

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Day 1 · Thursday 24 September 2026

- 10:45 Panel I · Federation and the Political Imagination
- 12:30 Panel II · Autonomy, Sovereignty and Confessional Belonging
- 15:05 Panel III · Exile and the Critique of the Nation
- 16:30 Working session · introduction and cross-chapter connections
- 19:30 Social dinner

Day 2 · Friday 25 September 2026

- 10:30 Panel IV · Gender, Migration and Post-Imperial Society
- 12:30 Epilogue · Victor Neumann
- 13:55 Keynote lecture · Oded Steinberg
- 14:40 Closing roundtable · From workshop to volume

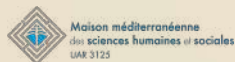
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AUTHOR WORKSHOP

Alternatives to the Nation-State

Federalism, Autonomy and Post-Imperial Imaginaries in the Mediterranean Long Nineteenth Century



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DAY 1 · THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2026

10:15 Registration

10:30 Welcome and introduction

Ioannis Tsolkas (Director of the Department of Italian Studies), *Gerasimos Pagratis* (Director of the Laboratory of Italian History and Historiography), *E. Kajo*, *A. S. Balatsoukas* (convenors and editors of the volume)

10:45 Panel I · Federation and the Political Imagination · Chair **Erkjad KAJO**

4 papers · 15 min each · 1 joining remotely

Alexandros S. Balatsoukas · Center for Transimperial History, Doshisha · convenor

Balkan Federation and the Post-Imperial South

J. Carlos García-Reyes · Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Empires against Nations: The Iberian Federal Imagination

Lujain Bitar · American University in Dubai

The Umayyad Legacy of Taghādī: An Indigenous Political Philosophy in the Ottoman Levant

Teresa Nunes · University of Lisbon · **REMOTE**

Federalist Perspectives on the Portuguese Republican Movement (1850–1910)

11:45 Discussion

12:10 Coffee

12:30 Panel II · Autonomy, Sovereignty and Confessional Belonging · Chair

Alexandros S. BALATSOUKAS

5 papers · 15 min each · 1 joining remotely

Riwan Bellour · University of Oxford

Protection without Foreignness: The Algerian Category in Nineteenth-Century Tunis

Davide Marino · UCD Newman Centre / Rome

The Throne, the Altar, and the Constitution: Rome and the Circulation of Constitutional Projects

Erkjad Kajo · Aix-Marseille Université · convenor

‘For a moment we were all Ottomans’: Autonomy as an Albanian Imperial Political Project

Antonis Nasis · CETOBaC (CNRS/EHESS/Collège de France)

Translating Constitutionalism: Transimperial Networks and the ‘Common Space’ of the Late Ottoman Cretan Intelligentsia

Iqbal Akhtar · Florida International University · **REMOTE**

Internationalisms of the Faith: Pan-Islamism and the Alliance Israélite Universelle

13:45 Discussion

14:05 Lunch

15:05 Panel III · Exile and the Critique of the Nation · Chair **Cathie CARMICHAEL**

4 papers · 15 min each · 1 joining remotely

Paulina D. Dominik · Tel Aviv University

Politics without a State: Polish Émigrés and Imperial Reform

Marius Hermouet · INALCO, Paris

Herzen’s Mediterranean Detour: Exile, Mazzini and the Obschchina

Maria-Konstantina G. Leontsini · University of Patra

Exile as a Way of Life: Female Echoes of Patriotism during the Risorgimento

Emanuel Rota · University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign · **REMOTE**

From Hospitality to Infrastructure: Saint-Simonianism and the Technocratic Mediterranean

16:05 Discussion

16:30 Working session · The introduction and cross-chapter connections

Convened by the editors · Open discussion, Parts I–III. How the panels feed the volume’s introduction and its through-lines.

19:30 Social dinner

Welcome dinner for all participants.

DAY 2 · FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2026

10:15 Welcome back

10:30 Panel IV · Coexistence, Gender and Post-Imperial Society · Chair **Marius**

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4 papers · 15 min each · 1 joining remotely

Cathie Carmichael · University of East Anglia

Popular Piety and Muslim-Christian Coexistence in Herzegovina and Montenegro

Elena Russo · University of Oxford · **REMOTE**

Beyond National Shores: Mobility and Multinationalism in the Nineteenth-Century Adriatic

Arijana Kolak Bošnjak · Croatian Institute of History

Pro-Hungarian Parties, Croatian Autonomy and the Monarchy

Vivienne Schommer · FU Berlin · **REMOTE**

It’s Time that Women Rule: Gendered Imaginaries for the Future of the East

11:30 Discussion

12:00 Coffee

12:30 Epilogue

15 min + brief discussion

Victor Neumann · West University of Timișoara

Federalism in the Age of Nationalities

12:55 Lunch

13:55 Keynote lecture

Followed by questions

Oded Steinberg · Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Western Perceptions of an Armenian Autonomy 1878–1896: A Path not Taken?

14:40 Closing roundtable · From workshop to volume

Convened by the editors · Next steps, timeline and revisions. From the workshop discussions to the final manuscript.

15:10 Close of the workshop