

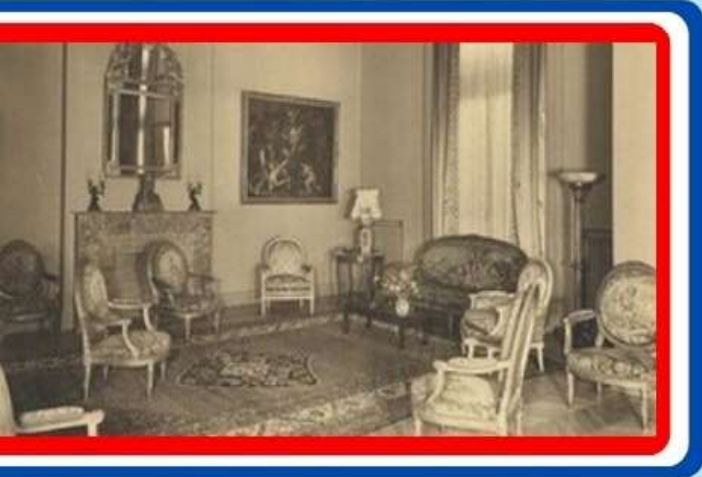


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Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Venue: Istanbul Technical University, Taşkışla Campus

Faculty of Architecture, Nezih Eldem Conference Hall

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Programme

09:00 – 09:30 | Registration and Welcome

Participant registration, distribution of badges and program.

Opening Session

09:30 – 09:45

Opening remarks: Doğan Gürpınar (Istanbul Technical University) and Philippe Bourmaud (Université Lumière Lyon 2 / IFEA)

Session 1. Diplomatic Reconfigurations

09:45 – 11:30

Chair: Saltuk Duran (Istanbul Technical University)

10:00 – 10:25: Un homme politique radical-socialiste premier ambassadeur français auprès de la République kémaliste : Albert Sarraut entre Constantinople et Angora (1925-1926), Sinan Kuneralp (Éditions ISIS)

10:25 – 10:50: A diplomat of the “ancien régime”: The first ambassador of Turkey in Paris and his recall, Müzeyyen Ezel Ünal Özdemir (University of Kocaeli)

10:50 – 11:15: L'accord d'Angora (octobre 1921), objet d'histoire culturelle ?, Emmanuel Szurek (EHESS)

11:15 – 11:30 | Discussion

11:30 – 11:45 | Coffee Break

Session 2. Urban Transitions

11:45 – 12:50

Chair: Doğan Gürpınar (Istanbul Technical University)

11:45 – 12:10: The Long Background of the Transfer of the French Embassy to Ankara: Spatial and Political Centralization in Fin-de-Siècle Anatolia and the Role of French Capital and Politics, Fatma Eda Çelik (EPHE) & E. Attila Aytekin (METU)

12:10 – 12:35: The Road to “Marble”: Reading the Development of Republican Ankara around the Embassy of France at Paris Avenue, Cem Dedekargınoğlu (Bilkent University)

12:35 – 12:50 | Discussion

12:50 – 13:50 | Lunch Break

Session 3. Intellectual and Cultural Reconfigurations

13:50 – 15:20

Discussant: Charles Ganier (IFEA)

13:50 – 14:15: Entre deux États laïques : l’installation de la chancellerie de l’Ambassade de France à Ankara (1928), Milad Yacoub (Assumptionist religious in Istanbul; PhD in Sociology, Paris Nanterre University)

14:15 – 14:40: Rivalités culturelles à Ankara : René Massigli (1888-1988) et la diplomatie française face à l’influence allemande (1939-1940), İlknur Köseoğlu (EHESS, Master in Political Studies)

14:40 – 15:05: What place for science in diplomacy? Locating the French Archaeological Institute in the French Palace, Taybuğa Aybars Mamalı (Istanbul Technical University)

15:05 – 15:20 | Discussion and Closing Remarks

Organizing Committee

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