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**The Age of Catastrophe and the Destruction of
Coexistence: Expulsions, Deportations and Genocides,
1912-1924**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**1-4 December 2022
Elite City Hotel
Kalamata, Greece**



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THURSDAY, 1 DECEMBER

16:30 - 17:00

Official opening, Greetings

17:30-18:30

Keynote

Dirk Moses: *Genocide: Insights and Blindness of a “Crime of Crimes”*

19:00 - 20:20

Session 1: Human Rights and Mass Atrocities Studies Overview

Moderator: Taner Akçam

Thomas Kühne: *Holocaust Studies: themes, master narratives, and debates*

Mark Levene: *Lemkin, the origins of Genocide Historiography: constraints, maturation, enrichment*

Aline Sierp: *Old wine in a new bottle? Memory Studies and its challenges*

20:00-20:20 Discussion

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER

9:00 - 10:40

Session 1: Balkan Wars and the Aftermath

Moderator: İlay Romain Örs

Fikret Adanır: *From Empire to Nation-State: Cultural Plurality versus Ethnoreligious Homogeneity?*

Bayram Şen: *Bosnian Muslims under Habsburg Rule: Questions of Migration and Remigration, 1878-1918*

Iakovos Michailidis: *The Age of Nationalism in the Balkans: Patterns of demographic mechanisms at the beginning of the 20th century*

Alexis Alexandris: *From Ottomanism to Nationalism: The Triumph of Nation-States over crumbling multinational Ottoman Empire, 1912-1923*

10:20 - 10:40 Discussion

10:40 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:20

Session 2: First World War Experiences

Moderator: Alexis Alexandris

Seda Altuğ: *World War I and its afterlives in the Ottoman East (1914-1924)*

Eva Achladi: *The Armenian Genocide of 1915 through the Greek archives*

Stratos Dordanas, Vaios Kalogrias: *From Namibia to the Ottoman Empire: German practices of administrative populations extermination before and during the First World War*

12:00 - 12:20 Discussion

12:20 - 15:00 Break

15:00 - 16:40

Session 3: First World War and Pontus

Moderator: Theodosios Kyriakidis

Zeynep Türkyılmaz: *From Exceptional model of coexistence to destruction: Emergence of Pontus Question during WW1*

Dror Ze'evi: *A Micro-history of Prolonged Genocide: The Trabzon File*

Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis: *Reports and Eyewitness accounts of Turkish atrocities against the Greeks of Pontus and Asia Minor inland areas*

Sait Çetinoğlu: *A new look at the Pontic genocide in the light of new Ottoman documents*

16:20 - 16:40 Discussion

16:40 - 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 - 18:20

Session 4: First World War and Destruction

Moderator: Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis

Benny Morris: *The Destruction of Turkey's Greeks: An Overview*

Armen Marsoobian: *Saving the Body but Not the Soul: The "Rescue" of Children in the Aftermath of the Armenian Genocide*

Theodosios Kyriakidis: *Preventing forced Islamization. Gathering Greek Orphans from Muslim families and institutions*

18:00 - 18:20 Discussion

18:20 - 19:00 Coffee break

19:00-20:40

Keynote: The stance of the Orthodox Church during the Ottoman Greeks Genocide (1922)

Ioannis Bougas: *The “why” behind the martyrdom of Christians in Asia Minor in 1922.*

20:00 - 20:40 Discussion: Alexis Alexandris, Theodosios Kyriakidis

21:00 Dinner

SATURDAY, 3 DECEMBER

9:00 - 10:20

Session 1: Wars and Displacements

Moderator: İlay Romain Örs

Nikos Sigalas: *Baha Bey in Samsun: the displacement of Djanik’s Romei in 1917*

Charalambos Gappas: *Between the hammer and the anvil. The end of the First World War in Caucasus and the fate of the Greek population*

Merih Erol: *The 1922 Moment: the second “Exodus” of the Armenians of Anatolia*

10:00 - 10:20 Discussion

10:20 - 10:40 Coffee break

10:40 - 12:20

Session 2: The Smyrna Catastrophe

Moderator: Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis

Nazan Maksudyan: *Ernest Hemingway's Smyrna as a Symbol of Injustice and Cruelty*

Hervé Georgelin: *Burning Smyrna Down: A Loss or an Asset For the New Kemalist Regime?*

Manuk Avedikyan: *Voices of the Smyrna Fire from the Armenian Genocide Collections at the USC Shoah Foundation*

Nikos Misolidis: *The Destruction of Smyrna and the Exodus of the Greeks of Ionia through the archive of the Near East Relief Foundation*

12:00 - 12:20 Discussion

12:20 - 12:40 Coffee break

12:40 -14:00

Session 3: After the Catastrophe

Moderator: Alexis Alexandris

Lerna Ekmekçioğlu: *Un-Mixing as Survival: Armenian Activism for a National Home at the Lausanne Conference*

Antonis Klapsis: *The Lausanne Convention concerning the Exchange of Greek and Turkish Populations and the problems emerged from its implementation*

Nikos Tombros, Nikos Kanellopoulos: *Greek prisoner's repatriations from the Turkish Camps in Asia Minor*

13:40-14:00 Discussion

14:00-15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:20

Session 4: Toward New Perspectives

Moderator: Taner Akçam

Nicholas Doumanis: *Becoming National: Wartime violence and the complexities of ethnogenesis among Anatolian Orthodox Christians*

Hamit Bozarslan: *Destruction of urbanity: From Smyrna (1922) to Aleppo and Afrin (2016-2017)*

Iraklis Millas: *Why one resists accepting old wrongdoings of his/her state/society?*

16:00 - 16:20 Discussion

16:20 - 16:40 Coffee break

16:40 - 17:40

Keynote: A Paradigm Shift?

Mark Levene: *Smyrna 1922 through the 21st century prism of human- induced biospheric annihilation: The case for a paradigm shift*

17:40 - 18:00 Coffee Break

18:00 - 19:00 **Closing Session: Discussing Next Steps**

SUNDAY, 4 DECEMBER

Guided walk in the city

Departures