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Anthropology/Archaeology

Hermus (Gediz) Valley in Western Turkey : Results of an Archaeological and Historical Survey / Recep Meric (Ed) Akin Ersoy
Istanbul: Ege Yayinlari(Zerobook), 2018
Antik Smyrna Kazisi Yayinlari: 11 – Publication of Ancient Symrna Excavations: 11
364p. ; 210 x 295mm. ; Maps
Includes General Index ; Bibliography
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1410gm.

The importance of Gediz River, which has been inhabited since Neolithicum (6th Millenium B.C.) in 15 sites, had increased rapidly due to fertile lands and suitable communication routes with Aegean Islands and Interior Anatolia. The Gediz known Seha River Land by Hittites was ruled (ca.1300 B.C.) by vassal king Manapatarhunda appointed by Mursili II. Many newly discovered Late Bronze Age sites i.e. Kumtepe, K. Yamanlar, Pınarbaşı, Nemrut, Akçapınar, Asartepe-Urganlı, Gavurtepe, testify to this expansion.

During the Iron Age, Gediz River was called Hermus. The valley connected Ionia, Aeolis and Lydia with each other. The Aeolic towns were generally small and fortified on high and rocky hill sites with isolated acropolis on the summit. Some newly discovered fortified settlements were connected with so far unknown Aeolic cities: Aegiroessa with Boztepe, Notium with Kumtepe and Killa with Asarlık Tepe. The central part of the Hermus valley was the land of Lydians with the capital Sardis. No other Lydian town was satisfactorily explored so far.

Clear traces of Lydian occupation were attested in Daldis, Akçapınar, Mersinli, and Kemaliye during recent research. The burial mounds

i.e. tumuli with tomb chambers built with delicately dressed limestone blocks were so popular in Lydia and hence compared with Egypt and called also Lydian pyramids. Some of them were investigated and recorded during the survey which were illicitly excavated by treasure hunters. Hermus enjoyed a high degree of prosperity under Attalids and Romans. The associations of professions are well developed and mentioned in inscriptions especially in the production of textile and leather. Numerous fortifications, monasteries and a summer residence at Nymphaeum were built during 13th century under the Lascarids. 12th and 13th centuries are characterized also by migrating Turcoman tribes into Byzantine territories.

The Emirate of Saruhan (1313-1410) continued the former stability in central Lydia. Manisa started to prosper as a capital of the Emirate. During Ottoman Period Manisa was a city governed by princes of the Sultanate. For that reason, Manisa is a typical Ottoman town adorned with numerous mosques, khans, Turkish baths and covered bazaars. The fertile valley is still an extensive reservoir for the research on the past cultures not only with respect to material remains but also the continuity of cultures is still perceivable i.e. in the tradition of place names, agriculture, handicrafts and architecture, despite the evergrowing pressure of "modernity."

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The Iraqi Turkmen: Clans, Tribes and Settlements / Suphi Saatci
Istanbul : Kerkuk Foundation, 2017

231p.

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400gm.

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Akkulturation in Pisidien / Veli Kose
Ankara: Bilgin Kultur ve Sanat Yayinlari, 2017
208p. ; 24 x 17cm. ills.
9786059636261
In German
\$ 75.00 / PB
478gm.

'...Das Hauptinteresse, welches die Pisidierwie Karier nieten, liegt in ihrer Abstammung und Verwandtschaft;darum musste diesen Verhältnissen ein etwas breitererRaum gegönnt werden. In derGeschichte haben sie nie eine Rolle gespist, niemals, so viel bekannt, sich zu einem Ganzen zusammengeschlossen und vereint gehandelt. Allerdings ist durch die Natur des von ihnen bewohnhten Landes ihre Uneinigkeit verursacht. Zu allen Zeiten haben sie das Taurosgebirge und dieselben Sitze bewohnt,nur dass sie vielleicht nach jener Odysseestelle einst die ganzr Kette bis zum heiligen Vorgebirge inne hatten, aus welcher sie allmahlich von den Lykiem und Griechen verdrangt zu sein scheinen.'

K.G.Lanckoronski

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History

Istanbul's Great War : Public Order, Crime and Punishment in the Ottoman Capital, 1914-1918 / Deniz Dolek-Sever

Istanbul: Libra Kitapcilik ve Yayıncılık Ticaret A.S., 2018

398p.

Includes Index

9786052380352

\$ 45.00 / PB

422gm.

Istanbul's Great War: Public Order, Crime and Punishment in the Ottoman Capital, 1914-1918 is a study of the social and economic life in an imperial capital at a time when the first total war of history swept through Europe, hitting the entire Ottoman Empire up to its borderlands in the Arab Peninsula. The book focuses on the impact of wartime conditions on life in a city of nearly a million citizens, with a specific emphasis on public order, crime and punishment. The author, Deniz Dölek-Sever, takes us through a six-chapter panorama of four years of hardship in the Ottoman capital during the war, analyzing various aspects of public order, crime and punishment as experienced daily by both Muslim and non-Muslim inhabitants of Istanbul, and as perceived by the state. In doing so, her study uncovers inner workings behind state officials' policies on public order and crime. Tracing instruments of surveillance and control and various crime categories, and making extensive use of primary sources, the work provides a unique understanding of public order and crime, as well as practices of punishment in a period when the Committee of Union and Progress reigned over the political life of the Ottoman Empire. Istanbul's Great War is an attempt to bring a fresh approach to the current literature on wartime Ottoman Empire.

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A Study in the Theory and Practice of Destablization : Violence and Strategies of Survival in Ottoman Macedonia (1903-1913) / Gabor

Demeter & Krisztian Csaplar-Degovics

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2018

222p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789754286021

\$ 30.00 / PB

370gm.

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The Macedonian Question and Fin-De-Siecle Greek Politics / Georgios Michalopoulos

Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2018

254p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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416gm.

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1915 : The Longest Year of the Ottoman Empire / (Eds) Prof. Dr. Ismail

Ozer, M. S. Fatma Oznur Seckin & M. A. Mukerre Aktoprak Karakaya

Ankara: Ankara University, Center for Latin America Studies, 2017

vi, 282p.

Includes General Bibliography

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\$ 55.00 / PB

454gm.

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Ottoman Women : In the Eyes of Western Travellers / Filiz Barin Akman
(Ed-in-Chief) Abdulkadir Ozkan (Series Ed) Mehmet Erdogan
Istanbul: Kopernik Publishing House, 2018
112p.
9789752439375
\$ 29.50 / HB
246gm.

In the West, when one thinks about the concepts such as the harem and Oriental women, there are unfortunately a couple of stock images that come to mind. Shaped by centuries-old Orientalist attitudes, Eastern women are known to be prisoners of the harems much like “birds in the gilded cages,” devoid of any rights and say. Sensualized images of the harem where women are believed to be sequestered for male pleasure only adds to the demeaning portrayal of women in the East. This book is a study of often misunderstood lives of Eastern/Oriental women in the Ottoman harems. Based predominantly on nineteenth century British women travel writing accounts, this detailed but easy-to-read archival investigation aims to throw fresh light on women’s misunderstood place in the Ottoman society. As participant observants in the domestic lives of Muslim Turkish women, an opportunity that was not granted to Western men because of gender, British women’s observations of Ottoman women’s daily lives in the harem and public space as well as their rights in marriage, property ownership, divorce and custody, prove challengingly refreshing as a contrast to the dominant Orientalist representations we are familiar with.

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Ottoman Traces in Southern Africa : The Impact of Turkish Emissaries and Muslim Theologians / Halim Gencoglu
Istanbul: Libra Kitapcilik ve Yayıncılık Ticaret A.S., 2018
378p.

Includes Index
9786052380369
\$ 65.00 / PB
400gm.

From the middle of the nineteenth century, Ottoman scholars played a crucial role in educating society and shaping Muslim identity at the tip of Southern Africa. Scholars such as Abu Bakr Effendi, Mahmud Fakih Emin Effendi and Ottoman Consul-Generals Ohannes Majakyan Effendi, Mehmet Remzi Bey strengthened the relationship between the Ottoman Empire and South Africa, as far as Mauritius Island. The Noor'ul Osmaniya Mosque, Ottoman Cricket Club, Noor'ul Hamidiyya Mosque in Cape Town and many Ottoman graves in South Africa are evidence of the Ottoman presence and traces in the region. Ottoman emissaries and Muslim theologians left a significant cultural legacy in Southern Africa. This cultural and Islamic legacy has yet to be woven into South African historiography. This study seeks to contribute the field in the light of archival sources from the Ottoman State Archives and National Archives of South Africa.

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Literature

Representations of Space in Literature / (Ed) Selma Elyildirim
Ankara: Bilgin Kultur Sanat Yayinlari, 2018
vi, 150p.
9786059636292
\$ 24.00 / PB
242gm.

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Politics

US-Turkey Relations Under the AK Party : An Almanac/ Kilic Bugra Kanat
(et al.)

Ankara: SETA Publications, 2017

264p.

9789752459380

SETA Publications 26

\$ 30.00 / PB

346gm.

This almanac provides the synopsis of bilateral relations between the US and Turkey during the past fifteen years of Ak Party rule in Turkey, starting with the March 1st crisis. During this period, Ak Party governments have engaged with different US administrations headed by the presidents from different political parties (Bush, Obama and Trump) and different party majorities in the US Congress. The relationship has both undergone very serious crises and witnessed significant level of cooperation.

In this almanac, the major summits and main crises that impacted the relations between the two nations are covered. It is of course impossible to cover all of the events and developments in bilateral relations, thus we aimed to be selective while still including the most important moments of the relationship in our coverage in the limited space that we have. We hope this volume can help observers and scholars in the field of US-Turkey relations and contribute to their research.

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United Nations Peacekeeping Operations : Lebanon Case / Orhan
Goktepe, PhD
Istanbul: Cinius Yayinlari, 2017
366p.
9786052964484
\$ 40.00 / PB
502gm.

The Israeli invasion in Lebanon in 1978 had serious consequences for peace and security in the Middle East. The Lebanon case in which UN was dragged untimely and unprepared in the direction of American interests in the Middle East in 1978 has been going on for 40 years. Despite all well-intentioned initiatives of the international community, the operation could not achieve the mandated tasks given by the Security Council yet. UNIFIL has been stuck to its area of operation, because the problems between Israel and Lebanon cannot be solved independently from conflicts in the Middle East.

The distinctive characteristic of the Lebanon case has been the duration of the operation that spanned the Cold War and post-Cold War periods. Hence, the changes in the security environment, new challenges, and emergence of the second generation of PKOs can be understood more clearly. By having exposed the problems throughout the UNIFIL operation, the book is expected to benefit researchers, scholars, and decision-makers at the UN headquarters in setting up a framework to deal with possible challenges for the future PKOs.

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Religion - Islam

The Door of Mercy : Kenan Rifai and Sufism Today : International
Symposium Proceedings, Volume 1 / (Ed) TURKKAD Turkish Women's
Cultural Association, Istanbul Branch
Istanbul: Nefes Publishing House, 2017

184p.
9786059901413
\$ 32.00/ PB
290gm.

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