The Balkan Wars 1912/13
Experience, Perception, Remembrance

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11 - 13 October, 2012
at the Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies / Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul

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Yıldız Technical University, Yıldız Campus, Room: Oditoryum (auditorium), Beşiktaş/Istanbul

Draft Programme

Wednesday, 10 Oct
ARRIVAL

Thursday, 11 Oct

9.00 - 11.00
Welcome Addresses
İsmail Yüksek, President of Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul
Mehmet Hacısılaçıoğlu (Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies, İstanbul)
Katrin Boeckh (Institute for East and Southeast European History, Regensburg)

Keynotes
Fikret Adanır (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University, İstanbul)
*Ethnonationalism, Irredentism, and Empire: Notes on the Last "Turkish War" in Europe*

Wolfgang Höpken (Department for East and Southeast European History, University of Leipzig)
*At the Brink of "Modernity"? The Balkan Wars in 20th Century European Warfare*

Coffee Break
11.30 - 13.15
Panel 1: Diplomacy
Bruno Korea Gajski (Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb)
*European Diplomacy and the Balkan Wars*

Gül Tokay (London/Istanbul)
*Balkan Wars and Great Powers through the Eyes of the Ottoman Diplomats: An Interpretation*

M. Hakan Yavuz (Political Science Department / Middle East Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City)
*The Connection between War-Making and Nationalism in the Balkans*

Konrad Clewing (Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)
*The War that Did Not End in 1912/13: Violence and Ethnic Politics in Southwestern Macedonia and Southern Albania*

Michael Hesselholt Clemmesen (Centre for Military History, Royal Danish Defence College, Copenhagen)
*The Distant Storm and the Final Preparations for the Great War in Northern Europe*

**Lunch**

15.30 - 17.15
Panel 2: Demographic/Social Engineering
Katrin Boeckh (Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg / Munich University)
*The Economy of the Balkan Wars*

Mehmet Hacisalihoğlu (Center for Balkan and Black Sea Studies, Yildiz Technical University, Istanbul)
*Negotiations and Agreements for Population Transfers in the Balkans (from the Beginning of the 19th Century until 1912)*

Edvin Pezo (Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)
*Violence and Population Movements in the Balkan Wars and after. Dynamics and Entanglements of States and Societies in Periods of Crisis*

Vera Goseva, Natasha Kotlar-Traykova (Institute of National History Skopje)
*The Position of the Muslim Population in Salonica and its Environment during the Balkan Wars 1912-1913*

**Discussion**

**Dinner**
Friday, 12 October

9.00 - 10.45
Panel 3: Soldiers
Richard Hall (Department of History, Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus)
*The Thrakian Theater of War*

Mehmet Beşikçi (Institute of Modern Turkish History, Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul)
*Perceiving the Defeat: The Failure of Ottoman Manpower Mobilization in the Balkan Wars and its Reform*

Claudiu-Lucian Topor (Al. I. Cuza University, Iaşi, Faculty of History)
*Forgotten Lessons of the Balkan War: the Romanian Army between the Bulgarian Campaign (1913) and the Disaster of Turtucaia (1916)*

Spyridon Tsoutsoumpis (Department of History, University of Manchester)
*Culture, Combat and the Barbarisation of Warfare among Greek Soldiers*

Coffee

11.15 - 13.00
Panel 4: Civilians, Wounded, Invalids
Oya Daglar Macar (ITICU, Department of International Relations, Üsküdar, Istanbul)
*The British Red Cross Assistance in the Balkan Wars*

Mile Bjelajac (Institute for Recent History of Serbia, University of Belgrade)
*Treatment of Civilians, Wounded and Captured Enemies by the Serbian Army 1912/13*

Iakovos D. Michailidis (Department of History and Archaeology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece)
*“Collateral Damages”: The Fate of Civilians in Macedonia*

Eyal Ginio (Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)
*Charity and Nationalism in the Home Front: Jewish Philanthropy during the Balkan Wars*

Lunch

14.30 - 16.15
Panel 5: Memories of Victory and Defeat
Stefan Rohdewald (Department of Modern and Contemporary History of Eastern Europe and its Cultures, University of Passau)
*Figures of National Religious Memory and Their (Ab)Uses in and after the Balkan Wars as a History of Entanglements*

Alexey Timofeev (Institute for Recent History of Serbia, Belgrade)
*Serbian Chetniks in the Balkan Wars: Cultural, Social and Political Tradition of Irregular Warfare in Serbia*
Dubravka Stojanović (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade)
*The Mould of War Remembrance. The Balkan Wars in Serbian History Textbooks 1932-2011*

Eva Frantz (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Balkan-Commission, Vienna)
*Local Albanian and Serbian Experiences and Perceptions of the First Balkan War 1912/13 in Kosovo*

**Coffee**

**16.45 - 18.30**

**Panel 6/1: Perceptions from Within and from Outside**

Nicolas Pitsos (Institute for Oriental Languages and Cultures (INALCO), Paris)
*Marianne Staring at the Balkans on Fire: French Views and Perceptions of the 1912/13 Conflicts*

Stjepan Matković (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb)
*The Croatian Perception of the Balkan Wars and the Idea of Yugoslav Integralism*

Günther Sandner (Institute Vienna Circle, University of Vienna)
*Deviant Perceptions: Leon Trotsky and Otto Neurath on the Balkan Wars (1912/13)*

Sabine Rutar (Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg)
*At the Doorstep to the Balkans: Increased Warship Building and Fear of War in Trieste after the Bosnian Crisis (1908-1913/14)*

**Discussion**

**Dinner**

**Saturday, 13 Oct**

**9.00 - 10.45**

**Panel 6/2: Perceptions from Within and from Outside**

Amir Duranović (Faculty of Philosophy, Institute for History, University of Sarajevo)
*“An Outlaw and Robber Nation”. The Image of the Albanians in the Serb Press in Bosnia and Herzegovina during the Balkan Wars*

Florian Keisinger (German Parliament, Berlin)
*Uncivilised Wars in Civilised Europe? The Perception of the Balkan Wars 1912/13 in English, German, and Irish Newspapers and Journals*

Svetlozar Eldarov, Bisser Petrov (Institute for Balkan Studies, Sofia)
*Bulgarian Historiography on the Balkan Wars: Stages and Trends*

Eugene Michail (International Study Centre of Queen’s University of Toronto)
*The Shifting Memory of the Balkan Wars in Western Historiography: 1912-1999*
Coffee

11.15 - 12.30
Closing Speech
Heike Karge (University of Regensburg)
The Wars that Knew No Post-War: Placing the Balkan Wars in the History of Wars of the 20th Century

Final Discussion

Lunch

14.00
Bosphorus Boat Tour

Afternoon in Istanbul

Dinner

Sunday, 14 Oct
DEPARTURE