

Aimee M. Genell

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EDUCATION:

Columbia University

New York, New York

Ph.D. in History, October 2013

Dissertation: "Empire by Law: Ottoman Sovereignty and the British Occupation of Egypt, 1882-1923"

Committee Members: Mark Mazower (Advisor), Christine Philliou, Rashid Khalidi, Susan Pedersen and Beth Baron

M.Phil. in History, May 2009

M.A. in History, October 2008

Masters Essay: "Law, Order and Good Governance: The Treaty of Paris in International Politics, 1876-1878"

The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

New York, New York

M.A. and Ph.D. candidate in History

Coursework completed in modern European history, 2004-2006

The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art

New York, New York

B.F.A., May 2000

Concentration in photography and modern European art history and criticism

École nationale supérieure des beaux-arts,

Paris, France

Exchange program, 1998

PUBLICATIONS:

Empire by Law: The Ottoman Origins of the Mandates System in the Middle East (manuscript under review, Columbia University Press)

"The Future of the Ottoman Domains: Arab Provinces and Minority Rights in the early Armistice Press," *Nationalities Papers*, special issue "The Minority Question in Europe and the Middle East: From the 1919 Paris Peace Conference to Today" edited by Ariel Salzmann and Elizabeth F. Thompson (under review)

"The Well-defended Domains: Eurocentric International Law and the Making of the Ottoman Office of Legal Counsel," edited by Lâle Can and Michael Christopher Low, *The Subjects of Ottoman International Law* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2020)

"The End of Egypt's Occupation: Ottoman Sovereignty and the British Declaration of Protection," in *Beyond Versailles: Sovereignty, Legitimacy, and the Formation of New Politics after the Great War*, edited by Roberta Pergher and Marcus Payk (Bloomington: University of Indiana, 2019)

"The Well-defended Domains: Eurocentric International Law and the Making of the Ottoman Office of Legal Counsel," *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies*, 3, 2 (November 2016): pp. 255–275

"Ottoman Autonomous Provinces and the Problem of "Semi-Sovereignty" in International Law," special issue "Autonomy and Federation in the Ottoman Empire," *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, 18, 6(2016): 533-549

“Were the Minority Treaties a Failure?” Review of *Defending the Rights of Others: The Great Powers, the Jews, and International Minority Protection* by Carole Fink. H-German (November 2005)

CO-AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS:

Lâle Can and Aimee M. Genell, “On Empire and Exception: Genealogies of Sovereignty in the Ottoman World,” *Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (2020) 40 (3): 468–473

Mustafa Aksakal and Aimee M. Genell, “Salvation through War? The Ottoman Search for Sovereignty in 1914,” *The Justification of War and International Order: From the Past to the Present*, edited by Lothar Brock and Hendrik Simon (Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2021)

Aimee M. Genell and Will Smiley “Dispute Settlement in the Ottoman Era,” and “War and Peace” in *The Cambridge History of International Law*, Volume VIII “International Law in the Islamic World,” (commissioned book chapters)

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

University of West Georgia, Assistant Professor of Islamic World History, 2017-present

Senior Seminar

World War I and the Making of the Modern Middle East

A Global History of Military Occupation

History of the Modern Middle East

History of Political Islam

Introduction to Digital History

Global Migration History

International and Global History

Military Occupation in the Middle East and Central Asia

The Balkans from 1800 to the Collapse of Yugoslavia

University of California, Berkeley, Visiting Lecturer, 2016-2017

History of Political Islam

Culture and Sovereignty in the Middle East (seminar)

Modern Turkish I and II (language)

History of the Modern Middle East

Egypt between Empires (seminar)

University of Miami, Visiting Assistant Professor, 2015-2016

World War I and the Making of the modern Middle East, 1911-1923

A Global History of Military Occupation (seminar)

History of Political Islam

History of the Modern Middle East

Yale University, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2013-2015

Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy and International Security Studies, 2013-2015

Columbia University, Summer Teaching Scholar

The History of Occupation from Napoleon in Egypt to the US in Iraq, 2013

Columbia University, Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2007-2011

Queens College, The City University of New York, Adjunct Lecturer, 2005-2006

Modern European History, Spring 2006

Early Modern European History, Fall 2005

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS:

American Research Institute in Turkey, Research Fellowship, Istanbul (awarded 2017, deferred summer 2019)
Berkeley Ottoman Summer Seminar, Tavronitis, Crete (2017)
National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Scholar, World War I in the Middle East and North Africa, Georgetown University (2014)
Bradley-Johnson Postdoctoral Associate in International Security Studies at Yale University (2013-2015)
Mellon / American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2012)
Middle East Institute, Columbia University, Summer Research Fellowship (2012)
London School of Economics-Columbia University, Academic Exchange (spring 2012)
Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University (2012-2013)
Mellon Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University (2011-2012)
Fulbright - Institute of International Education, Dissertation Research Grant, Turkey (2010)
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences-Columbia University International Travel Fellowship (2010 - declined)
Foreign Language and Area Studies, Summer Language Grant (2010)
Ottoman and Turkish Summer School in Turkey, Harvard-Koç Universities
Mellon Seminar in British History, Columbia University (2010)
Howard and Natalie Shawn Summer Research Fellow, Columbia University, (2009)
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (German Academic Exchange Service), Bonn (2008)
Richard Hofstadter Faculty Fellowship in the Department of History, Columbia (2006-2012)
The Graduate Center, The City University of New York, New York, NY
Provosts' Fellowship (2004-2006)
Graduate Adjunct Fellowship- adjunct teaching appointment (2005-2006)
The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, NY
Four-year full tuition scholarship, awarded January 1995

WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PAPERS:

“Empire by Law: The Ottoman Origins of the Mandate System in the Middle East” Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania (rescheduled – fall 2021)
“From the Legalist Empire to the Sovereign State: Minority Rights and International Law and the Treaty of Lausanne,” The Forgotten Peace? The Lausanne Conference and the New Middle East Workshop, Ginkgo & Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Paris (June 2021)
“Autonomy and Sovereignty from the Red Sea to the Indian Ocean during the Second Constitutional Era,” Middle East Studies Association (October 5-17, 2020)
“Surviving the Great War in Istanbul,” roundtable discussion, Middle East Studies Association (October 5-17, 2020)
“Empire by Law: The Ottoman Origins of the Mandate System in the Middle East,” Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University (April 27, 2020)
“Turning Points: Middle East and Balkans, 1918-1923,” Graduate Student Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, (February 6-7, 2020), commentator

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- “International Law at the Treaty of Lausanne,” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans (November 14-17, 2019)
- “Ab Imperio: From "Privileged Provinces" to Mandates,” Legal History Colloquium, Vanderbilt University (November 11, 2019)
- “World War I and the Making of the Modern Middle East,” Asian Studies Program, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA (October 23, 2019)
- “From Legalist Empire to Sovereign State: Exceptional Provinces and Privileged People at the End of the Ottoman Empire,” Law and Legality in Modern Eastern Europe Workshop, Davis Center, Princeton University (October 4-5, 2019)
- “Woodrow Wilson and the Ottoman Empire” The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (June 20, 2019)
- “Sovereignty and International Law in the Middle East,” The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York (April 2, 2019)
- “How International, Transnational, and Global History Conquered the World: A Conference in Honor of Adam McKeown,” Columbia University (Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 2018), co-organizer & presenter
- “The Mandate Question in the Armistice Press in Istanbul, 1918-1920,” Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio (November 15-18) - panel organizer and presenter
- “End of World War I Centenary,” roundtable discussant, Berry College, Nov. 7, 2018
- “The Future of the Ottoman Domains and the Arab Provinces in the Armistice Press, 1918-1920 The Minority Question at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference, American University, Washington, D.C. (November 1-2, 2018)
- “Autonomy and Sovereignty in the late Ottoman Empire and the Indian Ocean World: A Comparative Perspective,” Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University (March 7, 2018)
- “The Egyptian Armistice: From Autonomy to Independence,” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 4-7, 2018)
- “The Law of War in Ottoman Legal Thought and Practice on the Eve of the First World War,” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C. (November 18-21, 2017)
- “Autonomy, Mandates, Independence: The Ottoman Legacy in the Modern Middle East,” Southern Methodist University, Dallas (November 15, 2018) - public talk
- “Autonomy, International Law and the Ottoman State,” The Continental Empires, Imperial Constitutions, and the Making of the International Order, University of Cambridge (March 11, 2017)
- “Teaching the History of Political Islam,” American Historical Association, Denver (January 5-8, 2017)
- “International Law, Sovereignty and Subjecthood in the Late Ottoman Empire,” Middle East Studies Association, Boston (November 17-20, 2016) - organizer and chair
- “Inside the Ottoman Foreign Ministry’s Office of Legal Counsel,” Between the World and the International: Thinking with Islamic and Ottoman Pasts, University of California, Berkeley (November 9-11, 2016)
- “The Ottoman Interpretation of Wilson’s 14 Points,” Florida State University (April 4, 2016)
- “International Law in the Ottoman Empire during the First World War,” Order and Contestation in Islamic International Law and International Relations, University of Helsinki (November 18, 2015)

- “The End of Occupation: Ottoman Sovereignty and the British Declaration of Protection in Egypt,” Georgetown University, Department of History and Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (October 7, 2015)
- “Woodrow Wilson in the Ottoman Empire,” Beyond Versailles: Governance, Legitimacy, and the Formation of New Politics after the Great War, Humboldt University, Berlin (May 21-23, 2015)
- “Ottoman International Lawyers at the End of Empire,” International Security Studies Brady-Johnson Colloquium in Grand Strategy and International History, Yale University (April 28, 2015)
- “The Ottoman Empire in a Trans-Imperial World,” roundtable discussant, International History Symposium, Temple University, Philadelphia (April 17, 2015)
- “Empire or the Turkish State? Autonomy in Ottoman International Legal Thought and Practices, 1914-1919” Mellon Interdisciplinary Fellows Program, Third Mellon Biennial Harriet Zuckerman Conference, Columbia University, New York (April 9, 2015)
- “Sovereignty, the Environment, and the Art of History,” workshop, New York University Abu Dhabi (March 11-12, 2015)
- “International Law at the End of the Ottoman Empire,” The 'Subjects' of International Law: Autonomy, Extraterritoriality, and the Making of Ottoman Citizens, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York (January 7, 2015)
- “Ottoman Legal Challenges to the Scramble for Africa,” American Historical Association, New York (January 2-5, 2015)
- “The Ottoman Origins of the League of Nations Mandate System in the Middle East,” The Ginkgo Conference, The First World War and Its Aftermath: The Shaping of the Middle East, School of Oriental and African Languages, London (December 6-7, 2014)
- “Ahmed Muhtar Paşa in Egypt: Ideas of Imperial Governance from the Edge,” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C. (November 22-25, 2014)
- “Marginal Occupations: The Ottoman Empire and the Ambiguities of Partial Sovereignty in Nineteenth Century International Law,” American Society for Legal History, Denver (November 5-6, 2014)
- “World War I and the Transformation of International Order: Reappraisals and New Global Perspectives?,” roundtable discussant, International History Workshop, Yale University (April 15, 2014)
- “Ottoman Autonomy and the Origins of British Imperial Control in the Middle East after World War I,” International Security Studies Brady-Johnson Colloquium in Grand Strategy and International History, Yale University (February 18, 2014)
- “The End of Occupation: Ottoman Sovereignty and the British Declaration of Protection in Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans (October 10-13, 2013)
- “Sovereignty in the Eastern Mediterranean,” roundtable discussant, Columbia-Central European University Workshop on European and Mediterranean Studies, Reid Hall, Paris (May 30-31, 2013)
- “Boundaries, Passports and Treaties: Ottoman Legal Challenges to the British Occupation of Egypt,” International Committee of Pre-Ottoman and Ottoman Studies Conference, Rethymno, Crete (June 27-July 1, 2012)
- “The Rights of the Sultan,” European History Workshop, Columbia University, New York (April 24, 2012)

“Lord Dufferin’s Tanzimat,” Ottoman Legacies Workshop, Columbia University, New York, (April 21, 2012)

“The Limits of Occupation: Ottoman Sovereignty and the British in Egypt,” Graduate Student Conference, “Norms et Normativité en Histoire,” University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris (March 15-16, 2010)

“The British Occupation of Egypt: Views from within the Ottoman Foreign Ministry,” A Symposium with the 2009 Shawn Fellows, “New Directions in Historical Research,” Columbia University, New York (October 21, 2009)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Peer reviewed articles and manuscripts for Columbia University Press, *American Historical Review*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Contemporary European History*, *Journal of Global History*, *Austrian History Yearbook* and *Journal of British Studies*

Co-Chair, First World War in the Middle East & North Africa Scholarly Network (2017-present)

Co-supervised senior theses in Middle East history for the Department of History and Middle East Studies at the University of California, Berkeley

Member of the American Society for Legal History (ASLH) Program Committee for the annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada (Oct 26-29, 2017)

Co-organizer, “Sovereignty and International History,” International Security Studies, Yale University, February 28-March 1, 2014

Co-organizer, Center for International History Graduate Student Conference, Columbia University

“Claiming the World: Universalisms as Doctrine and in Action,” March 2009

“Symbols of Exclusion,” April 2008

“Solidarities through History,” March 2007

Graduate History Association, Officer, 2007-2008

Member: American Historical Association, the Middle East Studies Association, Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association, American Society for Legal History

SERVICE:

University of West Georgia

Global Studies Committee (2020-present)

Digital Humanities Committee (2019-present)

Honors College, Advisory Council (2019-present)

Graduate Education Committee (2019-present)

Undergraduate Education Committee (2018-present)

Budget & Awards Committee, chair (2018-present)

Undergraduate Advisor (2018-present)

Graduate Advisor (2019-present)

Search committee, Public History (2018-19)

Study Abroad Ad-hoc Committee (2017-present)

Recruitment Ad-hoc Committee (2017-present)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES: Ottoman Turkish, modern Turkish, German, French

OTHER LANGUAGES: Arabic (2 years)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Aimee M. Genell