

Call for Proposal

In the last fifteen years Greece has emerged as a center of writing on the Ottoman Empire. A new generation of Greek scholars, some trained abroad, some trained in Greece, have produced an impressive body of literature that engages not only the history of the Greek communities in the Ottoman Empire, but some of the most fundamental issues in Ottoman history. Whereas the pioneers of an earlier generation had to stand in splendid, but lonely, isolation, now a sufficiently large cohort has developed, such that one can speak of a community of scholars working in Greece on Ottoman history.

Following on the success of the 2007 Santorini workshop sponsored by the Princeton University Program in Hellenic Studies, this workshop in Mytilene is designed to bring together recent Ph.D.s and graduate students who are working in Greece on Ottoman history and culture, together with a small group of graduate students and early-career scholars from Turkey, Europe and the United States. Students from all humanities disciplines and the social sciences are welcome to apply.

The workshop will focus on the experience of the Greeks under Ottoman rule. Prospective participants are encouraged to consider additional frameworks for their topic, beyond the Ottoman context. In accordance with recent trends in history writing, such as transnational and international history, presenters might want to think about the scale of their work. Are they telling a local, a regional, or even a transnational or international story? And what are the connections among and across these levels?

Organizing Committee/Workshop Faculty: Eleni Gara (University of the Aegean), Dimitri Gondicas (Princeton University), Molly Greene (Princeton University), Haris Exertzoglou (University of the Aegean), Heath Lowry (Princeton University), Efthymios Papataxiarchis (University of the Aegean), Ali Yaycioglu (Eastern Illinois University).

Participants: Graduate students (at dissertation stage) or recent Ph.D.s (no more than two years since date of award of the doctorate) who do not hold tenure or tenure-track positions. To be eligible to apply, candidates must fulfill one or more of the following criteria: (a) Ph.D. degree or dissertation-in-progress at a university in Greece or Cyprus; (b) B.A. degree awarded by a university in Greece or Cyprus; (c) dissertation-in-progress or recent Ph.D. degree (from any institution outside of Greece or Cyprus), with a focus on Greeks in the Ottoman Empire.

Research languages: Preference will be given to candidates who have competence in both Ottoman Turkish and Greek.

All local expenses (transportation Athens/Mytilene/Athens; up to four nights of accommodation, double occupancy, in Mytilene; group meals) will be covered by the Princeton University Program in Hellenic Studies and the University of the Aegean, Department of Social Anthropology and History.

Application (in English, via e-mail, with attachments, "Word" documents): (a) cover letter and statement of interest; (b) short proposal (500 words) for a 30-minute presentation on some aspect of work-in-progress related to the themes of the workshop; (c) curriculum vitae; (d) confidential recommendation letter sent directly by dissertation advisor or other academic supervisor to:

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Deadline for submission of applications, including recommendation letters: May 10, 2010.

Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Selected candidates will be notified by May 17, 2010, and will be expected to provide the full text of their papers by June 18, 2010, for advance distribution to workshop participants: speakers, chairs, and respondents.

Applications and all relevant correspondence should be addressed to: gondicas@princeton.edu