

The Relationship between Azerbaijan and the Ottoman Empire, 1876-1920: Culture, Politics and Economics

This study seeks to understand the political, economic, and cultural relationship between Azerbaijan and the Ottoman Empire, which developed in the years 1876-1920, and concentrates mainly on northern Azerbaijan, the part under Russian colonial rule. Since the breakup of the Soviet Union, and even before then, many studies have been written, as separate issues, about the political, economic, and cultural relationship between Azerbaijan and the Ottoman Empire. However, none of them have investigated and analyzed the connection between the development of cultural relations and the strengthening of diplomatic and economic ties between the two countries.

In this study, I will analyze the important contribution of the Azerbaijani intellectuals to the development of the national, political, and ideological thinking in the last years of the Ottoman Empire. In addition, I will deal extensively with the relationship between the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (ADR) and the Ottoman Empire during the years 1918-1920. I will show how the development of cultural ties between Azerbaijan and the Ottoman Empire led to the strengthening of diplomatic and economic ties between the two countries. My research will rely on archive sources in Russia, Azerbaijan, and Turkey that have not been used previously.