

Ottoman Summer Program 2020
Tentative Syllabus for **Intermediate Class**

Instructors:

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The intermediate-level class aims to improve the reading and comprehension skills of students through a variety of texts with complex and compound sentences, and to introduce them to handwritten materials (both manuscripts and archival sources) from various genres written in different scripts. Emphasis will also be laid on the consolidation of Ottoman Turkish grammar.

Week 1: Printed Ottoman texts

- Popular prose
- Travel writing

Week 2: *Nesih and talik*

- Sixteenth-century Ottoman chronicles and catechisms (*tevarih, ilm-i hal*)
- Poetry

Week 3: *Talik*

- Ottoman court records (*kadı sicilleri*)
- Biographical dictionaries (*tezkire; tabakat*)

Week 4: *Rıka*

- Printed texts in *rıka* style
- Archival reports and petitions from the late Ottoman period