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# **Anthropology**

Funeral Rites, Rituals and Ceremonies from Prehistory to Antiquity: Proceedings of the

International Workshop "Troas and its Neighbours" / Onur Ozbek(Ed)

Istanbul: Institut Français d'Etudes Anatoliennes, 2008

ix. 186p,; 27cm

ISBN-13: 9789758072088

\$ 75.00

This book constitutes a thoroughly refereed International Workshop held in Canakkale in 2006 and organized by two universities conjointly on funeral rites, rituals and ceremonies from Prehistory to Antiquity. The book covers a time span from mostly Bronze Age to Classical Periods and examines some of the archaeological evidence while presenting and discussing individual sites on funeral practices. Scholars of history and archaeology from different countries, contribute to this volume by providing examples not only from the Troas region itself but also from neighbouring and more distant lands. Recent excavations and field surveys in the Troas and its neighbours provide additional information about the details of our ancestors response to the universal inevitable reality: the death.

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From 8000 BC to 2000 BC: Six Thousand Years of the Burdur-Antalya Region / Refik

Duru

Istanbul: Suna & Inan KIrac Research Institute on Mediterranean Civilizations, 2008

ix. 194p,; 29cm

ISBN-13: 9786050027020

\$ 125.00

When attempting to understand and comment on the civilization in which we live, one of the subjects that arouses the most curiosity is undoubtedly the desire to learn the stages that mankind has passed through to reach this point in time. In the book in front of you the author has attempted to describe, with archaeological facts, some of the development process of civilization in the prehistoric period before the discovery of writing, from around 8000 to 2000 BC, in the region of Southwest Anatolia, Burdur and Antalya.

The presence of many impressive city and monuments from the Classical Period in the Antalya and Burdur regions and their vicinity reflects the importance of this region in historical times. However, the region also has important and interesting finds from the prehistoric periods. One of the aims of this book is to introduce and describe as many as possible of the visual finds uncovered in the excavations carried out over the past 50

years at the four main prehistoric settlements of the region, Hacilar, Kurucay, Hoyucek and Bademagaci.

While some of the pictures, drawings and plans are presented for the first time in this book, most of them have been published before in excavation reports, books or articles. However, as is the case in most academic fields, the majority of these publications are only read by professionals, making it virtually impossible for most people to have access to them. It is hoped that this book will help to change this situation to a degree, as it has been presented in such a way as to enable all those interested in the subject to benefit from the information given.

## History

British Consular Reports from the Ottoman Levant in an Age of Upheaval, 1815 - 1830

/ Theophilus C. Prousis

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2008

289p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283600

\$ 35.00

Studies on Ottoman Naval History and Maritime Geography / Svat Soucek

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2008

255p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283655

\$ 39.50

French and African Letters / Ismail Gasprali; Annotated Translation and Introduction by

Azade-Ayse Rorlich

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2008

206p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283648

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Defterology Revisited - Studies on 15th & 16th Century Ottoman Society/ Heath W.

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2008

232p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283570

\$ 30.00

War and Peace in Rumeli – 15<sup>th</sup> to Beginning of 19<sup>th</sup> Century / Rossitsa Gradeva

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2008

332p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283587

Tilkidom and the Ottoman Empire: The Letters of General Fitzmaurice to George Lloyd,

1906 - 1915 / G. R. Berridge(Ed) Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2007

182p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283594

\$ 20.00

De Bagdad A Berlin: L'itineraire de Yanko Aristarchi Bey Diplomate Ottoman -

Correspondance officielle et privee 1 Bagdad(1846-1852)

Istanbul: Les Editions Isis, 2008

331p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283624

In French \$ 40.00

De Bagdad A Berlin: L'itineraire de Yanko Aristarchi Bey Diplomate Ottoman -

Correspondance officielle et privee II Berlin(1854-1892)

Istanbul: Les Editions Isis, 2008

341p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283679

In French \$ 40.00

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The Shaping of the Ottoman Balkans, 1350-1550: The Conquest, Settlement &

Infrastructural Development of Northern Greece / Heath W. Lowry

Istanbul: Bahcesehir University Publications, 2008

xi. 286p,; 31cm

ISBN-13: 9789756437780

\$ 130.00

A consistent feature of the author's work throughout the past three decades has been his pioneering utilization of the  $15^{\rm th}$  and  $16^{\rm th}$  century tax registers (tahrir defters), maintained by the Ottoman bureaucracy. In a series of books and articles, he has examined areas from Trabzon (Trebizond) in northeastern Anatolia to Selanik (Thessaloniki) in Macedonia), with the object of shedding light on the status and rule of the state's Muslim and non-Muslim inhabitants.

This work continues his earlier studies, albeit on a wider screen. On the basis of the testimony of the surviving 15<sup>th</sup> century tax registers, it examines the manner in which the region of present-day northern Greece (and by extension the Balkans as a whole) was incorporated into the Ottoman polity in the course of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> century. It then weighs the resulting profile against the silent testimony of the Ottoman architectural remains in the region, in an attempt to determine the actual steps of conquest, settlement and infrastructural development.

Given the fact that heretofore much of our knowledge of early Ottoman history has been based on the later Ottoman chronicle tradition, the tone of this work is revisionist, that is , it challenges much of the conventional wisdom. Its arguments are illustrated by a large body of pictures (likewise taken by the author), depicting the physical remains of the half-millennium long Ottoman presence in the region. As such, it represents a unique example of the manner in which by a careful utilization of architectural and archaeological remains, together with the earliest surviving bureaucratic records, supplemented by the testimony of travelers, it is possible to refine our understanding of early Ottoman history.

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OTTOMAN DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS ON THE ORIGINS OF WORLD WAR ONE I The road to Bulgarian independence SePtember 1908-May 1909

/ (Eds) Sinan Kuneralp, Gul Tokay

Istanbul: Isis Press, 2008

308p.

978-975-428-369-3

\$ 35.00

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DISSENT AND HETERODOXY IN THE LATE OTTOMAN EMPIRE: REFORMERS, BABIS AND

BAHA'IS / Necati Alkan Istanbul : Isis Press, 2008 270p. 978-975-428-370-9

\$ 30.00

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DOUKAS, UN HISTORIEN BYZANTIN DU 15e SIÈCLE: ENTRE GRECS ET TURCS / J. Dayantis

Istanbul: Isis Press, 2008

126p.

978-975-428-371-6

In French \$ 15.00

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## Literature

The Red Apple / Jonathan Levitan Istanbul: Citlembik Publications, 2008

320p,; 21cm

ISBN-13: 9789944424387 Historical fiction, American

Turkey-History-Ottoman Empire, 1288-1918-Fiction

\$ 32.00

Two decades before the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople, Manuel, a young Greek boy, is conscripted by the Ottomans from his Thracian village. He is given the name Ibrahim, converts to Islam, and becomes a member of the elite Ottoman military corps, the Janissaries. His loyalty sworn to the Sultan, Ibrahim fights alongside his fellow Janissaries for control of the Balkans; meanwhile, their sights are always set on the Red Apple, the glittering jewel that is Constantinople. But amidst the carnage of war and political maneuverings between rival factions loyal to the Prince and the Grand Vizier, Ibrahim begins to question the Janissary life of battle and bloodshed, instead falling in love with the beautiful peasant girl Mihrimah. Will he uphold his duty to the Sultan and the quest for Constantinople or follow his heart to his own Red Apple? Even if he pursues his dream, it seems old enmities may make his happiness illusory.....

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From Mahmud Kasgari to Evliya Celebi - Studies in Middle Turkic and Ottoman

Literatures / Robert Dankoff Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2008

506p,; 24cm

ISBN-10: 9754283662

\$ 75.00

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The Iraqi Turkmen (1921 - 2005) / Ali Gokhan Kayili

Istanbul: Kerkuk Vakfi Publication, 2008

140p,; 20cm

ISBN-13: 9789756849231

Publication No: 25, English Series 4

\$ 22.00

The Iraqi Turkmen were isolated from Iraqi politics since Iraq was founded. Consecutive pro-British governments pursued this policy during the mandate and Kingdom era.

The Iraqi Turkmen were exposed to an assimilation policy since the 1930s; they were even exposed to massacres in 1924, 1946, 1959 and 1991. Turkmen Leaders were killed in particular during the 1959 Kirkuk massacre and in 1980 by the Baas regime.

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## **Politics & International Relations**

Realities of Turkey / Dogu Ergil

Istanbul: Akademi Kultur Sanat, 2008

404p,; 23cm

ISBN-13: 9789944400749

\$ 45.00

This is a book of collected weekly articles that has appeared in various English Dailies over a period of two and half years. Mainly dealing with Social, Political & Cultural Issues related to Turkey.

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Scapegoat for all Seasons: The Donmes or Crypto-Jews of Turkey / Rifat N. Bali

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2008

416p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789754283631

\$ 55.00

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 $\ \, \text{Limits of Relations with the West(Turkey, Syria and Iran) / Ozden Zeynep Oktav}$ 

Istanbul: Beta Basin Yayim Dagitim A.S., 2008

viii. 188p,; 24cm

ISBN-13: 9789752958852

\$ 32.00

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Modernisation Religion and Politics in Turkey: The Case of the Iskenderpasa Community / Emin Yasar Demirci

Istanbul: Insan Publications, 2008

223p,; 24cm

Includes bibliographical references and index

ISBN-13: 9786055949075

- 1. Sufism in Turkey
- 2. Modernisation and Politics
- 3. Naqshbandi Order
- 4. History of Sufism
- Sociology of Religion

\$ 70.00

Demirci's study of the Iskenderpasa Community is the most valuable contribution to the analysis of the socio-economic and political transformations that have been taking place in Turkey since the 1980s, and the current political struggles between Turkey's old and new elites.

Turkey: Between Democracy and Militarism - Post Kemalist Perspectives / Ihsan Dagi

Ankara: Orion Publications, 2008

301p,; 20cm

ISBN-13: 9789944769198

\$ 39.50

This book discusses various aspects of the "grand struggle" between bureaucratic/authoritarian center and democratic periphery. Issues such as nationalism, secularism, Islamism, militarism and Kemalism are dealt with as well as the Kurdish question, political parties, The EU membership process and relations with the USA. Though covering a wide time span and array of issues, the articles share a common stand: they seek to develop a "post-Kemalist" reading of contemporary Turkish politics. In its entirely this book provides the reader with an alternative perspective on the "current history of Turkey"

Zeitgeist: Global Politics and Turkey / Huseyin Bagci

Ankara: Orion Publications, 2008

vii. 653p,; 22cm

ISBN-13: 9789944769136

\$ 65.00

This book consists of Pof. Huseyin Bagci's essays on the agenda of the Turkish politics and foreign policy, and international politics between the years of 1998 – 2007, in addition to a Turkish academic's views on Turkish politics and international politics, you will find a panoramic view of Turkey and world in the last ten years and reflections of the zeitgeist.

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## Religion - Islam

Bahauddin Baqshband (A Central Asian Sufi) / Necdet Tosun

Istanbul: Insan Publications, 2008

96p,; 18cm

ISBN-13: 9786055949037

\$ 15.00

This is an important work for those who are interested in Sufi history, particularly the Nagshbandiyya order.

Abd al-Qadir Jilani / Dilaver Gurer Istanbul: Insan Publications, 2008

120p,; 18cm

ISBN-13: 9786055949020

\$ 15.00

This book is a humble attempt to the introduction of Sufi historical figure Abd al-Qadir Jilani, his life, his Sufi views and his Sufi order to the people of our time.

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#### **Women's Studies**

The Position of Women in Turkey and in The European Union: Achievements, Problems, Prospects / Fatmagul Berktay, Inci Ozkan Kerestecioglu et al (Eds.)

Istanbul: Ka-der Press, 2004

176p,; 21cm

ISBN-10: 9756487046

\$ 35.00