WORKSHOP PROGRAM

THE OTTOMAN PALACE LIBRARY INVENTORY OF 1502-3

April 4-6, 2014
Harvard University
Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture
This workshop focuses on a unique manuscript, in the Oriental Collection of the Library of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, which is a catalogue in Arabic of the holdings of the Topkapı Palace Library in Istanbul, compiled for Sultan Bayezid II by his royal librarian in the year 908 (1502-3). The lectures evaluate the contents of the library in specific disciplines under which the books were inventoried and assess its “universal” collection of approximately 5700 volumes and 7200 titles in all branches of knowledge, written in Arabic, Persian, Ottoman and Chaghatay Turkish.

FRIDAY APRIL 4, 2014
SACKLER LECTURE HALL IN THE BASEMENT, 485 BROADWAY

5:00 Welcome Remarks Gülru Necipoğlu (Harvard University), Cemal Kafadar (Harvard University), Cornell Fleischer (University of Chicago)

5:15 Gülru Necipoğlu “An Inventory and Its Encyclopedic Classification of Books: The Topkapı Palace Treasury-cum-Library Collection under Sultan Bayezid II”

5:45 Zeren Tanındı (Sakıp Sabancı Museum) (al-masahif al-‘aziza) “Arts of the Book: The Qur’ans, Illustrated (musawwar) and Illuminated Manuscripts of the Topkapı Palace Library Listed in the Inventory”

6:05 Zeren Tanındı “Extant Manuscripts with Seal Impressions of Bayezid II Transferred from the Imperial Treasury to Other Libraries”


6:45 Discussion of presentations by the first three speakers

7:00 Shahab Ahmed (Harvard University) (al-tafasir wa ‘ilm al-qira’at) “Books on Interpretations of the Qur’an and the Science of Qur’anic Recitation”

7:30 Recep Göktaş (Ankara University) (al-aḥādith wa asmā’ al-rijāl) “Books on Hadith” unable to attend, will send paper

No presentation: Snježana Buzov (Ohio State University) (al-adʿiya, khawass al-Qurʾan, kutub ‘ilm al-wafq) “Books of Prayers and the Science of Talismans” unable to attend or send paper
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Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) Building, Room S020 (Belfer Case Study Room, basement), 1730 Cambridge Street

9:45 Himmet Taşkömür (Harvard University), Abdurrahman Atçıl (Queen’s College, City University of New York) *(usul al-din, ilm al-kalam)* “Books on Principles of Doctrine and the Science of Theology”


11:30 Break

11:50 Hüseyin Yılmaz (George Mason University) *(‘ilm al-akhlaq; siyar al-muluk; al-siyasat al-mulukiyya)* “Books on the Science of Ethics, Rulership, and Politics”


1:00 Lunch Break


3:05 Ahmet Karamustafa, Pınar Emiralioğlu (University of Pittsburgh) unable to attend, will send paper *(‘ajāyib al-makhlūqāt, šuwar al-aqālīm)* “Books on the Wonders of Creation and Geography”


4:15 Break

5:10 Ferenc Csirkés (University of Chicago) (al-dawawin al-turkiyya wa al-mogholiyya, al-lughat al-arabiyya wa al-farisiyya wa ghayrihima) “Books on Turkic Literature and Dictionaries”

SUNDAY APRIL 6, 2014
CENTER FOR GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CGIS) BUILDING, ROOM S020 (BELFER CASE STUDY ROOM, BASEMENT), 1730 CAMBRIDGE STREET


11:30 Break


1:00 Workshop concludes