

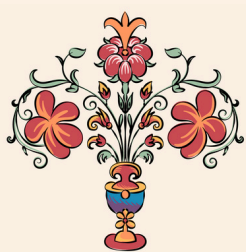



Im/Mobilities at the End of Empire: People and Ideas in Flux



This workshop brings together scholars working on imperial and post-imperial transitions in the Ottoman Empire and its successor states in the Balkans and the Middle East to put in conversation new research-in-progress based on original indigenous sources. We propose the intertwined notions of mobility and immobility to emphasize the fluidity of the transitions and explore multiple aspects of their manifestations. While ideas of statehood, sovereignty, and citizenship fluctuated in the region, overlapping im/mobilities—military, demographic, political, intellectual, cultural—reshaped empires, states, societies, families, and individuals.

*Organizers: Yiğit Akın and Theodora Dragostinova (Ohio State)
Conceptual partners: Peter Holquist (Penn) and Laura Robson (Penn State)*



Thursday, 16 May

3:30-5:30pm, The Graduate Hotel, Jesse Owens Room

Opening remarks: Dorry Noyes, Director, Mershon Center

Conceptual Panel: "Mobilities, Immobilities, and the End of Empires"

Theodora Dragostinova (Ohio State), Peter Holquist (Penn), Laura Robson (Penn State)

Friday, 17 May

9am-5pm, 1039 Derby Hall

9:00-9:30: Coffee and breakfast

9:30-10:50: Utopias in Life and Death (Discussant: Peter Holquist)

Yiğit Akın (Ohio State), "Death and Dying in the Late Ottoman Empire and Republican Turkey"

Milena B. Methodieva (Toronto), "In the Land of the White Lilies: The Entangled Histories of People, Ideas, and Utopian Visions"

11:00-12:20: Processing Loss Through Image and Writing (Discussant: Laura Robson)

Miloš Jovanović (UCLA), "Refractions of Empire: Images of the Old City in post-Ottoman Belgrade and Sofia"

Ayşe Parla (Boston U.), "Hostage Writing: Im/mobility, Absent Presences and Surviving Genocide in Hagop Mintzouri's Istanbul Memoirs (1897-1940)"

1:30-3:30: Moving between States and Identities (Discussant: Laura Robson)

Mustafa Aksakal (Georgetown), "Mobility in Wartime"

Theodora Dragostinova (Ohio State), "Kidnapped, Saved, or Lost? Tracking Missing Minors in the post-1918 Balkans"

İpek Yosmaoğlu (Northwestern), "Ottoman Jews and Jews who Wanted to Become Ottomans"

3:40-5:00: Female Itineraries in War and Peace (Discussant: Peter Holquist)

Evgenia Davidova (Portland State), "Nurses on the Move Within the Balkans and Beyond (1870s-1930s)"

Lerna Ekmekçioğlu (MIT), "Exodus 1922: A Prosopographical Study of Ottoman Armenian Feminists' Dispersion"



Saturday, 18 May

9-11am, The Graduate Hotel, Jesse Owens Room

Final Discussion over coffee and breakfast

Overlapping Mobilities and Immobilities: What's Next?

Moderators: Yiğit Akın and Theodora Dragostinova

