

“THE CONVERSION OF SPACES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP IN ANATOLIA” INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



10-11 APRIL 2021

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

09:00 – 09:30 Mr. Doğan BERMEK, ADO, ADİP
Dr. Vanessa R. DE OBALDÍA,
Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz

PANEL 1 **Hagia Sophia: Interpretations and National Memory**

09:30 – 09:35 Discussant: Prof. Dr. İřtar GÖZAYDIN,
Professor of law and politics

09:35 – 09:55 Dr. Markus DRESSLER, University of Leipzig
The Reconversion of the Hagia Sophia:
Interpretations and Silences.

09:55 – 10:15 Assoc. Prof. Umut AZAK, Istanbul Okan University
Hagia Sophia and National Memory Wars
in the Republican Period.

10:15 – 10:45 Discussion, Q & A

10:45-10:55 **Coffee break**

PANEL 2 **Transformation within spatial and urban contexts**

10:55 – 11:00 Discussant: Assoc. Prof. Hakan YÜCEL,
Galatasaray University

11:00 – 11:20 Assoc. Prof. Zeynep AKTÜRE, Izmir Institute of Technology
Is Transformation Functional or Ideological? Observations
on the Spatial Distribution of Religious Buildings
Re-functionalized in Istanbul in 1453.

11:20 – 11:40 Asst. Prof. Dr. Erhan KURTARIR, Yıldız Technical University
Sacred Places and Places of Worship as Places of
Transforming Identity in Changing Cities.

11:40 – 12:00 Prof. Dr. Ayře Nur ÖKTEN Yıldız Technical University
Reflections on Belief, Identity, and Interaction with Space.

12:00 – 12:30 Discussion, Q & A



12:30 - 12:40

Coffee break

PANEL 3

Dynamics in the transformation of *cemevis* & *tekkes*

12:40 - 12:45

Discussant: Prof. Dr. Ayhan KAYA, Istanbul Bilgi University

12:45 - 13:05

Asst. Prof. Dr. Cemal SALMAN, Istanbul University
Construction, Struggle, Intervention: Transformation
Dynamics of Alevi Social Space.

13:05 - 13:25

Ms. Lucía CIRIANNI SALAZAR, PhD candidate,
Free University of Berlin
Sufi tekkes as Museums or Cultural Centres:
The seal of secularity?

13:25 - 13:55

Discussion, Q & A

13:55 - 14:30

Lunch break

PANEL 4

Historical conversions of *tekkes*, *zaviyes* and *mevlevihanes*

14:30-14:35

Discussant: Asst. Prof. Dr. Erhan KURTARIR,
Yıldız Technical University

14:35 - 14:55

Assoc. Prof. Dilaver AZİMLİ, Azerbaijan National Academy
of Sciences (in memory)
Sheikh Safiyullah's predecessor Sheikh Cemalettin
shrine and complex.

14:55 - 15:15

Assoc. Prof. A. Yılmaz SOYYER, Süleyman Demirel University
Bektashi Dervish Lodges Converted into a Nakşibendi
Dervish Lodge in 1826 (The Pîr Evi Example).

15:15 - 15:35

Ms. Sevtap DEMİRTAŞ, EMAY
Historical changes and transformations of the Mevlevihane,
one of the most important structures of Mevlevi culture.

15:35 - 15:55

Discussion, Q & A

15:55 - 16:05

Coffee break

PANEL 5 16:05- 16:10	Anatolia's Religious Heritage as Abandoned Spaces Discussant: Prof. Rossitsa GRADEVA, American University of Bulgaria
16:10 – 16:30	Asst. Prof. Dr. Veysel DİNLER, Hitit University From worship places to waste: Abandoned and forgotten places of worship.
16:30 – 16:50	Mr. Mehmet Fatih GÜNDEN, Van Yüzüncü Yıl University The silence of Armenian cultural heritage in Van.
16:50 – 17:10	Dr. Nicholas AL-JELOO, Kadir Has University Bewildering Beleaguerment: The Problem of Hakkari's Abandoned Churches.
17:10-17:30	Assoc. Prof. Birgül AÇIKYILDIZ, Paul Valéry University, Montpellier III The Yezidis: Destruction, Reconstruction, and Identity.
17:30 - 18:00	Discussion, Q & A

KEYNOTE SPEECH

18:00 – 18:30	Keynote speaker: Prof. Dr. Cemal KAFADAR, Harvard University
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DAY TWO – SUNDAY, 11 APRIL 2021

WELCOME

09:15 – 09:30	Mr. Laki VİNGAS, Rumvader, KMKD
PANEL 1 09:30 – 09:35	Reassignment and Loss in Byzantine Asia Minor Discussant: Zachary CHITWOOD, Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz
09:35 – 09:55	Dr. Yuri STOYANOV, SOAS University of London Desecration and reassignment of Anatolian religious sites during the last great war of late Antiquity (Byzantine- Sasanian War 603-628): material and ideological legacies.



- 09:55 – 10:15** Prof. Vlada STANKOVIĆ, University of Belgrade
Byzantine East after the Loss: Anatolia/Asia Minor, Christianity, and the idea of Reconquista in Byzantine Thought in the Late Middle Ages (12th–15th Centuries)
- 10:15 - 10:45** Discussion, Q & A
- 10:45-10:55** **Coffee break**
- PANEL 2** **‘Ahdnames, Architecture & Conversion: Latin Catholic Case Studies in the Ottoman Era**
- 10:55 - 11:00** Discussant: Fr. Dr. Claudio MONGE O.P., DoSt-I
- 11:00 – 11:20** Dr. Vanessa R. DE OBALDÍA,
Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz
Giresun Children’s Library: The Curious Case of a Republican Era Conversion of a Latin Catholic Church in the Black Sea Region.
- 11:20-11:40** Prof. Paolo GIRARDELLI, Boğaziçi University
Latin, Armenian, Ottoman: transformation and ambivalence in the Catholic architecture of Pera and Galata during the 18th century.
- 11:40 – 12:00** Dr. Radu DIPRATU, Institute for South-East European Studies
‘I shall not take their churches and turn them into mosques’: The Legal Status of Catholic Churches in Ottoman Galata as Prescribed by the ‘ahdnames.
- 12:00 - 12:30** Discussion, Q & A
- 12:30 - 12:40** **Coffee break**
- PANEL 3** **Transformation and Continuity in Church - Mosque Conversions**
- 12:40 - 12:45** Discussant: Prof. Marie COUROUCLI, IIAC

12:45 – 13:05	Dr. Mariëtte VERHOEVEN, Radboud University Fethiye Camii and Fethiye Museum: the conversions of the Pammakaristos Church.
13:05 – 13:25	Prof. Emma LOOSELY, University of Exeter The afterlife of the mandylion: Contested narratives on the fate of the ‘Image of Edessa’ and the role of the Ulu Cami, Şanlıurfa.
13:25-13:45	Asst. Prof. Paschalis ANDROUDIS, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki The Church of Hagios Amphilochios in Konya and its transformation to Eflatun Mescidi.
13:45 - 14:15	Discussion, Q & A
14:15 - 14:45	Lunch break
PANEL 4	Multiple Conversions from Roman to Ottoman Anatolia
14:45-14:50	Discussant: Prof. Dionigi ALBERA, IDEMEC
14:50 – 15:10	Dr. Ali Çağlar DENİZ, ADO From the Pagan to the Islamic Period, a 3000-year-old cult area: Dülük Baba Yatırı from the Shrine of the God Jupiter Dolichenus.
15:10 – 15:30	Jun. Prof. Dr. Aylin DE TAPIA, Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg The Many Lives of a the “Cezaevi-kilise” of Nevşehir.
15:30 – 15:50	Prof. Dr. Beatrice ST. LAURENT, Bridgewater State University Religious Monuments of Bursa and their Abandonment or Transformation in the Late 19th Century.
15:50 - 16:20	Discussion, Q & A
16:20 - 16:30	Coffee break



PANEL 5 **Hagia Sophia: Application of National Legislation and International Treaties**

16:30- 16:35 Discussant: Dr. Mine YILDIRIM, Freedom of Belief Initiative

16:35 – 16:55 Dr. Leonard HAMMER, University of Arizona
Turkey, International Treaties, and the Hagia Sophia.

16:55 – 17:15 Atty. Cem Murat SOFUOĞLU, Istanbul Okan University
Discussion of the legal infrastructure and justifications of the transformation of places in Turkey with examples.

17:15 - 17:45 Discussion, Q & A

KEYNOTE SPEECH

17:45 – 18:15 Keynote speaker: Prof. Dr. Raoul MOTIKA,
University of Hamburg

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