



**Transimperial Histories of (Post)Colonial Entanglements
in Russian-Ottoman Borderlands, 1850s-1950s**

10-11 February 2025
Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin

Workshop Program

10 February 2025

13h30-14h: Arrival (coffee/tea)

14h-16h30: Regimes of (Im)mobility: The role of mobility and borders in transimperial history, including the entangled history of (forced) migrations, displacement and refugee regimes

Vladimir Hamed-Troyansky - panel chair

İlkay Yılmaz, "Mobility Control and the Use of Passports in the Late Ottoman Empire (1876-1908)"

Artem Kharchenko, Transimperial Perspectives of the Northern Black Sea Region: Jews, Ukrainians, Russians, Poles, Crimean Tatars and other Communities

Lina Tsrimova, Caucasus in Exile: Towards a Transnational History of the Expulsion of the North Caucasian Mountain Dwellers (19th-20th Century)

Samuel J. Hirst, Regimes of Trade: Turkey, the Soviet Union, and the Rules of International Exchange, 1956–1962

16h30: Coffee Break

18:30- Workshop dinner: Ristorante Lungomare Krausenstraße 11, 10117 Berlin

11 February 2025

9h30-10h: Arrival (coffee/tea)

10h-12h30: Regimes of Land and Settlement: The entangled history of colonization projects and related legal regimes, including land reform and policies regarding nomads and tribal societies.

Nazan Maksudyan - panel chair

Masha Cerovic, The empire as project: Romanov land reform and Ottoman law in the borderlands
Oleksandr Polianichev, Plants Across Empires: Towards an Environmental History of the Russian-Ottoman Borderland

Mehmet Polatel, Ethno-religious concerns in land policies

Alexander Balistreri, The Anatolian-Caucasian Borderlands as a Historical Laboratory. Comparing Approaches to the Land Question

12h30-14h Lunch (Buffet at CMB)

14h-15h30: Regimes of (Un)freedom: Notions of freedom, subjecthood, and unfreedom in transimperial history, including the persistence of slavery and its transimperial enforcement, forced labor, coercive gender regimes, and practices of imposed subjecthood or, “protection”

Alex Balistreri - Panel chair

Stefan Kirmse, ‘Blood Libel in the Caucasus (1850-1890): A Transimperial Approach’.

Aikaterini Lykoudi, Russian-Ottoman Relations & the Karaite Question in Late Imperial Russia

15h3-16h0: Coffee Break

16h00-18h: Closing discussion. Methodologies: Using innovative research methods, uncovering and reinterpreting sources, and discussing new theoretical approaches to transimperial Russian-Ottoman history.

Useful Information for participants

Accommodation: Motel One Berlin-Spittelmarkt, Leipziger Straße 50, 10117 Berlin

Workshop Venue: Centre Marc Bloch, Friedrichstraße 191, 10117 Berlin. Room Simmel, 3rd Floor

Dinner (on Monday): Ristorante Lungomare Krausenstraße 11, 10117 Berlin