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The Making of Law in the Ottoman Space, 1800-1914

Interdisciplinary/International Workshop

May 26th and 27th, 2015

Collège de France, salle Lévi Strauss, 52 rue Cardinal Lemoine, Paris

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<http://transfaire.hypotheses.org/transacting>

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY May 26th, 2015

09:00-09:30 Welcoming and registration

09:30-09:45 Welcoming address: Marc Aymes, Sümbül Kaya and Aylin Koçunyan

09:45-10:00 Marc Aymes

“Trans-acting Matters: Areas and Eras of a (Post-)Ottoman Globalization”

10:00-10:10 Coffee break

- SESSION I: 10:10-12:00

Transformation of the Legal Order and Reforms

Hümeýra Bostan, İstanbul Şehir University

New Means of Providing Justice in a Distant Province: Ottoman Judicial Reform in Yemen (1872-1918)

Ebru Aykut, Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University

Revisiting the Basic Legal Principles of the *Tanzimat* in Light of a Customary Practice: House-Burning and *Usul-i Cibal*

Ileana Moroni, University of Basel

The Parliament as Law-Maker in the Ottoman Empire in the aftermath of the 1908 Revolution

Discussant: Nathalie Clayer, CETOBAC, EHESS

12:00-13:30: Lunch break

- SESSION II: 13:30-15:20

Law, Encounters and Hybridizations

Noémi Lévy-Aksu, Boğaziçi University

Codifying –or not Codifying– the Exception: the 1877 *İdare-i Örfiye Kararnamesi*

Wolfgang Egner, University of Konstanz

The Negotiation of Entangled Law: The Global Context of Ottoman Law in Cyprus

William Smiley, Princeton University

Sovereignty, Sharia, and the Şeyhülislam in the Age of Revolutions

Discussant: François Georgeon, CETOBAC, EHESS

15:20-15:40 Coffee break

- SESSION III: 15:40-17:30

Law and the Multi-Ethnic Imperial Context

Aylin Koçunyan, CETOBAC, EHESS

French Impact on the Legal Transformation of the *Millet* System in the Ottoman Empire, 1856-1865

Dzovinar Derderian, University of Michigan

Marriage Law as a Site of Resistance, 1840s-1870s

Yusuf Ziya Karabıçak, McGill University

Greek Associations and Ottoman Legality in Late Nineteenth Century

Discussant: Bernard Heyberger, CEIFR, EHES

WEDNESDAY May 27th, 2015

-SESSION IV: 10:00-11:50

Law and Particular Social Landscapes

Ahmad Amara, New York University

State Making and Jurisdictional Tensions: The Beersheba Kaza as an Anomalous Legal Zone

Fatma Öncel, Boğaziçi University

Law and Struggle in Ottoman Rural Society: *Çiftliks* of Trikala

Christian Sassmannshausen, Freie Universität

When the Court Visited Home: Legal Out-of-Court Sessions and the *Manzûl* in Late Ottoman Tripoli

Discussant: Noémi Lévy-Aksu, Boğaziçi University

11:50-13:00 Lunch Break

- SESSION V: 13:00-14:20

Law, Legal Language and Content

Omar Y. Cheta, Bard College

“Wakil” and “Avukatu”: On the Politics of Legal Language in Late Ottoman Egypt

Sami Erdem, İstanbul Şehir University

From *Fiqh* Book to Legal Text: Revisiting Continuity and Change in the *Majalla* as a Model for Traditional Content in Modern Form

Discussant: Virginia H. Aksan, McMaster University

14:20-14:30 Coffee break

- SESSION VI: 14:30-15:50

Law and Social Categories

Ceyda Karamürsel, University of Pennsylvania

Race, Ethnicity and the Making of Law in the Post-Circassian Expulsion Ottoman Empire

İlkay Yılmaz, Istanbul University

Stamping the Outsider Subjects Inside: The Passport Regulations in the Hamidian Period

Discussant: Dina Khoury, George Washington University

15:50-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:30 CONCLUDING REMARKS