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Istanbul: BAU Publications (Mentora Dil Okullari Egtim ve Danismanlik Hizmetleri Anonim Sirketi), 2022  
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### Economics

This is Turkiye: On the Verge of Energy and Economic Independence / Berat Albayrak (Ed-in-Chief) Gulenay Borekci  
Istanbul: Turkuvaz Haberlesme ve Yayıncılık A.S., 2022.  
304p.  
9786257548540

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286gm.

Can emerging powers break the cycle of current account deficit, high interest rates, and exploitation?

This is Türkiye, Berat Albayrak, who served as Minister of Energy and Minister of Treasury and Finance under Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, offers insights into his time in public office, including Türkiye's bitter experience with the Obama and Trump administrations, and his vision for the country.

Having launched Türkiye's energy exploration and drilling program in the Black Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean, challenged conventional wisdom about management of economy, and ran one of the world's largest economies amid the coronavirus pandemic, Albayrak, one of the most controversial and prominent figures in Türkiye's recent past, talks about the post-American international order and the global economy's center of gravity shifting back to the East after a 500-year intermission.

This is Türkiye is a must-read for anyone seeking to develop a better understanding of an 'unorthodox' 'economic policy', an 'independent' energy vision, and authentic identity in the developing world.

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### History

Surviving Istanbul: Struggles, Feast and Calamities in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries / Suraiya Farooqi

Istanbul: Koc University Press, 2023

448p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

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848gm.

In *Surviving Istanbul*, Suraiya Farooqi takes the reader to seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Istanbul, with occasional forays into earlier and later periods, focusing in particular on the city's ordinary inhabitants. From the foods eaten and the streets traversed, to the miseries endured because of recurring fires, *Surviving Istanbul* illustrates a city of immigrants, slaves, artisans, and rural dwellers supplying the urban markets, with all the struggles that living in (and around) the city entailed. At the same time, Farooqi shows, the city's relatively young population also found ways to have fun, such as celebrating at public festivals or taking a swim in a river emptying into the Bosphorus. Drawing on archival and narrative sources, with particular reliance on the impressions of Evliya Çelebi (1611–about 1685), this book offers a mosaic of daily life in premodern Istanbul.

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Between Religion and Language: Turkish Speaking Christians, Jews and Greek-Speaking Muslims and Catholics in the Ottoman Empire / (Ed) Evangelia Balta and Mehmet Olmez  
Ankara: BilgeSu, 2022

418p.

9786052229545

\$ 75.00/ PB

462gm.

Turkish has been written in different alphabets in 1300 years of writing history. A single alphabet could be used by several dynasties, several states, as well as several alphabets were used within the borders of a single state. It is seen that even in the Uighur period, Uyghur was written with several alphabets, Turkish runic script, Soğud, Mani, Syriac, Brahmi alphabets, and Ottoman Turkish was written with several alphabets. Especially in the last 200 years of the Ottoman language, it is seen that the Greek alphabet, Armenian alphabet, Syriac alphabet and Hebrew alphabet were used by non-Muslim subjects to write Turkish. One of the most interesting among them is the people of Karaman, who speak Turkish and write Turkish with Greek letters. The book is a collection of articles on these topics.

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1300 yıllık yazı tarihi içerisinde Türkçe birbirinden farklı alfabelerle yazılmıştır. Tek bir alfabe birkaç hanedan, birkaç devlet tarafından kullanılabilirdiği gibi tek bir devletin sınırları içerisinde birkaç alfabenin kullanıldığı da olmuştur. Daha Uygurlar döneminde, Uygurca birkaç alfabeyle, Türk runik yazısıyla, Soğud, Mani, Süryani, Brahmi alfabeleriyle yazıldığı gibi Osmanlıca'nın da birkaç alfabeyle yazıldığı görülür. Özellikle Osmanlıca'nın son 200 yılında gayrimüslim tebaa tarafından Grek alfabesinin, Ermeni alfabesinin, Süryani alfabesinin, İbranî alfabesinin Türkçeyi yazmakta kullanıldığı görülür. Bunların içerisinde en ilgi çekicilerinden birisi Türkçe konuşan ve Grek harfleriyle Türkçe yazan Karamanlılardır. Kitap bu konuların ele alındığı yazılardan oluşan bir derlemedir.

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Elite Configurations and Clusters of Power: The Ulema, Waqf, and Ottoman State (1789-1839) / Selim Argun (Ed) Yasar Colak

Second Edition

Istanbul: Ibn Haldun University (IHU) Press, 2022

308p.

Includes Index; Bibliographical references

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1. Waqf – Ottoman Empire.
2. Nonprofit organization – Ottoman Empire.
3. Ulema – Ottoman Empire.

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404gm.

Through the prism of Richard Lachmann's 'elite conflict theory of historical contingency,' this book brings a new perspective and a fresh interpretation to the study of the attitudes of the Ottoman central ulema toward the pre-Tanzimat Westernizing reforms. Contrary to the prevailing view of intra-elite vertical dichotomy conflict as the primary basis for ulema reactions, this research proposes inter-elite horizontal conflict as the root cause for the failure of the reform initiatives.

Moreover, this study challenges the commonly held belief that the goal of centralization of the revenues of religious endowments by the ruling authority was to silence ulema opposition to the Westernizing reforms. Instead, through a detailed examination of the evolution of early European taxation models and fiscal centralization trajectories, this research concludes that the Mahmudian centralization of awqaf should be seen, rather, as an emulation of the wider eco-geographic trend in response to the historical challenges faced by European states and the Ottoman Empire. By problematizing the prevailing nomenclature of Ottoman historiography, this research clarifies the longstanding misconceptions attached to the term ulema. Finally, through a comprehensive survey of waqf-elite relations, this study will advance the understanding of the dynamics of the pre-Tanzimat Ottoman Empire.

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Population Exchange: Between Turkey and Greece after the Invasion of Western Anatolia / Ibrahim Erdal

Istanbul: Ideal Kultur Yayincilik, 2022

228p.

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\$ 75.00 / PB

232gm.

There is no doubt that the wind of change and freedom brought about by the French Revolution in a process in which empires were destroyed and nation-states were established also spread to the land of Ottoman State, especially the Balkans.

This process also paved the way for the elements living under the identity of Ottoman non-Muslim subjects and the Muslims who remained in the lands lost by the empire to pursue the right to determine their own future in their own ethnic identity and territory, and to fight against the "other".

The population change, which came to the fore with the proposal of the League of Nations, caused social and cultural wounds in both societies. The population exchange led to similar pains, longings and social problems in different tones in both sides. People were forced to immigrate from the land they had lived for nearly 500 years and they adopted as their homeland, due to war, security concerns and the policies that were pursued.

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"A Privilege that Cannot be Bought": Jews of Turkey and Citizenship Restitutions from Portugal and Spain / Nesi Altaras

Istanbul: Libra Kitapcilik ve Yayincilik, 2023

98p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

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102gm.

Jews of Turkey have been applying for restitution of citizenship from Spain and Portugal through processes formalized in 2015. Using twenty-nine interviews, this study analyzes applicant motivations and finds that cultural connections play a minor role in applicant decisions. Unlike Sephardic Jews in other contexts, the citizenship application process did not lead to self-questioning of identity. The more important motivators were Jewish fears about the future of Turkey, the practical benefits of easy travel on an EU passport, and the desire for global mobility that allows neoliberal subjects to chase prosperity wherever it may go. While Jewish fears are mostly in the background, the other two motivations were more pressing. This study places these motivations in the context of changing conceptions of citizenship in Europe and the global inequality of citizenship, crystallized in a hierarchy of passports. It finds that after acquiring Iberian citizenship, Jews from Turkey relate to their new citizenships exclusively in practical ways.

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#### Official Publications

Turkey in Statistics 2021

Ankara: Turkish Statistical Institute, 2021

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**Politics/Current Affairs**

The Safe Harbour Turkey's Call to the World: Cooperation for Refugees

Turkey: Presidency of the Republic of Turkey, Directorate of Communications, 2020

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