OF TWO WORLDS: OTTOMAN MUSLIMS BETWEEN EMPIRE AND NATION (1878-1908)

Over the course of the 19th century as the Ottoman Empire began losing some of its core territories in Europe, thousands of Ottoman Muslims found themselves under the control of new political regimes and rulers. Since they become minorities beyond the empire’s control, these former Ottoman subjects have remained largely marginalized in the histories of the late Ottoman empire. This presentation challenges these historiographical limitations; it draws attention to the connections between such communities and the Ottoman Empire, and underscores the significance of their experiences for late Ottoman history. In particular, it focuses on the Muslims of Bulgaria, the most sizable Muslim minority in post-Ottoman Europe at the end of the 19th century, and their engagement with the politics, ideas, and culture of the Ottoman world. As this presentation seeks to inscribe the experiences of such communities into late Ottoman history, it also argues for exploring this history within a transnational context, and through the perspectives of diverse groups.

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