

The Ottoman Empire: Elites, Networks and Control

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This presentation will focus on the varieties of elites in the Ottoman empire, from its emergence through various transformations of rule, discussing direct and indirect rule, modes of negotiation and incorporation, and the changing networks of relations between state and elites. I would like to distinguish between historical periods, modes of control and elite relations.

I hope to discuss three time periods, early establishment of state-elite patterns; eighteenth century reorganization of state-elite relations and post-reformation elites.

Therefore I propose a comparative historical analytical lens into three periods to understand both continuity and change in the empire.