The Western Ottomanists’ Workshop

A Collaborative Workshop of West Coast Ottoman scholars

Whitman College, April 27-28, 2012

Schedule of Events:

Friday, April 27

The Thirty-Ninth Sivert O. and Majorie Allen Skotheim Lecturer

“Deciphering Denial: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present and the Collective Violence against the Armenians, 1789-2009”

by

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Olin 130, 7:00pm

Saturday, April 28

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9:00am-4:30pm

Schedule:
9:00am-noon

Panel I: “Preserving the Past: Archives, Museums, and Heritage Tourism”

Heghnar Watenpaugh (Associate Professor, UC Davis) “Heritage in Conflict. The Social Life of a Medieval Manuscript” (Commentator: Elyse Semerdjian)

Carel Bertram (Professor, San Francisco State University) “Armenian Pilgrimages, Ottoman Space, Current Time” (Commentator: Müge Göçek)

Ceren Abi (Ph.D. Student, UCLA) “The Iraq Museum in its Regional Context: The late Ottoman and the Interwar Experiences” (Commentator: Sherry Vatter)

Lunch break

1pm-2:45pm

II. “Sufi Travelers, Sufi Bureaucrats”

Nir Shafir (Ph.D. Candidate, UCLA) “The Road from Damascus: Knowledge and Travel in the Seventeenth Century” (Commentator: Carel Bertram)

Andrew Jan (Ph.D. Candidate, UCLA) “Sufis, Bakris, And Pashas: The Bureaucratization Of Sufi Orders In Nineteenth-Century Cairo” (Commentator: Jim Grehan)

2:45-4:30pm

III. “Appropriating the Past, from Mehmet II’s Conquest of Constantinople to Modern Turkish Literature”

Lee Beaudoen (Ph.D. Candidate, UCLA) “Rhetoric and Reality: The Appropriation of Byzantine Culture by Mehmet II During the Fall of Constantinople” (Commentator: Linda Darling)

Zeynep Seviner (Ph.D. Candidate, The University of Washington, “Turkish Literature as World Literature?: Dynamics of Turkish Literary Historiography” (Commentator: Heather Ferguson)

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