

Call for Papers

Workshop on Caricatures as a Sphere of Communication in the Late- and Post-Ottoman Context

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The late- and post-Ottoman time, which is determined by upheavals and change and which was influenced by global events to an extent almost unparalleled by any other, is largely considered fragmented in research (up to and after the founding of the Turkish Republic). The aim of our research is to counteract this by focusing on this interwar period - which was moreover affected by colonial interests - as a coherent period of investigation.

We believe that caricatures published in journals of different languages and from different parts of the region are a suitable and valuable source for gaining insights into different aspects of daily life and public sphere. We are interested in the perception and meaning of discourses on political, historical, and social questions. Furthermore, we are interested in national stereotypes and dealing with the “other”.

For examining e.g. Arabic, Persian and Turkish-Ottoman caricatures from the late Ottoman and post-Ottoman contexts from different angles, both as outcomes and as drivers of social discourses, we are looking for participants, who are interested in caricatures and satirical journals from the time and region under investigation.

We invite scholars from different research areas and different stages of their career to share their interests and research projects with us and are looking forward to a lively discussion. The presentations should last no longer than 15 minutes and provide input for the discussions, which should take place after each presentation.

Travel costs and accommodation will be covered by the funding organization Volkswagen Foundation.

Reactions may be sent to both organizers veruschka.wagner@gmx.de and anna.kollatz@ori.uni-heidelberg.de until **December 30, 2023**. Abstracts (roughly 200 words) should describe the proposed paper (including topic, method, and used sources).