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

Interdisciplinary/International Workshop

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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, Smbl Kaya and Aylin Kounyan

**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**

**Hmeyra Bostan, İstanbul Őehir 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**

**Nomi Lvy-Aksu, Boĝazii University**

Codifying –or not Codifying- the Exception: the 1877 *Idare-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 Őeyhlislam in the Age of Revolutions

**Discussant: Franois Georgeon, CETOBAC, EHESS**

**15:20-15:40 Coffee break**

**- SESSION III: 15:40-17:30**

### **Law and the Multi-Ethnic Imperial Context**

**Aylin Kounyan, 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 Karabiçak, 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: *Çiftlik*s 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**