

Central Eurasian Studies

Ottoman Istanbul: From Imperial Capital to Modern Metropolis

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This seminar is intended for students interested in the history of the Ottoman empire, the city of Istanbul, and Ottoman art and architecture. It will be limited to fifteen students and will include a week-long fieldtrip to Istanbul (Spring Break 2007). Students may enroll by authorization after contacting either C. Gruber (chgruber@indiana.edu) or H.E. Çipa (ecipa@indiana.edu).

The goal of this course consists in understanding the development of Istanbul from the time of the Ottoman conquest (1453 A.D.) to today, first as an imperial capital and later as a global metropolis. Istanbul will serve as a lens for understanding the major moments of Ottoman political and social history, as well as other turning moments in world history. Major sites and monuments that will be discussed and visited include: Hagia Sophia, the palaces of Topkapi and Dolmabahçe, the mosques of Fatih, Sultan Suleyman and Yeni Valide, Kariye Camii, the Rumeli Fortress, the European quarter of Galata, and a boat trip up the Bosphorus to the Black Sea.