



**15th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History  
(ICOSEH)**

**13-17 July, 2020, Zagreb (Croatia)**

*1st Circular (Call for Papers)*

It is our pleasure to announce that the 15th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH) will be held in Zagreb, Croatia, on 13-17 July, 2020. Arrangements for this meeting are being handled by Department of History and Department of Turkish, Hungarian and Jewish Studies of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, under the auspices of International Association of Ottoman Social and Economic History (IAOSEH), chaired by Suraiya Faroqhi, president.

The Executive Committee of IAOSEH and the Organizing Committee invite the submission of abstracts of individual papers as well as pre-organized panels/sessions and workshops. Papers are expected to address various aspects of the economic and social history of the Ottoman Empire. All abstracts should have a focused statement of thesis and indicate clearly the sources employed. 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 400 words. Space is limited, so the strength and clarity of your proposal, and its relevance to economic and social history will be crucial.

Pre-organized panels/sessions should consist of three papers (20 min. each), 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 (400 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 (400 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 and the Ottomans and Central Europe. 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.

Applicants should supply the provisional paper titles and abstracts and/or the initial proposals and abstracts for pre-organized sessions and workshops by **December 15, 2019** to the organizers' email address: [icosehzagreb@gmail.com](mailto:icosehzagreb@gmail.com).

The proposals will go through a selection process by the Committee, and the applicants will be notified by **February 15, 2020**.

The conference languages are English and Turkish. Papers read in Turkish should be accompanied by an extant summary in English.

The registration fee for the congress is 100 Euro payable by **April 15, 2020**. Only participants who contributed their participation fee until to this date will be included in the program of the Congress. The fees will cover the expenses of coffee breaks, cocktail at the opening day, lunches during two congress days, city tour, and a dinner following the closing of the conference.

On July 17, 2020, the organizers plan a one-day excursion to the western-most Ottoman caravanserai in Europe, the han of Yusuf Pasha Mašković (Maškovića han) in Vrana, and the nearby town of Zadar, the historical center of Venetian Dalmatia, and a home to a rich collection of

Ottoman documents from the so-called Dragoman Archive. The excursion costs will be covered by the participants individually, while the exact price will be determined later, depending on the conference budget.

Accommodation and travel expenses will have to be covered by the participants individually.

Further information concerning the conference, its venue (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences), and the city of Zagreb, as well as the account number for payment of the conference fee will be provided in the second circular letter.

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