

Title: "Slow Violence in the Highlands of the Mediterranean World"

This talk examines the outcome of recurrent nineteenth century global climate fluctuations and related Ottoman policies on pastoralists in the highlands of the Mediterranean world. By focusing on the impacts of climate change on the deterioration of limited natural resources, the talk charts the importance of material conditions on the rise of slow violence and ethno-religious tensions between Muslim Kurdish pastoralists and Christian Armenian peasants on the eve of the Great War.