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## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**The Age of Catastrophe and the Destruction of  
Coexistence: Expulsions, Deportations and Genocides,  
1912-1924**

## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**1-4 December 2022  
Elite City Hotel  
Kalamata, Greece**



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**THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER**

**16:30 - 17:00**

**Official opening, Greetings**

**17:30-18:30**

**Keynote**

**Dirk Moses:** *Genocide: Insights and Blindness of a “Crime of Crimes”*

**19:00 - 20:20**

**Session 1: Human Rights and Mass Atrocities Studies Overview**

**Moderator:** Taner Akçam

**Thomas Kühne:** *Holocaust Studies: themes, master narratives, and debates*

**Mark Levene:** *Lemkin, the origins of Genocide Historiography: constraints, maturation, enrichment*

**Aline Sierp:** *Old wine in a new bottle? Memory Studies and its challenges*

**20:00-20:20** Discussion

**21:00** Official Welcome Dinner

**FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER**

**9:00 - 10:40**

**Session 1: Balkan Wars and the Aftermath**

**Moderator:** İlay Romain Örs

**Fikret Adanır:** *From Empire to Nation-State: Cultural Plurality versus Ethnoreligious Homogeneity?*

**Bayram Şen:** *Bosnian Muslims under Habsburg Rule: Questions of Migration and Remigration, 1878-1918*

**Iakovos Michailidis:** *The Age of Nationalism in the Balkans: Patterns of demographic mechanisms at the beginning of the 20th century*

**Alexis Alexandris:** *From Ottomanism to Nationalism: The Triumph of Nation-States over crumbling multinational Ottoman Empire, 1912-1923*

**10:20 - 10:40** Discussion

**10:40 - 11:00** Coffee break

**11:00 - 12:20**

**Session 2: First World War Experiences**

**Moderator:** Alexis Alexandris

**Seda Altuğ:** *World War I and its afterlives in the Ottoman East (1914-1924)*

**Eva Achladi:** *The Armenian Genocide of 1915 through the Greek archives*

**Stratos Dordanas, Vaios Kalogrias:** *From Namibia to the Ottoman Empire: German practices of administrative populations extermination before and during the First World War*

**12:00 - 12:20** Discussion

**12:20 - 15:00** Lunch break

**15:00 - 16:40**

**Session 3: First World War and Pontus**

**Moderator:** Theodosios Kyriakidis

**Zeynep Türkyılmaz:** *From Exceptional model of coexistence to destruction: Emergence of Pontus Question during WW1*

**Dror Ze'evi:** *A Micro-history of Prolonged Genocide: The Trabzon File*

**Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis:** *Reports and Eyewitness accounts of Turkish atrocities against the Greeks of Pontus and Asia Minor inland areas*

**Sait Çetinoğlu:** *A new look at the Pontic genocide in the light of new Ottoman documents*

**16:20 - 16:40** Discussion

**16:40 - 17:00** Coffee break

**17:00 - 18:20**

**Session 4: First World War and Destruction**

**Moderator:** Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis

**Benny Morris:** *The Destruction of Turkey's Greeks: An Overview*

**Armen Marsoobian:** *Saving the Body but Not the Soul: The "Rescue" of Children in the Aftermath of the Armenian Genocide*

**Theodosios Kyriakidis:** *Preventing forced Islamization. Gathering Greek Orphans from Muslim families and institutions*

**18:00 - 18:20** Discussion

**18:20 - 19:00** Coffee break

**19:00-20:40**

**Keynote: The stance of the Orthodox Church during the Ottoman Greeks Genocide (1922)**

**Ioannis Bougas:** *The “why” behind the martyrdom of Christians in Asia Minor in 1922.*

**20:00 - 20:40** Discussion: Alexis Alexandris, Theodosios Kyriakidis

**21:00** Dinner

## **SATURDAY, 3 DECEMBER**

**9:00 - 10:20**

### **Session 1: Wars and Displacements**

**Moderator:** İlay Romain Örs

**Nikos Sigalas:** *Baha Bey in Samsun: the displacement of Djanik’s Romei in 1917*

**Charalambos Gappas:** *Between the hammer and the anvil. The end of the First World War in Caucasus and the fate of the Greek population*

**Merih Erol:** *The 1922 Moment: the second “Exodus” of the Armenians of Anatolia*

**10:00 - 10:20** Discussion

**10:20 - 10:40** Coffee break

**10:40 - 12:20**

**Session 2: The Smyrna Catastrophe**

**Moderator:** Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis

**Nazan Maksudyan:** *Ernest Hemingway's Smyrna as a Symbol of Injustice and Cruelty*

**Hervé Georgelin:** *Burning Smyrna Down: A Loss or an Asset For the New Kemalist Regime?*

**Manuk Avedikyan:** *Voices of the Smyrna Fire from the Armenian Genocide Collections at the USC Shoah Foundation*

**Nikos Misolidis:** *The Destruction of Smyrna and the Exodus of the Greeks of Ionia through the archive of the Near East Relief Foundation*

**12:00 - 12:20** Discussion

**12:20 - 12:40** Coffee break

**12:40 -14:00**

**Session 3: After the Catastrophe**

**Moderator:** Alexis Alexandris

**Lerna Ekmekçioğlu:** *Un-Mixing as Survival: Armenian Activism for a National Home at the Lausanne Conference*

**Antonis Klapsis:** *The Lausanne Convention concerning the Exchange of Greek and Turkish Populations and the problems emerged from its implementation*

**Nikos Tombros, Nikos Kanellopoulos:** *Greek prisoner's repatriations from the Turkish Camps in Asia Minor*

**13:40-14:00** Discussion

**14:00-15:00** Buffet-Lunch

15:00 - 16:20

**Session 4: Toward New Perspectives**

**Moderator:** Taner Akçam

**Nicholas Doumanis:** *Becoming National: Wartime violence and the complexities of ethnogenesis among Anatolian Orthodox Christians*

**Hamit Bozarslan:** *Destruction of urbanity: From Smyrna (1922) to Aleppo and Afrin (2016-2017)*

**Iraklis Millas:** *Why one resists accepting old wrongdoings of his/her state/society?*

16:00 - 16:20 Discussion

16:20 - 16:40 Coffee break

16:40 - 17:40

**Keynote: A Paradigm Shift?**

**Mark Levene:** *Smyrna 1922 through the 21st century prism of human-induced biospheric annihilation: The case for a paradigm shift*

17:40 - 18:00 Coffee Break

18:00 - 19:00 **Closing Session: Discussing Next Steps**

19:00 Dinner

**SUNDAY, 4 DECEMBER**

Guided walk in the city

Departures