



Ottoman Empire

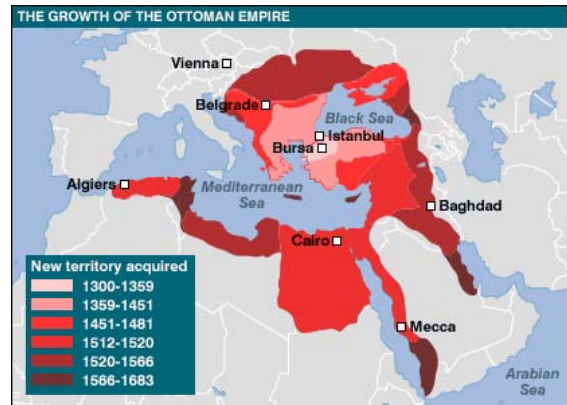
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Three Mondays
April 7, 14, 21, 2014

1:30 pm - 4:30pm
Maravilla Club Room
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The Ottoman Empire was a contiguous transcontinental empire founded in north-western Anatolia in 1299. With the conquest of Constantinople by Mehmed II in 1453 the Ottoman state was transformed into an empire. In 1577 the Ottoman armies knocked on the door of Western Europe by attacking Vienna.

During the 16th and 17th centuries, in particular at the height of its power under the reign of Suleiman the Magnificent, the Ottoman Empire was one of the most powerful states in the world – a multinational, multilingual empire, controlling much of Southeast Europe, Western Asia, the Caucasus, North Africa and the Horn of Africa. At the peak of their power and holdings, the Ottoman Empire had a population of 25,000,000.



With Constantinople as its capital and control of vast lands around the Mediterranean basin, the Ottoman Empire was at the center of interactions between the Eastern and Western worlds for over six centuries. It was dissolved in the aftermath of World War I; the collapse of the empire led to the emergence of the new political regime in Turkey itself, as well as the creation of modern Balkan and Middle Eastern states.

Session 1 ~ April 7th

- The rise of the Ottoman Empire - *Professor Humphreys*
- Constantinople --Ottoman capital (1453) - *Student*
- Ottoman Arts - *Lois Kaplan*

See reverse for additional session information

ENROLLMENT FORM: Ottoman Empire - April 7,14, 21, 2014

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Session Two ~ April 14th

- The spread of Ottoman Influence - *Professor Humphreys or BBC video*
- Suleiman the Magnificent (1494-1566) - *Don O'Dowd*
- The Battle for Gallipoli (1915-1916) - *Gerry Corrigan*



Session Three ~ April 21st

- The Armenian genocide (1915)
The Treaties of Sevres (Aug 10, 1920) and Lausanne - *Barbara Margerum*
- Turkish expulsion of Greeks and Smyrna (1922) - *Ted Anagnoson*
- Ataturk (1881-1923) and the Turkish war of independence (1919 –1923)
- Class discussion of the implications of the arbitrary allied creation of Arab states on current American middle-east relations



BIOGRAPHY: Steve Humphreys ~ My teaching and research interests range broadly across Middle Eastern history from the rise of Islam down to the present. These interests include the formative period of Islam (ca. 600-900 CE), the ways in which Muslim peoples have defined themselves and their cultural identities through their historical writing, the medieval Mediterranean world, the Crusades (a distinctly European phenomenon which had a considerable impact in the eastern Mediterranean), the international relations of the Middle East in the 20th century, and contemporary Islamist movements. In pursuit of these interests, and also because I am restless, I have lived and traveled extensively in the Middle East (though never enough), as well as many parts of Europe and Asia.



VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Club	3rd Tues & 3rd Thurs	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
God, Guns, Gays...	Feb 24, Mar 3,10,17	9:30 am	SB Natural History
Short Stories	March 5, 12, 19, 26	TBA	Private Home
Ottoman Empire	April 7,14,21	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Our Moon	April 14 & 17	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Music & Soviet Politics	April 23, 30, & May 7	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room
Viet Nam	May 5, 12, 19	9:30 pm	Goleta Library
Write About Your Life	May 8, 15, & 22	TBA	TBA
The Psalms:	May 21	1:30 pm	Maravilla Club Room



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