



HUNGARIAN
NATIONAL
MUSEUM



PROGRAM

DAY 1: OCTOBER 2, FRIDAY

Opening ceremony

- 09:00 Dr. Gábor Tomka, Deputy Director General for Science and Collections of the Hungarian National Museum
- 09:05 Dr. Yahya Coşkun, Vice President of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TiKA)
- 09:10 Her Excellency Ms. Gülsun Erkul, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye
- 09:15–10:30 Keynote lecture: *Filiz Yenişehirlioğlu: Formation and Transformation of Cities: Archives, Findings, Memories*

Session 1: Fortifications (chair: Adrienn Papp)

- 10:30–10:45 *Zsuzsanna Kopeczny – Attila Weisz: The inner castle of Timişvar (Timișoara, Romania) during the Ottoman rule. The results of the ongoing wall surveys*
- 10:45–11:00 *Ivana Hirschler Marić – Marin Matković: To serve and protect: the case of the Jahya-bey tower in Gorjani (Croatia)*
- 11:00–11:15 *Mojca Jančar – Mateja Ravnik: A Cannonball in the Wall: Evidence of Ottoman Artillery at Upper Maribor Castle*
- 11:15–11:30 Discussion

Lunch break

Session 2: Battlefield archaeology (chair: Gábor Tomka)

- 13:00–13:15 *Jelena Boras – Nataša Štefanec: Gorjani 1537 – in Search of the Battle*
- 13:15–13:30 *Balázs Polgár: The Battle of Harsány Hill (1687) – Conflict archaeology and cultural heritage management*
- 13:30–13:45 *Gábor Bertók – Márk Haramza – Zsombor Győrffy-Villám – Réka Neményi – Tibor Szabó: Reconstructing the Mohács battlefield: methodological synthesis and research outcomes*
- 13:45–14:00 *Márk Haramza – Ádám Thiele: Advanced archeometric analysis of close-combat weaponry from the Mohács 500 Project*
- 14:00–14:20 Discussion
- 14:20–14:40 Coffee break

BEFORE AND AFTER MOHÁCS:

Ottoman.. ..archaeological heritage in Europe

Over the past two decades, the archaeology of the Ottoman world and of regions under Ottoman rule has attracted growing scholarly attention across Europe. In the light of the growing body of archaeological advances in the field, the conference presents recent archaeological discoveries and new approaches to the cultural transformations that accompanied Ottoman expansion between the fourteenth and nineteenth centuries.

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**Hungarian National Museum,
Central Library**

(H-1088 Budapest, Múzeum krt. 14–16;
entry from Bródy Sándor Street)

Session 3: Cemeteries (chair: Adrienn Papp)

- 14:40–14:55 *Adriana Gașpar*: **Muslim funerary space in Ottoman Timișoara: cemeteries, ritual, and community**
- 14:55–15:10 *Constantin Băjenaru – Ingrid Petcu Levei, Marius Lascu – Cătălin Nopcea – Ștefan Palamiuc – Bianca Profran – Ioana Dorcu – Laura Gheorghiu*: **Ottoman Cemeteries in Constanța and the Surrounding Area – Preventive Excavations (2018–2025)**
- 15:10–15:25 *Konstantin Stalev*: **Deviant burials or deviant interpretations? Methodological problems in identifying the “dangerous dead” in Balkan archaeology (14th–17th c.)**
- 15:25–15:40 Discussion
- 16:30–17:30 Opening reception at the residence of the Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye

DAY 2: OCTOBER 3, SATURDAY

- 08:30–9:25 Keynote lecture: *Vesna Bikić*: **Things in Between: Objects, Exchange, and Identity in the Borderlands of the Ottoman Europe**

Session 4: Historical archaeology and heritage management (chair: Filiz Yenişehirloğlu)

- 09:25–09:40 *Hasan Yılmazyaşar*: **An Ottoman mint in Europe: The Belgrade mints in their numismatic and historical contexts**
- 09:40–09:55 *Teodor Kostov*: **Coins as adornment in the Ottoman Balkans: travel accounts and archaeological evidence**
- 09:55–10:10 *Mateja Ravnik – Vid Peče*: **The phenomenon of the Uskoks in the Karst in connection with the invisible heritage of the Ottomans in Slovenia**
- 10:10–10:25 Discussion
- 10:25–10:45 Coffee break

Session 5: Rare objects and money in circulation (chair: Vesna Bikić)

- 10:45–11:00 *Veronika Lambova*: **Glass in motion: post-medieval glassware and maritime circulation on the Ottoman Black Sea Coast**
- 11:00–11:15 *Mikaela Spasova*: **Exotic shells, local meanings: cowries in Ottoman-Period Bulgaria**

- 11:15–11:30 *Dimitriy Yanov – Gergely Szoboszlai – Erik Tóth*: **Ottoman coins from Visegrád**
- 11:30–11:45 *Maja Bunčić*: **Inscribed Ottoman rings from the collection of the Archaeological Museum in Zagreb**
- 11:45–12:05 Discussion

Lunch Break

Session 6: The “Ottoman city” (chair: Grigor Boykov)

- 13:00–13:15 *Adrienn Papp*: **Buda, a multicultural Ottoman city**
- 13:15–13:30 *Konstantinos T. Raptis*: **From Thessalonike to Selanik: shaping a conquered Byzantine metropolis into an Ottoman urban centre (1430–late 16th century)**
- 13:30–13:45 *Anastasia Thamnopolou*: **Urban landscapes of Ottoman Thessaly: the development of Tırhala and Yenişehir-i Fener**
- 13:45–14:00 *Teodora Mladenović – Milorad Ignjatović – Nikolina Adamović – Jelena Vasić Derimanović – Nika Strugar Bevc*: **At the point of decline – new archaeological evidence of Ottoman Belgrade**
- 14:00–14:15 *Bogdan Craiovan – Dorel Micle*: **Walking the streets of Ottoman Timișoara: archaeological evidence and cartographic correlations for the late medieval urban layout**
- 14:15–14:40 Discussion
- 14:40–15:00 Coffee break

Session 7: Urban topography (chair: Grigor Boykov)

- 15:00–15:15 *Irina Kajtez*: **Initial archaeological excavations of Isa-bey's bath in Novi Pazar, Serbia**
- 15:15–15:30 *Andrej Janeš – Zeynep Oğuz – Siniša Pamić – Ivica Pleština*: **“God loveth the clean”: the archaeological research of the hamam in Ilok (east Croatia)**
- 15:30–15:45 *Dorel Micle – Bogdan Craiovan*: **A radiography of the Turkish baths discovered in Liberty Square (Piața Libertății) in Timișoara during the 2013–2014 excavations**
- 15:45–16:00 *Raluca-Iuliana Motei – Dan Pîrvulescu*: **Uncovering the Ottoman-inspired water supply network in Bucharest**
- 16:00–16:15 *Jelena Boras*: **The Last Mosque Standing: Tracing the Ottoman town of Jakova (Đakovo) through its sole surviving monument**
- 16:15–16:40 Discussion
- 16:40–17:00 Coffee break

Session 8: Settlement networks

(Chair: Tünde F. Komori)

- 17:00–17:15 *András K. Németh – Gábor Máté: The rural settlements of the Balkan-originated population during the Ottoman occupation in Southern Hungary in light of archaeological data and written sources*
- 17:15–17:30 *Grigor Boykov – Chavdar Kirilov: Bridging text and landscape: a non-destructive archaeological investigation at Konush (Bulgaria)*
- 17:30–17:45 *Fahri Dikkaya: Reconstructing the Ottoman landscape of Harput: settlement patterns and social dynamics in the 16th–17th centuries*
- 17:45–18:00 Discussion
- 19:30 Gala dinner

DAY 3: OCTOBER 4, SUNDAY

- 09:30–10:30 Keynote: *Ibolya Gerelyes: Researching Iznik Ceramics in Hungary: Beginnings and Prospects*

Session 9: Trading networks (chair: Jelena Živković)

- 10:30–10:45 *Ágnes Kolláth: Bazaars, markets, fairgrounds – Places of trade in Ottoman Hungary*
- 10:45–11:00 *Tsveta Kodzhabasheva: Network analysis and sparse data: reconstructing Ottoman trade networks through ceramic evidence from the Balkans and the Aegean (15th–19th c.)*
- 11:00–11:15 *Jelena Živković – Vesna Bikić: Connectivity in the land between the rivers: ceramic production and exchange along the Danube, Sava and Drava during the Ottoman period*
- 11:15–11:30 *Dorottya Györkös – Tünde F. Komori – Erika Kereskényi – Diego Seguí-Fábián – László E. Aradi – Attila Kreiter: Beyond typology: new archaeometric insights into Asian decorative ceramics of the Ottoman world (16th–17th centuries)*
- 11:30–11:50 Discussion

Lunch break

Session 10: Household ceramics

(chair: Ágnes Kolláth)

- 13:00–13:15 *Renata Šučurović: Spatial distribution of stove pots during the Ottoman period in the area of Ilok (Újlak), Croatia*
- 13:15–13:30 *Aurel-Daniel Stănică – Niculina Dinu: Ottoman border, trade and administration. Ceramic material from Enisala (Yeni-Sale)*
- 13:30–13:45 *Orsolya Zay: Baking under the bell and in the pot-oven: Balkan culinary technologies in Ottoman-period Hungary*
- 13:45–14:00 *Periklis Slampeas: Tableware of the early Ottoman period from the city of Thessaloniki*
- 14:00–14:20 Discussion
- 14:20–14:45 Coffee break

Session 11: Ceramics of prestige and leisure

(chair: Gábor Tomka)

- 14:45–15:00 *Elena Gavrilă – Dan Pîrvulescu: Whiffs from the past: exploring the Ottoman influence on Bucharest's social rituals through clay pipes*
- 15:00–15:15 *Agnieszka Pudlis: Kara Mustafa's (1634/1635–1683) porcelain in the context of Chinese porcelain from archaeological excavations in the former Ottoman Empire*
- 15:15–15:30 *Yavuz Güler: 18th-century Kütahya ceramics in the Ottoman world: toward new interpretations of archaeological context*
- 15:30–15:45 Discussion
- 15:45–16:00 Coffee break

Session 12: New approaches to artefacts: case studies of collections and excavations

(chair: Gábor Tomka)

- 16:00–16:15 *Panayot Antonov: 'Bulgarian lands in the 15th – 17th centuries.' Collection of the National Museum of History, Sofia, Bulgaria*
- 16:15–16:30 *Emese Szalai: From the pasha's kitchen? – Ottoman-era ceramic finds from a medieval well in Buda Castle*
- 16:30–16:45 *Erik Tóth: Metal artefacts associated with the Ottoman elite from the excavation of a well in Buda Castle, Hungary*
- 16:45–17:00 Discussion
- 17:00 Closing remarks (Ibolya Gerelyes)

POSTERS

Márk Ádám: **New results regarding research of the Ottoman palanka of Szentmiklós**

Sanja Baškarad - Nikolina Hečimović: **Invisible Layers: Archaeological and Visual Challenges of Interpreting the Ottoman Period in Virovitica**

Ionuț-Cosmin Codrea: **Tobacco clay pipes as chronological indicators. Dating of the „Bethlen” bastion from the Deva Fortress**

Fatih Ekim: **The Ottoman Image and Memorial Culture in the Hungarian National Museum: 1526–1699**

Ágnes Font - Márta Daróczi-Szabó: **Ivory Objects from the Excavations of the Budapest History Museum, Hungary**

Flórián Harangi: **The transformation of the settlement network in the Ottoman period in the vicinity of Debrecen (Hungary)**

Kitti Jóború: **Ottoman cemetery in Buda**

Róbert Kertész: **An Ottoman sanjak seat in the northern borderland of the empire**

Gyöngyi Kovács: **Ottoman castles in defence of Buda – Past and present. Smaller castles and fortresses in the areas of today’s Pest and Fejér counties, Hungary**

Zorana Mladenović – Teodora Mladenović – Maja Živković: **Between kingdoms and empires: Sapaja fortress in light of new research**

Csilla Molnár - Zsuzsanna Löffler: **Remains of an Ottoman-Period Dwelling House from Dóm Square, Szeged**

Richárd Nagy: **Ottoman firearms in the Collection of the Budapest History Museum**

Vladislav Todorov: **The material culture of the population from the village of Kremikovche near Sofia city, Bulgaria: Evidence from the necropolis (15th –18th centuries)**

Orsolya Zay: **Between East and West: Tablet-Woven Mantle Ornaments in Ottoman-Period Hungary**