

Migrant Biographies – The Changing Faces of Migration from Iran to the Ottoman Empire and Turkey

The Ottoman Empire and its major successor state Turkey, located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, has been the destination and transfer point for many migrant surges in the past few centuries. The geographical aspect encouraged migrants from various backgrounds and circumstances to make Turkey the focus of their journey.

There has been a surge in academic interest in both “migration” and “biography studies”. The two fields of study compliment each other. Individuals transformed their memories into text and inspired others with their migration journey, illuminating the massive flow of migration. The biographical insights bear witness to the various waves, increasing in times of political unrest in neighbouring Iran.

The event is hosted by the Elite Master’s Programme Cultural Studies of the Middle East / Elite- Masterstudiengang Kulturwissenschaften des Vorderen Orients, under the supervision of the Visiting Prof. Dr. Abdulhamit Kirmizi.



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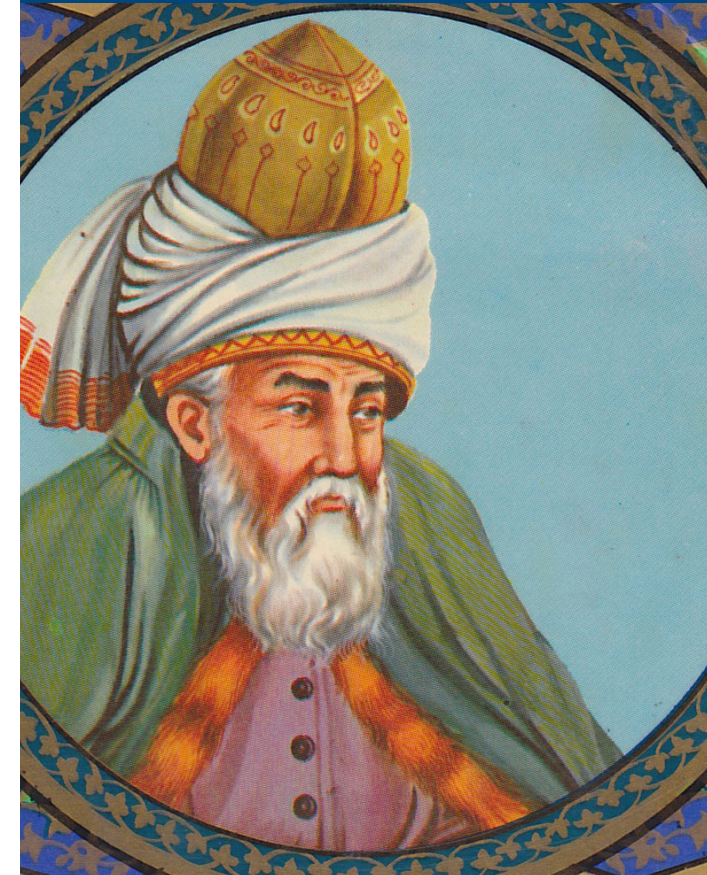
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16. – 17. July 2021

Friday I, 16.07.2021

12:30 – 13:00 Get Together

13:00 – 13:15 Begrüßung:
Lorenz Korn (Bamberg)

13:15 – 16:45 Workshop, Day 1
(3 Sessions, 8 Presentations)

13:15 – 14:15 Opening Session. Moderator:
Abdulhamit Kirmızı (Bamberg)

- Hüseyin Yılmaz (Washington, DC): From Khurasan to the Rum: The Migration Highway of Early Modern Times

- Fariba Zarinebaf (California): Mobility and Connectivity on the Silk Road: Iranian Traders in the Ottoman Empire Since the 15th Century

Break

14:30 – 15:30 Session 2. Moderator:
Paula Manstetten (Bamberg)

- Akın Kiren (Istanbul): Iranians in the Ottoman Lands and the Diaspora Literature

- Seyedeh Atefeh Haeri (Bamberg): Iranian Poets at the Ottoman Court of Sultan Mehmed II: Narratives of Esfahani and Qabuli with Poetic Interpretation

- Hebatallah Samy (Bamberg): Narratives of Migration: Abu'l-Qāsem Lāhuti in the Eyes of the Self and the Other

Friday II, 16.07.2021

15:45 – 16:45 Session 3. Moderator:
Ellinor Morack (Bamberg)

- Yakoob Ahmed (Istanbul): Caught between Iran and the Ottoman Empire, in Search of a Place Called Home: Ayetullah Mirza Muhammed Hüseyin Necefî Nainî

- Meryem Karabekmez (Istanbul): Muallim Feyzi Efendi: An Iranian Teacher's Experiences of an Immigrant from Iran to the Ottoman Society in the Nineteenth Century

- Mehdi Poyan (Bamberg): The Traveling Revolutionary: Jamāl ad-Dīn al-Afgānī's Time in the Ottoman Empire

19:00 Dinner

Saturday, 17.07.2021

10:15 – 13:15 Workshop, Day 2
(Keynote Speech, 2 Sessions, 2 Presentations, Closing Remarks)

10:15 – 11:00 Keynote Speech

- Sebnem Köşer Akçapar (Ankara): Migration from Iran to Turkey after 1979: Change and Continuity

Break

11:15 – 12:00 Session 4. Moderator:
Goulia Ghardashkhani-Otter (Bamberg)

- Peyman Eshaghi (Berlin): Memory, Identity, and Exotism: Iranian Community of Istanbul and Muharram Observances in the Late Ottoman Era

- Judith Khajavi (Amsterdam): Trajectory analysis: Adopting a Mobile and Life Course Approach to Understand the Career and (Stepwise) Migration Trajectories of Iranian Academics in Turkey, Europe and North America

Break

12:15 – 13:15 Closing Session:

- Nader Sohrabi (Göttingen), Christoph Herzog (Bamberg), Lorenz Korn (Bamberg)

13:30 Lunch

15:00 Excursion