

The guests of the ANAMED Library Talks in September are
Serra Akboy-İlk and Suna Çağaptay
Architectural Documentation: Built Environment, Modernization, and Turkish Nationalism

ANAMED Library Talks continue on September 10 with Serra Akboy-İlk and Suna Çağaptay. The talk is entitled “Architectural Documentation: Built Environment, Modernization, and Turkish Nationalism”. This talk is based on the book, Architectural Documentation: Built Environment, Modernization, and Turkish Nationalism. In early republican Turkey, architects and scholars had all been in a position to advise on archival building documentation as the scientific basis to protect the built environment and to ensure its continuity for future generations. The question remained, however: how did the mission of creating measured drawings of historic properties met their goal of protecting the monuments? Was the goal to encourage broader historical understanding of architecture, denoting less need for detailed drawings, or to assist building reconstruction, entailing drawings with more information? Reflecting on the collection of field notes and formalized measured drawings as a whole, the talk addresses the enterprise of architectural documentation in the early republic. Suna Çağaptay will be the moderator of the talk. This month's talk will be online. To register for the talk, please click on the link below.



Serra Akboy-İlk, currently works in Collin College teaching design and historic preservation courses. Serra holds B.Arch. from Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University and M.A. in Anatolian Civilizations and Cultural Heritage Management from Koç University, Istanbul; along with Ph.D. in architecture from Texas A&M University. Her research interests include drawing, architectural documentation, and historiography of Turkish art and architecture. To date, Serra has published in numerous journals, including Architectural Histories, Journal of Architectural Planning and Research, Journal of Drawing Research Theory and Practice, Preservation Education and Research, Turkish Historical Review, and YILLIK: Annual of Istanbul Studies. Her book Architectural Documentation: Built Environment, Modernization, and Turkish Nationalism was published by Vernon Press in 2022. (she/her) joined the faculty of The George Washington University in 2016 and currently serves as program head and graduate advisor in the Museum Studies Program. For much of her career, her research focused on the intersection of museums and technology. More recently, Dr. Anderson has become concerned with investigating contemporary ethical dilemmas confronting the museum field. She is the co-author (with Dr. Keir Winesmith) of The Digital Future of Museums: Conversations and Provocations (Routledge, 2020) and former host and producer of Museopunks—the podcast for the progressive museum. As an instructor, Anderson seeks to practice a pedagogy of care, while also encouraging students to engage in critical consideration of the role of museums in society today and into the future.

Suna Çağaptay, is an associate professor of archaeology and architectural history at Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University. She works on late medieval and early modern architecture and city-making practices in the Eastern Mediterranean and the afterlives of the ancient cities. She received numerous fellowships, fieldwork, and research positions, including the Dumbarton Oaks, Aga Khan Islamic Art and Architecture at MIT, ANAMED (as Junior and Senior), Barakat Foundation, and the University of Cambridge. Since 2022, she has been directing the excavations at Anaia (Tr. Kadikalesi) in Kuşadası. Her publications include The First Ottoman Capital: The Religious, Architectural and Social History of Bursa (IB Tauris, 2020) and articles that have appeared in Dumbarton Oaks Papers, Art Bulletin, Muqarnas, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, Speculum, Ege Mimarlık, Ortaçağ Araştırmaları Dergisi, and The Turkish Studies Review. She also co-edited a volume titled Cities as Palimpsests? (Oxbow Books, 2022).



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