It should consist of at least two and at most five pages.**

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

 **Century. Issues of Transformation.**

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.

Olivier Bouquet. “From Decline to Transformation: Reflections on a New Paradigm in Ottoman History.” *Osmanlı Araştırmaları* LX (2022): 27-60.

Selçuk Akşin Somel & Seyfi Kenan. “The Issue of Transformation within the Ottoman Empire.” *Dimensions of Transformation in the Ottoman Empire from the Late Medieval Age to Modernity*. *In Memory of Metin Kunt*. Edited by Seyfi Kenan & Selçuk Akşin Somel. Leiden: Brill, 2021: 1-36.

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

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

Research Literature

Roderic Davison. “Chapter II: The Hatt-ı Hümayun of 1856 and the Climate of its Reception.” In idem, *Reform in the Ottoman Empire 1856-1876*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1963: 52-80.

Nurullah Ardıç. “Islam, Modernity and the 1876 Constitution.” In *The First Ottoman Experiment in Democracy*. Edited by Christoph Herzog & Malek Sharif. Ergon Verlag: Würzburg, 2016: 89-106.

Primary Sources

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.

Research Literature

Shimon Shamir. “Midhat Pasha and the Anti-Turkish Agitation in Syria.” *Middle Eastern Studies* 10-2 (May 1974): 115-141.

John Koliopoulos. “Brigandage and Insurgency in the Greek Domains of the Ottoman Empire.” In *Ottoman Greeks in the Age of Nationalism. Politics, Economy, and Society in the Nineteenth Century*. Edited by Dimitri Gondicas & Charles Issawi. Princeton, NJ: The Darwin Press, 1999: 143-160.

Primary Sources

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.* Edited by 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.

Research Literature

Tetsuya Sahara. “The Ottoman City Council and the beginning of the modernisation of urban space in the Balkans.” In *The City in the Ottoman Empire. Migration and the Making of Urban Modernity*. Edited by Ulrike Freitag, Malte Fuhrmann et al. London: Routledge, 2011: 26-50.

Florian Riedler. “Armenian labour migration to Istanbul and the migration crisis of the 1890s.” In *The City in the Ottoman Empire. Migration and the Making of Urban Modernity*. Edited by Ulrike Freitag, Malte Fuhrmann et al. London: Routledge, 2011: 160-176.

Primary Sources

*Ankara Vilâyeti Salname-i Resmîsi 1325 (1907).* Edited by 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.* Edited by 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.

Research Literature

M. Erdem Kabadayı. “Working From Home: Division of Labor Among Female Workers of Feshane in Late Nineteenth-Century Istanbul. ” In *A Social History of Late Ottoman Women. New Perspectives*. Edited by Duygu Köksal & Anastasia Falierou. Leiden: Brill, 2013: 65-81.

Iris Agmon. “Text, Court, and Family in Late-Nineteenth-Century Palestine.” In *Family History in the Middle East. Household, Property, and Gender*. Edited by Beshara Doumani. New York: State University of New York Press, 2003: 201-229.

Primary Sources

Abdülaziz Bey. *Osmanlı Âdet, Merasim ve Tabirleri*. Edited by 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.* Edited by 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.

Research Literature

Johann Strauss. “Who Read What in the Ottoman Empire (19th-20th Centuries)?” *Middle Eastern Literatures* 6-1 (June 2010): 39-76.

Recep Şentürk. “Intellectual Dependency: Late Ottoman Intellectuals between fiqh and Social Science.” *Die Welt des Islams. New Series*. 47-3/4, Islam and Societal Norms: Approaches to Modern Muslim Intellectual History (2007): 283-318.

Primary Sources

“1241 Tarihi Ferman.” In Mahmud Cevad İbnü’ş-Şeyh Nâfi: *Maarif-i Umumiye Nezareti. Tarihçe-i Teşkilat ve İcraatı*. Edited by Taceddin Kayaoğlu. Ankara: Yeni Türkiye Yayınları, 2001: 3-5.

“1869 Maarif-i Umumiye Nizamnamesi Mazbatası.” In Mahmud Cevad İbnü’ş-Şeyh Nâfi, ibid., 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*, 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.

Research Literature

Florian Riedler. “I-Introduction” and “II-The Society of Martyrs.” In idem, *Opposition to the Tanzimat State. Conspiracy and Legitimacy in the Ottoman Empire, 1859-1878* . PhD Thesis, SOAS, 2003: 4-68.

Şerif Mardin. “İkinci Bölüm: 1876-1895 Yılları Arasında Türkiye’de Beliren Hürriyetçi Akımların Sosyal ve Fikri Kökleri.” In idem, *Jön Türklerin Siyasi Fikirleri 1895-1908*. 15. Baskı. İstanbul: İletişim, 2008: 31-79.

Primary Sources

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. Cumhurbaşkanlığı Devlet 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**