

Transcending Boundaries: The Ottoman Empire, Europe and the Mediterranean World, 1500-1800

Dates: June 20 – July 15, 2016
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Location: Washington, D.C.
The Institute of Turkish Studies,
Georgetown University

Application Deadline: March 1, 2016



This **four-week NEH seminar** offers an opportunity to **college and university professors (and two advanced graduate students)** to integrate stimulating approaches toward Ottoman, Mediterranean and European history. Seminar participants who have broad research and teaching interests in comparative history will develop skills and knowledge that will enable them to integrate the Ottoman Empire into their projects and courses. Outcomes can include an extended analysis of a particular topic geared toward a scholarly or general audience, a bibliographical essay on relevant and new sources, a new or revised syllabus, or any research project that draws from the methods and perspectives of comparative world history. Participants will have sufficient time to work on independent projects using rich archives and library collections in Washington DC (including the Library of Congress, the National Archives, and Georgetown University Library). The expertise of the project director and distinguished guest scholars will provide a broad base of knowledge for participants and balanced representation for seminar sessions. The range of viewpoints and depth of expertise will expose participants to the issues involved in research on these topics. The seminar will not seek to exhaust three centuries of Ottoman, Mediterranean and European history. Instead, it will place the notion of a connected world at the center as a framework to explore select encounters between those societies. The aim is to arrive at a nuanced approach combining comparative theoretical discussion with illustrative themes that participants can use as models in their own research or teaching.

Stipends: Individuals selected to participate will receive a stipend of \$3,300; Stipends are intended to help cover travel expenses to and from the project location, books and other research expenses, and ordinary living expenses.

Housing: The Seminar does not provide housing for participants but will assist them in arranging on campus housing through Georgetown Summer Housing and Residential Living or participants may arrange their own housing off-campus.

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