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Collecting and the Making of Archaeology

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16 thursday

09:30–10:00 Registration

10:00–10:30 Welcome. Opening Speech, Simon Wigley, Lutgarde Vandeput and Emma L Baysal

Panel 1: *Collecting, Exchange, and the Cultural Politics of Antiquity*

Chair: Emma L. Baysal

10:30–11:00

Lucia Patrizio Gunning *Collecting and cultural transactions between Britain and the Levant*

11:00–11:30

Debbie Challis *Ionian Manchester: Trade, Textiles and Antiquity in the Ottoman Mediterranean*

11:30–12:00

Işılay Gürsu *"Sahip Çıkmak": Claiming Ownership, Care, and Authority in Heritage Protection*

12:00–12:30 Discussion

12:30–14:00 Lunch

Panel 2: *Archaeology Between Empire and Nation-State*

Chair: Işılay Gürsu

14:00–14:30

Zeynep Boz *From Archival Documents to Diplomatic Negotiations: The Return of the Boğazköy Sphinx to Türkiye*

14:30–15:00

Elif Denel *Alişar Höyük and the Early Stages of Archaeological Discourse*

15:00-15:30

Sara Aly & Ahmad Mohammed *From Selection to Sale: How Ottoman-Era Governance Shaped the Export and Afterlives of Egyptian Antiquities (1883–1906)*

15:30-16:00

Batuhan Özdemir *Between Antiquarianism and Modern Archaeology: Charles Fellows's Lycian Expeditions, 1841–1844*

Coffee Break: 16:15-17:00

17:00-18:00

Keynote Lecture

Edhem Eldem *The History of Archaeology in the Ottoman Lands: Issues and Challenges*

18:30–21:00 Reception

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10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

Panel 3: *Visualising Antiquity: Images, Knowledge and Colonial Representation*

Chair: Lucia Patrizio Gunning

10:30–11:00

Alexandra Solovyev *Photography and the British Museum's Excavations of Ephesus (1863–1874)*

11:00–11:30

Gülnur Cengiz & Muhammed Topdaş *Visual Hegemony: William Pars, the Ionian Mission, and the Colonial Inventorying of Antiquity in Ottoman Territory*

11:30–12:00

Sebastian Marshall *From 'Primitive Huts' to Inhabited Reuse: Transhistorical Readings of the Architecture of Southwestern Anatolia*

12:00–12:30 Discussion

12:30–14:00 Lunch

Panel 4: *Ottoman Administration, Law and the Politics of Archaeology*

Chair: Debbie Challis

14:00–14:30

İpek Demir *Ottoman Approaches to Antiquities before 1869: Charles Thomas Newton and Archaeological Practice*

14:30–15:00

Okcan Yıldırımtürk *Imperial Rivalry, Local Agency, and the Politics of Archaeology during Ziya Paşa's Governorship in Cyprus (1862)*

15:00–15:30

Pertev Basri *"At Variance": An Archival Revaluation of the Non-Application of the 1884 Ottoman Antiquities Law in Cyprus*

15:30–16:00 Discussion

16:00–16:20 Coffee Break

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Panel 5: Epistemologies of Antiquity: Experience, Reception, and Practice

Chair: Batuhan Özdemir

16:20–16:50

Sean Silvia *Tenting from One Ancient City to Another: A Phenomenological Comparison of Antiquarians, Archaeologists and Nomads*

16:50–17:20

Canberk Soylu *Why and How Should We Study Classical Reception in the Late Ottoman Empire?*

17:20–17:40 Discussion

17:40–18:00 Closing Remarks Batuhan Özdemir