

14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTTOMAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY (ICOSEH)

24 – 28 July, 2017, Sofia (Bulgaria)
1st Circular (Call for Papers)

It is our pleasure to announce that the 14th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH) will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, on 24 - 28 July, 2017. Arrangements for this meeting are being handled by the Faculty of History at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” under the auspices of International Association of Ottoman Social and Economic History (IAOSEH), chaired by Professor Halil İnalçık.

Papers are expected to be on aspects of the economic and social history of the Ottoman Empire. The Executive Committee of IAOSEH and the Organizing Committee invite the submission of pre-organized panels/sessions and workshops as well as individual papers. All abstracts should have a focused statement of thesis and indicate clearly the sources employed (if applicable). Your name should not appear on the abstract itself.

Individual papers of maximum 20-minutes length will be organized into panels by the Organizing Committee. Abstracts for individual papers should not exceed 500 words.

Pre-organized panels/sessions should consist of three papers (20 min.), plus an analysis of them by a discussant (or a designated chair) of ten to fifteen minutes maximum length. The papers should center on a single theme or question, and the panel proposal should include an abstract (500 words maximum) for the entire panel explaining its theme and rationale and how the individual papers contribute to that theme, in addition to an individual abstract (500 words maximum) for each paper.

Also welcome are **thematic workshops/roundtables** organized by Chair(s) around specific problems or debates in the field. We encourage panels and workshops on any aspects of the Ottomans and the Mediterranean. Workshops / roundtables should consist of short (10-minute) presentations by the Panelists / invited participants (four to six speakers), leaving a longer time for discussion of the problem or question. The proposal for a workshop should specify the problem or debate being addressed and its significance, as well as a summary of each panelist's contribution to the discussion.

We are hoping to organize a workshop on the important legacy that Professor Halil İnalçık has left, one that will explore various aspects of his contributions

(theoretical as well as archival) to the social and economic history of the Ottoman Empire. If you wish to join this workshop please send an abstract with the title, **“İnalçık Legacy Workshop,”** to the organizers.

Applicants should supply the provisional paper titles and abstracts and/or the initial proposals and abstracts for pre-organized sessions and workshops by January 15, 2017 (icosehsofia@gmail.com). The proposals will go through a selection process by the Committees, and the applicants will be notified by March 15, 2017.

The conference languages are English and Turkish. Papers read in Turkish should be accompanied by a summary in English. The registration fee for the congress is 100 Euro payable by May 15, 2017. Only participants who contributed their participation fee prior to this date will be included by the organizers in the program of the congress. The fees will cover the expenses of coffee breaks including a cold buffet, lunches during the four congress days, city tours, and a reception. Accommodation and travel expenses will have to be paid by the participants.

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