



**The 5th Mid-Atlantic Ottomanist Workshop**  
**28 February - 1 March 2025**

**University of Richmond**  
**Richmond, Virginia**



# Schedule

All panels will be held in the Ukrop Auditorium, Robins School of Business

## Friday, 28 February

**8:00-8:45 Continental Breakfast** (Moelchert Commons, Robins School of Business)

**8:45-9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**9:00-10:00 Keynote Talk: Ella Fratantuono** (University of North Carolina, Charlotte), *Governing Migration in the Late Ottoman Empire*

**10:00-12:30 Panel 1: Sufism** (*possible 10-minute break mid-panel*)

**Chair: Ayfer Karakaya-Stump** (College of William and Mary)

**Kameliya Atanasova** (Washington and Lee University), *An Early-Modern Ottoman Prayer Book*

**Esma Erbil** (Brown University & Medeniyet University), *Artful Devotion: Translating Qasida al-Burda in Ottoman Literary Tradition with a Focus on Visual Aesthetics*

**Ahmet Erdoğdular** (Makam New York), *Ottoman Soundscapes: Miraciye as an Ottoman Form*

**Tobin Johnson** (University of Maryland), *Miraculous Gender Transition and Saintly Succession: How and Why Halife Sultan Became a Man*

**Fatma Deniz** (New York University), *Sufis in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul: Networks of Connectivity and Disconnection in the Ottoman Empire*

**12:30-1:30 Lunch** (International Commons, Carol Weinstein International Center)

**1:30-3:30 Panel 2: Migration**

**Chair: Nabil al-Tikriti** (University of Mary Washington)

**Leyla Amzi-Erdoğdular** (Rutgers University Newark), *Migrants and State: Ottoman and post-Ottoman Migration from the Balkans*

**Elizabeth Thompson** (American University), *Pushed by Destiny to Unite East and West: The Archive of a Levantine Family, 1840-1914*

**Nefin Dinç** (James Madison University), *Memoirs of an Austro-Hungarian Foot Soldier in the Middle East*

**Onat Ozan Ata** (New York University), *Nomadic Mobility, Animal Breeding and Agriculture in the pre-Settlement Çukurova*

## Friday, 28 February

**3:30-3:45 Break**

**3:45-5:45 Panel 3: Domestic and International Legal History**

**Chair: Micah Hughes** (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

**Burak Bulkan** (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), *Sovereignty Under Siege: The Ottoman Empire's Strategic Use of International Law, From Paris to Berlin*

**Serbest Ensarioğlu** (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), *International Politics of the Concept of Rights: A History of the Universalist Legal Agendas from the Late Ottoman to Republican Period (1860-1960)*

**Chen Gong** (Princeton University), *Returning Armenians and the Land Question, 1908-1914*

**Charles Wilkins** (Wake Forest University), *Provincial Governors as Judicial Authorities: The Assessment and Collection of Legal Fines in 17th Century Aleppo and Diyarbakır*

**6:00 Dinner** (International Commons)

## Saturday, 1 March

**8:00-8:45 Continental Breakfast** (Moelchert Commons, Robins School of Business)

**8:45-10:45 Panel 4: Ottoman Minority Populations**

**Chair: Jane Hathaway** (The Ohio State University)

**Tyler Isgar** (Georgetown University), *Fakhr-al Din and the Maronites: Cooperation between Two Religious Groups*

**Armen Manuk-Khaloyan** (Georgetown University), *Grandiose Thoughts: Daniel Varuzhan and the Romance of Ottoman Armenian Idealism*

**Pınar Odabaşı Taşçı** (Visiting Scholar, MEIS, New York University), *Edirne during World War I: Borderlands and Belonging at the End of Empire*

**Şahika Karatepe** (Binghamton University), *The Semi-proletarianization of the Bardizag Region: A Study of Socio-Economic Change in the Ottoman Empire (1815-1915)*

**10:45- 11:00 Break**

## Saturday, 1 March

### 11:00-12:30 Panel 5: Ottoman Trade, Administration, and Endowments

**Chair: Ayşe Baltacıoğlu-Brammer** (New York University)

**Mustafa Batman** [& **Timur Kuran, not presenting**], (Duke University), *Ottoman State Waqfs in the Nineteenth Century: Functional and Legal Transformations*

**Marco Ali Spadaccini** (Binghamton University), *Ottomans in Ancona: A New Perspective of the Ottoman Adriatic*

**Safa Hamzeh** (UCLA), *A Failed Restoration: the Timar System in the Age of Çiftliks in the Ottoman Morea (1715-1750)*

### 12:30-1:30 Lunch (International Commons)

### 1:30-3:30 Panel 6: Ottoman Pasts and Modernities

**Chair: Yücel Yanıkdağ** (University of Richmond)

**Musa Kazım Azimli** (University of Virginia), *The Imperial Slave Market in Istanbul*

**Turan Bayram** (Binghamton University), *Imagined Modernities: Hospital, City and Nation*

**Ceren Abi** (Independent Scholar), *Antiquities and Learned Societies in the Late Ottoman Empire*

**Ayşenur Kılıç** (Georgetown University & Social Sciences University of Ankara), *Ottoman-Turkish Scouting: Religion, Ethnicity, and Formation of a Youth Movement*

### 3:30-3:45 Break

### 3:45-5:45 Panel 7: Early Modern Ottomans

**Chair: Meliz Hafez** (Virginia Commonwealth University)

**Emin Lelić** (Salisbury University), *"Obstinate Albanians": A Case-study in the Ottoman Ethnographic Typology*

**Timothy J. Fitzgerald** (James Madison University), *Inside Outsiders: Two Europeans in 16th-Century Syria*

**Samuel Stevens** (The Ohio State University), *A Vision of Reform from the Frontier: Khasan Kafi al-Akhisari's Usul el-Hikem fi Nizam el-'Alem*

**Christopher Whitehead** (The Ohio State University), *Nobility, Slavery, and Serfdom in 16th- and 17th-Century Ottoman Georgia*

### 6:00 Dinner (International Commons)



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