TRAVELLERS IN OTTOMAN LANDS

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Journeys across Cultures and Identities

THESSALONIKI, GREECE,
21–24 APRIL, 2027

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite proposals for contributions to the fourth **TRAVELLERS IN OTTOMAN LANDS** (TIOL4) Seminar. TIOL4 will be held in Thessaloniki, Greece from Wednesday 21 April to Saturday 24 April 2027.
The seminar is being organised jointly by Travellers in Ottoman Lands (TIOL) and the Levantine Heritage Foundation (LHF), with the University of Macedonia, and in association with the British School at Athens, *Cornucopia* and other sponsors.

Offers of abstracts are welcome on subjects relevant to travel to and from Thessaloniki (previously Salonica) as well as other Ottoman Lands during the Ottoman period, including (though not limited to):

- Architecture and landscapes
- Artist-travellers and early photographers
- Diaspora and heritage
- Ethnic and religious identities; cuisine; music
- Horticulturalists and botanists
- Inter-faith/inter-confessional relations in Ottoman Europe (and beyond)
- Memorials, cemeteries
- Places of worship of various faiths
- Political travellers, freedom-fighters, Balkan nationalists, Young Turks
- Ports, coasts and seascapes
- Support networks: consulates, dragomans and merchants
- Travellers at classical and archaeological sites
- Women travellers

Three days of presentation sessions in Thessaloniki will be followed by one day of excursions.
This seminar follows the successful *Travellers in Ottoman Lands: The Botanical Legacy* (TIOL1) held in Edinburgh in 2017; *Travellers in Ottoman Lands: The Balkans, Anatolia and Beyond* (TIOL2) held in Sarajevo in 2022; and *Travellers in Ottoman Lands: Places forgotten, Places remembered* (TIOL3), held in Istanbul in 2025. Peer-reviewed papers from TIOL1 and TIOL2 have already been published and the papers from TIOL3 are currently being prepared for publication.
Proposals may be submitted either for individual presentations of 20 minutes or for panels of 3-4 speakers of 20 minutes each. Please include a biography of no more than 200 words, presentation title and a 200-word abstract. All proposals will be subject to peer review, and decisions on their acceptance will be announced by mid-January 2027. The seminar language is English, please submit your proposal accordingly.

Proposals should be submitted by 15 November 2026 at the latest.
To submit your proposal please create a **new account** in **CONFTOOL** (link below) and follow the simple instructions. **https://travellersinottomanlands.com/conftool/**

Registration will open on 31 January 2027, when the draft Programme, Seminar fees, and details of the six student bursaries funded by the EES/ASTENE fund will also be available.
Please note that delegates will be responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements.

For general information on the Seminar, please visit **https://travellersinottomanlands.com/**
For further enquiries, please send an email to: **travellersinottomanlands@gmail.com**

On behalf of the TIOL/LHF Committee