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Anthropology

Colloquium anatolicum No. 16, 2017 / (Eds) Bilge Hurmuzlu (et al.)
Istanbul: Institutum Turcicum Scientiae Antiquitatis, Turk Eskicag Bilimleri
Enstitusu, 2017
248p.
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796gm.
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Ziyaret Tepe : Exploring the Anatolian frontier of the Assyrian Empire / Timothy Matney (et a.)

Edinburgh, Scotland & Istanbul Turkey: Caique Publishing Ltd. & Kayik Yayincilik Ltd. (A Cornucopia Books), 2017

232p.

Includes Index

9780956594891 ; 9786048308022

\$ 35.00 / HB

714gm.

Ziyaret Tepe, the ancient city of Tuşhan, was a provincial capital of the Assyrian Empire, in its day the greatest empire the world had ever seen. The excavations captured in this innovative book uncovered the palace of the governor, the mansions of the elite and the barracks of the rank and file, charting the history of the empire from its expansion in the early 9th century BC to its fall three centuries years later.

The great mound of Ziyaret Tepe, with its accumulated layers rising 22 metres above the surrounding plain, is a record of thousands of years of human occupation. In the course of 18 seasons of fieldwork, both the lower town and the mound looming up over it yielded the secrets of Tuşhan, today in southeast Turkey, near the border with Syria. This has always been frontier country.

Elaborate wall paintings, a hoard of luxury items burned in a cremation ritual 2,800 years ago, and a cuneiform tablet that hints at a previously unknown language are among the team's exceptional finds.

The story of the project is told by the specialists who dedicated years of their lives to it. Geophysicists, ceramicists, readers of cuneiform, experts in weaving, board games and Neo-Assyrian politics joined archaeologists, zooarchaeologists, archaeobotanists and many others.

But this is no dry field book of dusty digging. Both accessible and scholarly, it is a lively, copiously illustrated record of excavations involving the whole team, a compelling demonstration of the collaboration – the science, artistry and imaginative reconstruction – that makes modern archaeology so absorbing.

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Communication/Journalism

Disinformation : How Did the Western Media See Turkey's July 15 Coup Attempt? A Discourse Analysis: Orientalism, Neo-imperialism and Islamophobia / Filiz Barin Akman (Ed-in-Chief) Abdulkadir Ozkan

Istanbul: Kopernik Publishing House, 2018

232p.

Includes Bibliography

9789752439382

\$ 45.00 / HB

370gm.

This book is an answer to this question: "What is the disinformation about Turkey's coup attempt?"

The night of 15 July 2016 was a long one for Turkey. Many bizarre occurrences that no democratic country would like to experience happened on that fateful hot summer night. A military coup was in action: Some soldiers (FETÖ terrorists) declared military takeover on national TV, holding the trembling news anchorwoman at gun point; tanks rolled in the streets, bulldozing cars and civilians alike; helicopters rained down bullets on unsuspecting protestors; access to the Bosphorus bridge was blocked; military fighter jets began to fly eerily low; The Turkish Parliament was bombed with impunity. With the dawn it became apparent that perpetrators of the night's bloody coup had destroyed many government buildings while they killed a total of 250 people and wounded more than 2000, some suffering serious injuries such as loss of limbs. What would the response of any country in the West be when encountered by such unacceptable atrocities? To resist bravely and sacrifice unselfishly? This is what the Turks did that night anyways.

The Turks' unprecedented bravery and sacrifice in defense of democracy, freedom and country against a military intervention has been an exemplary act of civil defense but seldom recognized nor appreciated as such in the West. As this book shows this lack of solidarity with the Turkish people in their defiance against the coup, has emerged as a result of biased news coverage of the July 15 coup attempt in the mainstream Western media. The main objective of this detailed media analysis is therefore to inform the Western public about Turkish people's view of July 15 coup attempt and ultimately forge a reconciliatory understanding between the peoples of the East and the West by pointing out the discrepancies between the Turks' experiences and Western media's representations of the same incident.

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History

19th Century Harem in the Ottoman Palace / Dr. T. Cengiz Goncu (Ed-in-Chief)

Fahrettin Gun

Ankara: TBMM Milli Saraylar (for GNAT National Palaces), 2017

272p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786054700981

\$ 100.00 / HB

1440gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335851>

WW2 & Turkey : Neutrality on a Knife-edge / Robert Cox & Mehmet Arif Demirer

(Contributions by President Inonu, 1939-1946)

Istanbul: Socag Matbacilik Ltd., 2017

290p.

9786052130094

\$ 35.00/ PB

438gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335852>

The Cypriot Mule Corps in the First World War / Nur Cetiner'

Istanbul: Libra Kitapcilik ve Yayıncılık Ticaret A.S., 2017

134p. ; 21 x 14 cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786052380253

\$ 39.50/ PB

150gm.

This study aims to illustrate the complex situation of the Cypriot Mule Corps from the standpoint of Cypriots and to show that people can ignore their national and religious identities when they have to. Cypriot muleteers served in the British army in the Macedonian front during the First World War. Both Cypriot men and island mules were used in the war. Mules were used in the war due to their carrying ability under harsh geographical conditions. The British government utilized the existing economic problems in Cyprus to attract Cypriot support. For some Cypriots joining the war serving in the army was the only way to provide for the livelihood of their family. In fact, Turkish Cypriots participated in the Great War against the Ottoman Empire. Furthermore, there were differences in terms of religious creed between Greek Cypriots and the British: the Greek Cypriots were Orthodox while the British people were Protestant. Hence, both Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots had some troubles about joining the Great War. Despite these differences, Greek and Turkish Cypriots set aside their national and religious feelings and were united in the same army to serve Great Britain. Another important aspect of the Cypriot Mule Corps lies in the fact that the Turkish Cypriots joined the British army not only against their former Sultan but also against their compatriots who migrated to Anatolia and were subsequently recruited to the Ottoman army.

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Turks in London : The Unheard Voices / Semra Eren-Nijhar (Ed) Abdullah Demir
Istanbul: Ozan Publication Ltd., 2017
240p.
9786059330633
\$ 24.00 / PB
206gm.

The history of Turkish people in Britain is not as short as many would presume but is quite under researched. There is some research on the history of Turks in Britain but still many people do not know that 'Güvercinlik' (pigeon-loft) is the term given by the first Turkish arrivals to Trafalgar Square, London. It is where the first Turks (mainly Turkish Cypriots) used to meet. This was their one and only meeting point out of necessity as they did not have any associations, cafes or restaurants of their own to gather and socialise. Although it is known that some Turkish Cypriots arrived in London in the 1920's and 1930's Turkish Cypriots started coming in bigger numbers to London in the 1940's and 'Güvercinlik' is the place where their journey started.

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Through the Eyes of Travelers : Ani / Sezai Yazici (Translated) Boyut Tercime
Ankara: Eflal Ajans Matbaacili, 2017
316p. ; 16x24 cm.
9786058292932
\$ 50.00 / PB
542gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335855>

On Merchants' Agency and Capitalism in the Eastern Mediterranean 1774-1914
Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2017
150p. ; 24 x 17 cm.
9789754285970
Analecta Isisiana CXLIV
\$ 20.00 / PB
232gm.

Contents

1. Creating the Pre-Industrial Ottoman-Greek Merchant: Sources, Methods and Interpretations
2. Greek Merchant Networks in the Age of Empires (1770–1870)
3. The Formation of the Christian Commercial Networks in Ottoman Izmir, Eighteenth to Nineteenth Century
4. The Development of a Traditional Firm during the First Half of the Nineteenth Century

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335856>

Wealth Distribution, Social Stratification and Material Culture in an Ottoman Metropolis : Thessaloniki According to the Probate Inventories of the Muslim Court (1761-1770) / Demetris Papastamatiou

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2017

400p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789754285987

\$ 45.00 / PB

640gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335857>

History and Education : Perceptions, Changes and Continuities During Early Turkish Republic / Ayca Erinc Yildirim

Istanbul: Libra Kitapcilik ve Yayıncılık Ticaret A.S., 2017

238p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786052380246

\$ 39.50 / PB

254gm.

First years of the Turkish Republic was witnessing a new nation-state building. In this period of time, nationalism and construction of a national identity among the peoples was the core problem of the ruling cadre. Hence, official history was used as one of the major devices to install Turkish identity and consciousness to the nation which was being reshaped to adopt the dominant ideology of the power. This study aims to put forth the basics of official historiography in Turkey and its reflections on educational practices during the Single Party Regime. Within this framework, this study will display the changes and continuities in the formation of the official history in Turkey and its dissemination through education as ideological tools for the building of a nation-state.

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Costa Gaziadi et Les Memoires de 50 Ans d'un Journaliste d'Istanbul (1905-1955)
/ (Ed) Rifat N. Bali
Istanbul: Libra Kitapcilik ve Yayıncılık Ticaret A.S., 2017
154p. Includes Index
In French
9786052380260
\$ 39.50 / PB
170gm.

Ces mémoires sont celles d'un journaliste grec d'Istanbul et ont été publiées pour la première fois dans Le Journal d'Orient, journal francophone publié à Istanbul et qui s'adressait en particulier aux minorités non Musulmanes francophones. Les mémoires de Gaziadi intéresseront surtout les lecteurs et chercheurs s'intéressant à l'empire Ottoman et à la période du début du 20ème siècle.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335859>

Eugenics in Turkey During the 1930's / Orhan Aybers
Istanbul: Libra Kitapcilik ve Yayıncılık Ticaret A.S., 2017
204p. ; 13.5 x 21 cm.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9786052380222
\$ 40.00 / PB
218gm.

This book studies Turkish eugenics. Eugenics is the touchstone of racism. It is impossible to believe in that racist ideas of the West could not or did not find any proponents in Turkey. Any politician who aims to reach power may use the necessary terminology, the catchwords. Whether this man and his brethren would reach political power is some other issue and depends on various parameters. It is better to seek answers to the question "What happened?" instead of "What was said?" Therefore, in this work, great attention has been paid to avoid deductions bounded by "catchwords" and to definitions that were often utilised in the historiography of the 1930's.

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The Palace Lady's Summerhouse and other inside stories from a vanishing Turkey
/ Patricia Daunt (Foreword) John Julius Norwich
Edinburgh, Scotland & Istanbul Turkey: Caique Publishing Ltd. & Kayik Yayincilik
Ltd. (A Cornucopia Books), 2017
304p.
Includes Index
9780995756601 ; 9786058308039
\$ 39.50 / HB
1250gm.

From Istanbul's palatial old embassies to its glorious Bosphorus summerhouses, from Ottoman Paris to Ankara's Art Deco, from rainforest mansions to a mad mosque in the mountains... a diplomat's wife reveals surprising secret histories. This book brings together essays by Patricia Daunt written for Cornucopia Magazine over the past twenty-five years. It concludes with her latest article, on the magnificent ruins of Aphrodisias, newly listed as a World Heritage Site, but long one of her greatest loves.

FROM THE FOREWORD 'This volume is a rare treasure... flair and know-how dazzlingly combined with knowledge and wit. From it you will learn of a semi-secret Turkey. Patricia Daunt is not only a passionate Turcophile and a most impressive scholar; she is also a former ambassadress, who over many years has been able to penetrate far more deeply than most of us into the life and customs of what we must, alas, describe as a vanishing Turkey.'

From the foreword by John Julius Norwich

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Law

Maritime Law in Turkey / Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nil Kula Degirmenci

Istanbul: On Iki Levha Yayıncılık A.S., 2017

xxviii, 324p.

9786051526270

\$ 50.00 / PB

552gm.

'Maritime Law in Turkey' aims to establish the general framework on the essentials of Turkish maritime law such as 'ship', 'related persons' and 'related contracts'. Thus the 'ship' which is the main subject of maritime law, is examined in accordance with the related articles of TCC. Within this scope, the legal importance of the ship is examined through several aspects such as definition of 'ship', parts of ship, classification of ship, legal nature of ship together with its loss, and discriminating facts of ship. In addition, ship registers, acquisition-loss of ship ownership, ship mortgage and maritime liens are also examined in the book.

The owner, who is surely the most important actor of maritime law, is examined in terms of the definition placed under TCC to define him and liabilities attributed to him, including limited liability. Additionally, shipping partnership, bareboat charterer, time charterer, voyage charterer, master and seamen are also examined in the book. The carrier, whose liabilities have been subject to many academic writings and legislative studies, is examined under international conventions and TCC in terms of his rights and especially his liabilities.

Furthermore, some of the transport intermediaries such as freight forwarder, agency and broker, and actors from the cargo side such as shipper, consignor and consignee are also examined in the book. 'Maritime contracts' combine the main subject of maritime law, namely the ship and the main actors of maritime law. Thus, frequently used maritime contracts such as bareboat charter contract, time charter contract and contract of affreightment are examined in accordance with the related articles of TCC.

Especially, contract of affreightment is examined in terms of its classification, execution and finalization. In conjunction with these contracts, maritime documents such as bill of lading and other transport documents are also examined. Lastly, special articles of TCC governing marine accidents such as general average, collision and salvage are examined in the book.

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Politics

Debating Islamism, Modernity and the West in Turkey : The Role of Welfare (Refah) Party / Cengiz Dinc

Ankara: Savas Kitap Yayınevi ve Dağıtım, 2018

xii, 308p.

Includes Bibliography

9789754285987?

\$ 40.00 / PB

454gm.

This study focuses on the Welfare Party elite's conceptualisation of modernity during the party's last 4-5 years before its closure in 1998. Since the party was the most important Islamist organisation in Turkey, it was at an important point of interaction between Islamism and modernity. The study tries to determine the significance of the WP discourse on key modernisation issues by answering such questions as how the WP elite conceptualised modernity; how this conceptualisation was formulated, constructed and what was modernity's relationship with the West in their view. It argues that, the WP elite had a distinct (Islamist) understanding of modernity which, despite its differences in its approach to some basic issues (e.g. secularism) overall remained within modernity by sharing most of its major characteristics. The WP elite, similar to many other Islamist movements, advocated a more Islamic (less secular and less Westernising) route to modernity; and they could not be considered as anti-modernists.

The study contributes towards a better understanding of the critical role that a version of Islamism plays in Turkey's politics and process of modernisation and provides insights about the impact of Western modernity on the sizeable Islamist section. The study employs important concepts such as secularisation, nationalism, the modern state, economic development (science, technology, industrialisation), capitalism and democracy as important components of modernity. An analysis of the views of the WP elite with regard to these concepts and processes serves to better understanding the Islamist stance towards the particular path of modernisation in Turkey, modernity in general, and also the West.

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Erdoganophobia : Manufacturing Hate and Political Fear : A Case Study /

Abdulkadir Ozkan

Istanbul: Kopernik Publishing House, 2018

252p.

Includes Bibliography

9789752439368

\$ 42.00 / PB

394gm.

Recep Tayyip Erdoğan is also known as Leader, Master, Sir, Conqueror of Davos, and World Leader while the opposition calls him the New Sultan and Dictator. Regardless of the angle, regardless of in which ideological frames it is analyzed, Erdoğan being the greatest success story after Mustafa Kemal Atatürk in the history of Turkish politics is an undebatable fact. Therefore, a history of politics written without taking Erdoğan into consideration from multiple angles would not make it possible to understand Turkey's critical democratization and transformation processes.

Erdoğan is an important politician who has been able to show the courage to challenge the status quo on a global scale. As much as he dared to break the idols of the established order in Turkey, he is a powerful politician who exclaimed to sovereign powers in the name of the oppressed, that “the world is bigger than five”, who made the world accept that the New Turkey is now a noteworthy actor against oppression and oppressors. This study, while developing different angles in relation to Erdoğan's political career and characteristics, also tries to take a socio-political picture of Western based fear: Erdoganophobia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335864>

Electoral Systems in Turkey / Burak Cop

Istanbul: Libra Kitapçılık ve Yayıncılık Ticaret A.S., 2017

270p. ; 13.5 x 21 cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786052380185

\$ 60.00 / PB

288gm.

Elections constitute the ultimate ground of struggle between competing political actors. The design of electoral systems, for its part, is as important as the elections themselves. In other words the rules of the game are as important as the game itself. This book on decision-making in post-1945 Turkish political history with a particular focus on electoral systems, contributes to the academic debate between Rational Choice Institutionalism and Historical Institutionalism over the determinants of institutional design. The main question of the book is 'what explains the electoral system choices in multi-party Turkey?' Readers are welcome to look inside for the answer.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335865>
