

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

A NEW-OLD NEIGHBOR:

TURKISH REPUBLIC & THE BALKANS



PANTEION UNIVERSITY

SAKIS KARAGIORGAS II AMPHITHEATER

23-25 NOVEMBER 2023

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23

10:00 - 11:00 REGISTRATION

11:00 - 11:30 WELCOME ADDRESSES

Prof. Christina Koulouri
(Rector of Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences)

Prof. Stefanos Dimitriou
(Head of the Department of Political Science & History)

Assoc. Prof. Andreas Lyberatos
(Director of Research Center in Modern History)

11:30 – 13:00 SESSION 1

BETWEEN THE NATIONAL AND THE COLONIAL: NEW TURKEY AND MUSLIM IDENTITIES IN GREECE AND CYPRUS

Chair: Professor Sia Anagnostopoulou (Panteion University)

Transition from Muslim to Turkish Identity in Greek Thrace during the Interwar Period Vemund Aarbakke (University of Thessaloniki)

When the National Succeeded the Communal: the Influence of the Turkish Republic on the Development of the Turkish Cypriot Community Elena Bouleti (Panteion University)

A Colonial Gaze on 'New Turkey': Three Cypriot Perspectives
Antonis Hadjikyriacou (Panteion University)

13:00-15:00 BREAK

15:00 – 16:30 SESSION 2 FOREIGN POLICY, DIPLOMATIC ENCOUNTERS AND THE PRESS AS FILTER OF PERCEPTION

Chair: Assistant Professor Antonis Hadjikyriacou (Panteion University)

Turkish Foreign Policy towards the Kingdom of Yugoslavia during the Interwar Period. Implications for Security in the Balkans, Ceren Öcalan & Karol Kujawa (Eskişehir Osmangazi University & WSB University in Kraków)

The New Turkey and its Representation in Romania in the 1920's Diplomatic and Press Channels of Perception

Emmanuel Plopeanu ("Ovidius" University, Constanța)

The Greco – Turkish Rapprochement of 1930 in the Greek Press

Nikolaos-Stylianios Gravaris (Panteion University)

16:30 – 17:00 BREAK

17:00- 18:30 SESSION 3 ALBANIA AND REPUBLICAN TURKEY: NEW REFLECTIONS IN AN OLD MIRROR?

Chair: Assistant Professor Lambros Baltsiotis (Panteion University)

Self-Determination of Albania. What Path will Albanians Follow?

Nationalist Discourse after the Secession of Albania from the Ottoman Empire Sali Kadria (Institute of History, Center for Albanological Studies, Tirana)

From Students to Statesmen: How Ottoman Education Shaped Albanian Political and Military Elites Ali Emre Eldem & Duygu Yayla Eldem (İstanbul Esenyurt University)

Albanians' Perceptions of the Republic of Turkey: An Attempt to Understand the New or a Continuity of the Narratives of the Past?"

Elias Skoulidas (University of Ioannina)



19:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE ONE
PROF. NATHALIE CLAYER (CETOBAC/CNRS)

**Republican Turkey, The Balkans & Beyond:
Political and Personal Circulations and Confrontations
during the Interwar. The Albanian Case**

20:30 WELCOME DINNER at PANTEION

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24

9:30 – 11:15 SESSION 4

BALKAN PRESENCES IN REPUBLICAN TURKEY: MINORITIES, MIGRATION AND TURKISH POLITICS

Chair: Assistant Professor Emre Erol (Sabancı University)

Rum Ortodoks? Sirp Ortodoks and Other Unicorns: Serbian Community in Turkey during the Interwar Period

Jasmina Radić (National Library of Serbia, Belgrade)

Migration and Nation-Building: Resettlements of Turkish and Muslim Population from Bulgaria to Turkey (1925–1939)

Slavka Karakusheva (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)

On the Rise and Demise of the Balkan Factor in Turkish Politics: Deputies from the Balkans in the Turkish Parliament

Erdal Kaynar (University of Strasbourg)

New Regime, New Horizons: The Communist Party of Turkey's Outlook on Kemalism, the Balkan Identity and the Minority Question (1923-1928)"

Pelin Tıglay (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

11:15- 11:45 BREAK



11:45- 13:30

**PANEL SESSION 5 FEMINIST POLITICS IN THE BALKANS:
REPRESENTATIONS OF THE TURKISH REPUBLIC AND THE 'NEW TURK-
ISH WOMEN' IN THE INTERWAR FEMINIST PERIODICALS**

Chair: Associate Professor Katerina Dalakoura (University of Crete)

**Turkey and Turkish Feminists in the Balkan Interwar Collaborations:
Representations in the Greek Feminist Periodicals**

Katerina Dalakoura (University of Crete)

**Feminisms and Tensions within the Interwar Balkan Women's Move-
ments, 1920s-1930s**

Krassimira Daskalova (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)

**The "New-old" Neighbor through the Prism of the Women's Ques-
tion: Turkish Women's Emancipation in Relation to the Aspirations
and Struggles of Bulgarian Feminists between the Two World Wars**

Valentina Mitkova (Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski)

13:30- 15:30 BREAK

**15:30 –17:00 SESSION 6 GENDER AND SECULARIZATION:
REFLECTIONS FROM REPUBLICAN TURKEY TO THE BALKANS**

Chair: Assistant Professor Elias Skoulidas (University of Ioannina)

**In search of the Orient: Silhouettes of Turkish Women in the Interwar
Romanian Press** Adelina Zemiou (University of Bucharest)

**Continuities and Discontinuities in the Representations of the Neigh-
bor: Greek Feminists Viewing the Ottoman Empire and Turkish Re-
public** Efi Kanner (National & Capodistrian University of Athens)

'It's not just a hat!' Turkish Secularization through the Greek Lens from the Lausanne Conference to the Greek-Turkish Convention (1922-1930) Dimitra Pirpiri (Panteion University)

17:00- 17:30 BREAK

17:30 - 19:00 SESSION 7

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

URBAN MODERNITY IN INTERWAR REPUBLICAN TURKEY & THE BALKANS

Post-Ottoman Cities through the Press Photographers' Lens: Urban Space in the early Turkish Republic and in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, 1920s and 1930s

Nataša Mišković (University of Basel)

a film by Nataša Mišković

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19:00 – 20:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH TWO

**PROF. EMERITUS CHRISTOS HADZIIOSSIF
(UNIVERSITY OF CRETE)**

**Sacralizing Defeat:
Greece and its Neighbours in the Interwar Period**



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25

10:00 -11:30 SESSION 8

WITH THE COURSE OF TIME: EARLY AND LATE INTERWAR RECEPTIONS OF REPUBLICAN TURKEY IN THE BALKANS

Chair: Prokopis Papastratis (Professor Emeritus, Panteion University)

Bulgarian Society and Emerging Turkey: Initial Interactions and Future Significance

Tsvetelina Tsvetkova (Union of Scientists in Bulgaria)

The Romanian Press on the Rise of Mustafa Kemal's New Turkey

Georgios Konstantarakos (Panteion University)

The Perception of Turkey in the Yugoslav Public during the 4th Decade of the 20th Century Sava Djurdjević (Institute for Serbian Culture Priština / Leposavić)

11:30 – 12:00 BREAK

12:00- 13:45 SESSION 9 AN AUTHORITARIAN MODEL? NEW TURKEY IN BALKAN NATIONALIST AND FASCIST IMAGINARY

Chair: Associate Professor Efi Kanner (National & Capodistrian University of Athens)

A Macedonian in Belligerent Anatolia and the Macedonian 'Filter' in Interwar Bulgarian Perceptions of 'New Turkey'

Andreas Lyberatos (Panteion University)

Kemalist Turkey through the Eyes of Authoritarian and (Pro)Fascist Circles in Interwar Bulgaria

Alexander Vezekov (Independent Scholar, Sofia)

Constructing a New Balkan Ally: Turkey in Yugoslav Pan-Balkan Discourses during the Interwar Period

Marina Doumani (Panteion University)

Strong Men versus Weak States. Kemalism as an Alternative Government Model in Interwar Romania

Giorgos Manios (Panteion University)

14:00 – 16:00 BREAK

16:00 – 17:30 SESSION 10

A FAIR PLAY: NEW TURKEY AND THE BALKAN NEIGHBORS IN THE FOOTBALL PITCH

*Chair: Associate Professor Vemund Aarbakke
(University of Thessaloniki)*

Greek-Turkish Sports Relations during Interwar Period: Seeking Peace and Friendship between the Two Nations

Gülen Göktürk Baltas (Eskişehir Osmangazi University) & Andreas Baltas (Hellenic Open University)

A Friendly Old Foe. Football, the Past, and the Romanian-Turkish Relations During the Interwar Period

Bogdan Popa (“Nicolae Iorga” Institute, Bucharest)

‘To Head Back Home With Good Memories’: Yugoslav-Turkish Football Encounters during the 1920s and 1930s

Anđelko Vlašić (Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek) & Stipica Grgić (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb)

17:30- 18:00 BREAK

18:00-18:45 CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

19:00: SPECIAL SIDE-EVENT

DISCUSSION on Maria Todorova's *The Lost World of Socialists at Europe's Margins. Imagining Utopia, 1870s-1920s*

Moderator:

Associate Professor Andreas Lyberatos (Panteion University)

Xenia Marinou (Independent Scholar, Athens)

Kostis Karpozilos

(Director of ASKI/ Archives of Modern Social History, Greece)

Socrates Petmezas (Professor, University of Crete)

& the author **Maria Todorova**

(Professor Emerita, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)

21:00 BALKAN & TURKISH DINNER

with

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