

**EMPIRE, CONQUEST AND FAITH: THE RUSSIAN AND
OTTOMAN INTERACTION, 1650-1920**

April 24-26, 2008

**Harriman Institute
Columbia University**

Conference Program

Thursday 24 April, 6pm

523 Butler Library (enter at Broadway and 116th Street)

Exotic Peoples at Imperial Russian Coronations

A Lecture by **Richard Wortman** (Columbia University)

Reception to follow

Friday 25 April

1501 International Affairs Building (enter: 420 118th St. , cross street: Amsterdam Ave)

10am-12.00

Session 1: the Danubian Principalities and the Crimea

Commentator: Robert Crews (Stanford Univ.)

A View from the Edge: Observing Istanbul's Nizam-i Cedid from Bucharest

Christine Philliou (Columbia University)

Bearing Arms for the Empire: Crimean Tatars as Soldiers and Subjects

Kelly O'Neill (Harvard University)

1.30-3.30pm

Session 2: the Caucasus and Central Asia

Commentator: Stephen Kotkin (Princeton University)

The Empire in Practice: Russian Settlers, the Peoples of South Caucasia, and the
Structures of Tsarist Governance

Nicholas Breyfogle (Ohio State University)

The Ottomans and Russians in the North Caucasus: Why the Latter Succeeded Where the Former Did Not

Michael Khodarkovsky (Loyola University Chicago)

Religion and Subjecthood in the North Caucasus in the Age of Catherine II

Sean Pollock (Columbia University)

Alchemy as a Mode of Colonial Governance in the Russian Caucasus, 1840-1865

Dana Sherry (Stanford)

4-6pm

Session 3: Russo-Ottoman Geopolitics

Commentator: Rashid Khalidi (Columbia)

An Unorthodox Protectorate: British Policy towards the Ecumenical Patriarchate during the Crimean War

Jack Fairey (National University of Singapore)

The Impact of the Crimean War on Ottoman non-Muslim Religious Communities

Candan Badem (Okan University, Istanbul)

How Russia Became a Muslim Power: Imperial Russia, the Hajj, and Great Power Rivalries

Eileen Kane (Columbia University)

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Saturday 26 April

1501 International Affairs Building (enter: 420 118th St. , cross street: Amsterdam Ave)

10.00am-12.00

Session 4: Imperial Reform of Religious Institutions

Commentator: Jane Burbank (NYU)

Toleration through Establishment: The Domestication of the 'Foreign Confessions' in Imperial Russia, 1810-1857

Paul Werth (University of Nevada-Las Vegas)

Learning from Confrontation: The Struggle of Muslim Peasants and Russian Bureaucrats over Muslim Education in the Late Russian Empire

Mustafa Tuna (Princeton University)

The state, the spiritual assemblies, and Muslim community leadership in late imperial Russia

James Meyer (Columbia University)

1.30-3.30pm

Session 5: War and Religious Identities

Commentator: Gulnar Kendirbai (Columbia University)

Disputes between the Ottoman and Romanov Empires over Naturalization and Loss of Subjecthood

Eric Lohr (American University)

A Nation of Generals and Assassins: Rethinking the North Caucasian Diaspora in the Late Ottoman Empire

Ryan Gingeras (Long Island University)

Obligation or Opportunity: the Ottomans and Russia's "Muslim Question"

Michael Reynolds (Princeton University)