

FATİH ÜNİVERSİTESİ - TARİH BÖLÜMÜ

First International Conference on the Military History of the Mediterranean Sea

26-28 June, 2015

Buyukcekmece, Istanbul

With an uninterrupted history of nearly 1,500 years, Istanbul has been the centre of the world and the capital of two great Empires. The confluence of the Sea of Marmara, the Bosphorus, and the Golden Horn, at the heart of present-day Istanbul, along with its striking Theodosian walls have deterred attacking forces for thousands of years and still remain a prominent feature of the city's landscape.

Fatih University and the staff of the Department of History are delighted to invite session and paper proposals for its first international conference on military history to be held June 26-28, 2015. We welcome papers that explore any topic related to the study and teaching of the military history of the Mediterranean in the Middle Ages and Renaissance, from the fall of Rome to the nineteenth century. We especially encourage papers that focus on the conference's theme of *military elites*. Points of discussion could potentially, but not exclusively, include:

- Military elites and change of power
- Economic power and the social status of military elites
- Social and cultural interactions - hated, despised or admired?
- Recruitment policies
- Military tactics and technological innovations

Fee:

The conference fee of 50 Euros will include transportation to the University campus and complimentary lunch, coffee etc.

Publication: The organisers will be looking for suitable publishing houses for the publication of the conference proceedings.

Tours: A guided tour of the Theodosian Walls, Istanbul's Military Museum and Rumeli Hisar is planned.

Deadlines:

The deadline for proposals is 1pm (Istanbul time, +2GMT) on **May 30, 2014**; late requests cannot be accommodated. Please submit an abstract of no more than 250 words and a brief CV to the conference organiser: *Dr. Georgios Theotokis* (georgios.theotokis@fatih.edu.tr). Also, please visit our web page at <http://tarih.fatih.edu.tr/?&language=EN> for further details and updates.