

THE BALANCE OF JUSTICE IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE: NON-MUSLIMS AS AGENTS IN AN ISLAMIC IMPERIAL LEGAL CONTEXT



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**Conceptualizing Justice:
Communal and
Trans-communal Perspectives
in the Early Modern World**

Chair: **Baki Tezcan**
University of California, Davis

The Notion of 'Justice' among
Ottoman Orthodox Christians
in the Early Modern Period

Eugenia Kermeli
Hacettepe University

Compatible Kanuns: Translation
and Compatibility of Ottoman,
Safavid, and Habsburg 'Kanuns'

Guy Burak
New York University

In Search of the Perfect State:
The Discourse on Justice in
Ottoman Thought

Hüseyin Yılmaz
George Mason University

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PANEL 2

**Dealing with Difference:
Fatwas, Firmans,
and Non-Muslims in the
Ottoman Legal Order**

Chair: **Sophia Laiou**
Ionian University

Non-Muslims in
Ottoman Şeyhülislams' Fetvas:
A Computational Analysis of
Thematic Change

Boğaç Ergene
University of Vermont
and
Atabey Kaygun
Istanbul Technical University

The Status of Saint Catherine's
Monastery within the Ottoman
Legal Order in the Province of
Egypt through the Lens of
Ottoman Imperial Decrees (*Firman*)

Abdelrahman Mahmoud
Harvard University

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**Power and the Patriarchates:
Greek and Armenian Churches
and the Ottoman State**

Chair: **Ahmet Tunç Şen**
Columbia University

Komitas K'eömurchean and
the Persecution of Armenian
Catholics in Early Modern Istanbul

Henry Shapiro
Polonsky Academy/Hebrew University

Forms of Jurisprudence in
Harmony, Conflict, and Coexistence:
Seeking and Implementing
Justice in the Interaction between
Silvestros of Antioch and
the Ottoman Imperial Chancery

Hasan Çolak
TOBB University of Economics and Technology

The Transformation of the Legal Jurisdiction
of the Patriarch of Constantinople

Elif Bayraktar
Istanbul Medeniyet University

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PANEL 4

Non-Muslim Legal Agency

Chair: **Henry Shapiro**
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'Beni İcâreye Dutmuş İdi':
Hired Labor and Agency of
Non-Muslims in the Early
18th-Century Crimean Khanate

Turkana Allahverdiyeva
University of Bonn

Actors and Agents in
Murky Legal Waters:
Some Observations on the
Practice of Kebin, 16th-18th Century

Betül Başaran
St. Mary's College of Maryland



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Overlapping Systems of Justice

Chair: **Boğaç Ergene**
University of Vermont

On the Permeability of
Judicial Systems in the
Ottoman Empire

Phokion Kotzageorgis
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

'Ottoman' Courts Applying
'Frankish Customs':
European Consular Courts in
17th-Century Istanbul

Tommaso Stefani
European University Institute

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**Non-Muslim Perspectives
on the Law**

Chair: **Betül Başaran**
St. Mary's College of Maryland

Ottoman Greek Businesses
and Istanbul Courts,
18th to Early 19th Century

Sophia Laiou
Ionian University

Mormon Missionaries and
Armenians in the Late Ottoman
Empire: An Investigation of Their
Legal Marginalization

Kent Schull
*Binghamton University,
State University of New York*

Saltpans of Ottoman İzmir, a Dispute
over Mining Privileges, and the
Language of Seeking Justice

Emre Erol
Sabancı University

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**Forum Shopping?
Avenues of Justice in the
Ottoman Legal Sphere**

Chair: **Betül İpşirli Argıt**
Marmara University

Between Two Communities:
Legal Strategies and Practices
among Jews in 18th-Century
Salonica and Jerusalem

Eyal Ginio
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Legal Plurality and Divorce:
Greek Orthodox Divorce in the
Patriarchal and Sharia Courts

Gamze Yavuzer
University of Maryland

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PANEL 8

**Legal Reforms and Non-Muslim
Experiences in the 19th Century**

Chair: **Ayşe Ozil**
Sabancı University

How the Ottoman Ulema Responded
to Non-Muslims' Equality Demands
after the 1848 Revolutions in Europe

Abdulhamit Kırmızı
*Marmara University
& Centre for Advanced Study Sofia*

Ottoman Constitutionalism at the
Fin de Siècle: A Social History of
a Non-Muslim Perspective on
Justice and Reform

Varak Ketsemanian
Princeton University

The Making of Ottoman Private
International Law: William Parnis in
Ottoman Service, 1864–1882

Berke Torunoğlu
Bilkent University

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Chair: **Eugenia Kermeli** *Hacettepe University*
Edhem Eldem *Boğaziçi University & Collège de France*
Baki Tezcan *University of California, Davis*
Engin Akarlı *Brown University*

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