



American Institute for Maghrib Studies
2007 Conference Call for Papers
Ottoman Influences in the Maghreb

June 2-5, 2007 Oran, Algeria

Centre d'études maghrébines en Algérie (CEMA)

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Paper proposals due February 1, 2007

As early as the mid-sixteenth century the Turks established the *wilaya*-s of Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli. Through subsequent centuries, what became known as the Ottoman Empire expanded its political, cultural and religious influence westward through the Mediterranean. This conference will investigate the nature of the Ottoman centuries in the Maghreb. The conference will be an encounter between and across disciplines exploring the relationship between the Ottomans and the Maghreb from its beginnings to its demise. The conference will investigate Ottoman influences over the Maghreb both from inside the imperial *wilaya*-s and outside them, in the broader geographies to which Ottoman influences spread.

The complexity of the Ottoman West and its connectivity to the Porte continue to challenge scholars today. Multidisciplinary reflections on the relevance of contemporary notions such as empire, imperial power, metropole, province and borderlands, to the Maghreb are central to the conference's focus. The conference will also consider how the nation-states of today's Maghreb view their Ottoman heritage.

Proposals are invited from scholars working in history, literary and cultural studies, linguistics, sociology, anthropology, art history, architecture, geography, cartography, international relations, and religious studies.

Possible topics for papers include:

- architectural influences and models
- monumentalism and urbanism
- circulation/consumption of goods between "metropole" and "provinces"
- representations of the Ottoman Maghreb (artistic, literary, cartographic)
- Ottoman attempts at expansion
- resistances to Ottoman presence
- limits of Ottoman influence
- borders in the Ottoman Maghreb
- immigrations to and expulsions from the Maghreb
- autonomy and independence in the Maghreb
- Ottoman influences on the languages of the Maghreb
- migrations between the Maghreb *wilaya*-s
- centers of religious practice and learning
- influences on clothing, food and/or other customs
- Ottoman and Spanish conflicts
- literary influences (court or folk)
- reconsideration of the sources for the Ottoman Maghreb
- modern historiography of the Ottoman presence
- reworking of memory of an Ottoman past under French colonialism
- military organization and technology
- financial and administrative structures

The languages of the conference will be English, French, and Arabic.

Proposed titles with an abstract of 250 words must be submitted electronically to dw04@aub.edu.lb by Feb 1, 2007 along with a brief CV (including name, affiliation, and any relevant research). All abstracts will be acknowledged upon receipt. Conference participants will be notified by March 1, 2007. Final drafts will be due May 1. We plan a post-conference publication consisting of the best papers. For more information, contact the co-organizers of the colloquium: David Wisley (dw04@aub.edu.lb) or Robert Parks (parks@cema-northafrica.org) or the executive office of AIMS (aimscmes@email.arizona.edu).