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## **Overview of Digital Sources**

**For the study of the Ottoman Empire  
and Republic of Turkey**

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## Introduction

Increasingly, primary sources from the period before the emergence of digital media are being digitized. These “digital surrogates” have facilitated the work of (historical) researchers; instead of having to visit several archives, libraries and other places, the (primary) sources appear in front of them on their screen while they are sitting in their study at home or the university.

The physical places a (historical) researcher could visit to consult the sources (s)he was looking for were (and are) limited in number. The internet, however, is much vaster and, in many cases, more difficult to navigate. Searching for the wanted information in, for example, thousands of historical newspaper pages is often like looking for a needle in a haystack. Using Boolean Searches can facilitate such a search. In this [video tutorial](#), a librarian from the University of Regina in Canada explains very clearly how to use them.

This overview aims at assisting in locating relevant sources for those doing research on, in particular, the (late) Ottoman Empire and the early Republic of Turkey. Some sources of a later date are also added. It is meant to be used not only by experienced researchers, but also, and even more so, by young and new researchers or even prospective researchers and students. As such it serves to support and supplement the courses elsewhere on this site.

The overview is an ongoing project. Although it will be updated regularly, one should realize that it is impossible to make it exhaustive, if only due to the rapid developments in the digitalization of potential source materials. Having said that, remarks, comments and suggestions for additions are always welcome and can be sent to [Nicole van Os](#).

## Reference works / Research Tools

### Bibliographies

Can, Cemil Cahit & Ender Bilar, [Edirne Bibliyografyası](#), Edirne: Trakya Üniversitesi Rektörlüğü, 2009.

PDF with bibliography with primary and secondary sources on Edirne.

Language(s): Turkish.

Güçlü, Eda, [İstanbul Bibliyografyası 2000-2013](#), İstanbul: IFEA, 2013

Also available as PDF: [İstanbul Bibliyografyası](#)

### [A Chronology of Nineteenth-Century Periodicals in Arabic \(1800-1900\)](#)

A Chronology of Nineteenth-Century Periodicals in Arabic (1800-1900) (a research tool)

Language(s): English.

[Islamic Manuscripts, website dedicated to the world of the Islamic manuscript](#) (moderator: [Prof. Dr. Jan Just Witkam](#))

Includes an extensive list of downloadable catalogues of manuscripts and related materials from all over the world.

Language(s): English.

### [Islamic Painted Page](#)

Database of references for Persian paintings, Ottoman paintings, Arab paintings and Mughal paintings, including printed reproductions, commentaries and weblinks for thousands of Islamic paintings, including illuminated "carpet" pages, decorated Quran pages, and book bindings from over 230 collections all over the world.

Language(s): English (transcription).

### [Milli Kütüphane, Ankara, Türkiye Makaleler Bibliyografyası](#)

Bibliographic search engine of articles published in Turkey; 5,000 periodicals; appr 1 million articles from 1923 onwards.

Language(s): Turkish.

### **[Online Arabic Newspapers and Journals from the Middle East](#)**

Also includes links to some major Turkish newspapers

Language(s): English, Arabic.

### **[The Online Bibliography of Ottoman-Turkish Literature](#)**

Contains references to theses, books, articles, papers and on-going projects that relate to research into Ottoman literature, language and culture. Not clear if it is still updated.

Language(s): English.

### **[Osmanlı Edebiyatı Bibliografyası Veritabanı](#)**

Turkish version of the website above.

Language(s): Turkish.

### **[Ottoman History Podcast books and bibliographies section](#)**

Bibliographies of Ottoman history books grouped by year of appearance.

### **[Turkey in the First World War](#)**

Bibliography providing a list of works in English, Turkish and German consulted by the author of the website which aims at adding a "Turkish vantage point" to the story of the First World War.

Language(s): English.

## **Biographic references**

### **[University of Chicago: Historians of the Ottoman Empire](#)**

Bio-bibliographical references on appr 1,000 historians of Ottoman history, with downloadable PDF per historian

Language(s): English.

### **[American Board Memorial Book and Personnel Card File](#)**

List of names and bibliographical information on members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) in Turkey, the Balkans and the Middle East.

Language(s): English.

### **[Kalem Güzeli](#)**

Site giving extensive information on calligraphy and calligraphers from the past through the present.

Language(s): Turkish

### **[Türkiyeli Kadın Yazarlar Veri Tabanı](#)**

Database with biographic information on female authors from the Ottoman Empire and Turkey.

Language(s): Turkish.

### **[Who is who in Turkish Art and Culture](#)**

An online database of Turkish artists, artisans and academicians in Turkey and around the world initiated by the Turkish Cultural Foundation.

Language(s): English and Turkish.

### **[Women's Museum Istanbul](#)**

Online museum including the biographies of prominent women who lived in the city which is now known as Istanbul.

Language(s): English and Turkish.

## **Calenders**

## Takvimler

To convert dates.

Some other sites for date conversion:

[http://www.aly-abbara.com/utilitaires/calendrier/calendrier\\_hijir.html](http://www.aly-abbara.com/utilitaires/calendrier/calendrier_hijir.html)

<http://mela.us/hegira.html>

<http://www.i-takvim.com/anasayfa.php>

## Dictionaries and grammars

### Arabic Ontology

A searchable lexicon of Arabic that can be used both as a dictionary and as a thesaurus. Based on 150 multilingual, digitalized dictionaries.

Language(s): Arabic, English.

### Lexiqamus

Online Ottoman dictionary. One needs to subscribe to it to be able to use it. Leiden University students and faculty have unlimited access via Leiden University Library/Databases/Lexiqamus.

### Library of the German Oriental Society (Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft)

3,050 volumes of titles belonging to the Middle East and North Africa Special Area Collection of the University and State Library Saxony-Anhalt in Halle, includes several dictionaries and grammars.

Language(s): Several.

### Nişanyan Etymological Dictionary

Etymological Dictionary of Contemporary Turkish aiming to document the history and sources of all Turkish words in contemporary use. Appr 32,000 words in more than 15,000 entries. Regular updates.

Language(s): Turkish.



### [Türk Dil Kurumu](#)

With several online (Turkish) dictionaries.

Language(s): Turkish.

## Encyclopedias

### [1914-1918-online](#)

The “International Encyclopedia of the First World War” is an English-language virtual reference work on the First World War including articles on the Ottoman Empire.

Language(s): English.

### [Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı, İslam Araştırmaları Merkezi, İslam Ansiklopedisi](#)

İslam Ansiklopedisi published by the Diyanet Vakfı. The sources used to write the entries can be viewed in PDF at [İSAM Dokümantasyon Veri Tabanı](#).

Language(s): Turkish.

## Newspapers and Periodicals

### Newspapers

#### Historical Newspapers (Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic)

*(Ottoman) Turkish newspapers*

##### [Ankara Üniversitesi \(Ottoman\) Turkish Newspapers](#)

Various newspapers in (Ottoman) Turkish

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

##### [Atatürk Kitaplığı](#)

Numerous digitalized Ottoman newspapers. Downloadable as PDF after (free) registration.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

##### [Hakkı Tarık Us Kütüphanesi](#)

Digital archive of hundreds of Ottoman and Turkish newspapers and periodicals, from the Hakkı Tarık Us Collection (now at the Beyazıt State Library in Istanbul). Best accessed through Internet Explorer. Djvu programme needed to be able to read the downloadable newspapers.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

##### [Milli Kütüphane \(Turkish National Library\)](#)

Numerous digitalized Ottoman newspapers and periodicals. Downloadable as PDF after registration and against payment.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

##### [Ottoman local newspapers](#)

Site with local newspapers from various provinces in Anatolia. Partly transcribed. Searchable.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Cumhuriyet](#)

Digital archive of the newspaper from the 1930s onwards. Against payment.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Milliyet](#)

Digital archive of the newspaper from 1950 onwards. After (free) registration.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Resmi Gazete](#) (Resmi Ceride)

Official newspaper in which laws are published. Searchable archive which goes back to 7 February 1921.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Salt Research](#)

A selection of individual issues or clippings from newspapers and periodicals from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries

Language(s): various.

### *Francophone newspapers in the Ottoman Empire*

#### [Salt Research: French Press in the Ottoman Empire](#)

More than 100 digitized newspapers and magazines published in French in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey from the second half of the 19th century to the 1930s.

Language(s): French.

#### [Francophone press in Egypt](#)

Francophone periodicals and newspapers appearing in Egypt from 1798 onwards.

Language(s): French.

[National library France: Francophone newspapers from the Ottoman Empire](#)

Francophone newspapers from the Ottoman Empire

Language(s): French.

*Arabic newspapers from the Ottoman Period*

[Arabic Newspaper Archive of Ottoman and Mandatory Palestine](#)

42 titles covering the period 1908-1948.

Language(s): Arabic.

[Official gazette O.E.T.A. \(Occupied Enemy Territorial Administrations\) \(South\)](#)

Official gazette of the government of Palestine, 1919-1923

Language(s): English.

*Ottoman Greek newspapers*

[Sakoulidis Library](#)

Library of the Greek Consulate-General in Istanbul; Over 100 digitized periodicals and newspapers in Greek. Still being digitalized.

Language(s): Greek.

[Απογευματινή](#)

Istanbul Greek newspaper. 1925-1940 in PDF.

Language(s): Greek.

[Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, digital collections](#)

Manuscripts, books, newspapers, magazines, postcards, maps, photographs, works of art, and more

Language(s): Greek.

## *Ottoman Jewish newspapers*

### **Historical Jewish Press**

Includes newspapers in Ladino; French, etc from the Ottoman Empire, such as L'Aurore, La Epoca and El Tiempo.

Language(s): Ladino, French, English, Hebrew.

## **Newspapers from other countries**

### *National Libraries*

Many national libraries have digitalized their historical newspaper collections. Such historical newspapers may contain interesting information regarding the late Ottoman Empire and the (early) Turkish Republic. In most cases the newspapers are searchable. Sometimes they can only be browsed.

For the UK and the USA such freely accessible digitalized collections do not exist.

### **The British Newspaper Archive**

Hundreds of historical newspapers (appr. 29 million pages) from the 1700s onwards from Britain and Ireland. Only after subscription against payment.

Language(s): mostly English.

### **National library Switzerland / Suisse**

Old newspaper archive of the National Library of Switzerland.

Language(s): German, French, Italian.

### **National library Australia**

Old newspaper archive of the National Library of Australia.

Language(s): English.

### **National library Austria**

Old newspaper archive of the National Library of Austria.

Language(s): German, Hungarian, etc.

### **National library France**

Includes francophone newspapers from the Ottoman Empire, such as Journal de Salonique

Language(s): Various.

### **National library The Netherlands**

Old newspaper archive of the National Library of the Netherlands

Language(s): Dutch.

### **National library New Zealand**

Old newspaper archive of the National Library of New Zealand.

Language(s): English.

### *Other newspapers*

### **German, local newspapers during WWI**

Portal with local newspapers from Germany published during the First World War. Searches with "Türk\*" generate quite some hits.

Language(s): German.

### **Feldzeitungen erster Weltkrieg**

Newspapers from the front during the First World War.

Language(s): German.

### **New York Times**

Archives of NYT. Newspaper carried regular articles on "Turkey". Articles are sometimes freely downloadable, sometimes only available for subscribers.

Language(s): English

### [Christian Science Monitor](#)

This newspaper was, in general, well-informed on Turkey and the Middle East (read: the late Ottoman Empire). Its archive is, however, not available at the moment.

Language(s): English

## Periodicals

### [Arşîva Kurd](#)

Site with Kurdish publications. Several newspapers and periodicals also from diaspora. Includes e.g. women's periodicals such as *Jujin* and *Roza* which appeared in Istanbul in 1990s.

Language(s): Predominantly Kurdish.

### [Feminist Yaklaşımlar Arşivi](#)

Digital archive of the mentioned women's periodical which appeared between 2006-2013.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [Hakkı Tarık Us Kütüphanesi](#)

Digital archive of hundreds of Ottoman and Turkish newspapers and periodicals, from the Hakkı Tarık Us Collection (now at the Beyazıt State Library in Istanbul). Best accessed through Internet Explorer. Djvu programme needed to be able to read the downloadable newspapers.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Harb Mecmuası](#)

The Ottoman Turkish periodical in facsimile with transcriptions.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [İslamcı Dergiler Projesi \(İDP\)](#)

Digital archive of "islamcı" periodicals from Ottoman period onwards. More than 600 periodicals digitized.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Milli Folklor](#)

Digitalized backcopies of the periodical.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [Milli Kütüphane \(Turkish National Library\)](#)

Numerous digitalized Ottoman newspapers and periodicals. Downloadable as PDF after registration and against payment.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Osmanische/Türkische Periodika, Universität Bonn](#)

12 digitized periodicals in (Ottoman) Turkish.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Osmanlıca Makaleler Veri Tabanı \(Article Database\)](#) at ISAM

Database with > 27,500 articles on history, literature and Islam, downloadable as PDF.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Pazartesi, Feminist ve Kaktüs Arşivi](#)

Digital archive of the mentioned women's periodicals which appeared in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [Petrol-İş Kadın](#)



Digital archive of the mentioned women's periodical which appeared in paper between 2003-2015 and continued in digital form afterwards.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [TÜSTAV, Türkiye Sosyal Tarih Araştırma Vakfı](#)

Digital archive of leftist, socialist periodicals from the Ottoman as well as the republican period.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

## Salnameler

[Ottoman Salnâme Database](#) at ISAM.

Database including > 670 Ottoman imperial and provincial yearbooks (*salnâmes* and *nevsâls*) downloadable as PDF.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

## Archives

### [2mi3museum](#)

Online museum of a mixed Armenian, Italian, Greek family which has been living in Turkey since the 1800s. Including the (short) stories of the families, family photographs and photographs of some artefacts.

Language(s): English.

### [Anthemousa](#)

Digital archive of 38 out of 42 of the Greek Communities of Constantinople. > 1,000,000 pages of the documents found at these parochial and communal archives.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Greek.

### [Boğaziçi Arşivi](#)

Site of project aiming at the digitalization of several personal collections donated to or purchased by Bosphorus University. Includes also collections related to the history of Bosphorus University and, e.g. on Robert College and the American College for Girls.

Language(s): English, Turkish.

### [Council of Overseas American Research Centers; Digital Library of International Research](#)

Digitalized collections of amongst others American Research Institute in Turkey, incl e.g. Personnel cards of members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) in Turkey, the Balkans and the Middle East.

Language(s): English.

### [T.C. Cumhurbaşkanlığı Devlet Arşivleri Başkanlığı](#)

Digitalized books published by the Turkish Prime Ministerial / Presidential Archives.

Language(s): Turkish, English.

### [firstworldwar.com; a multimedia history of world war one](#)

A collection of primary documents that document the course of the First World War via source - often official government - material.

Language(s): English.

### [Gertrude Bell Archive](#)

Archives of Gertrude Bell including diaries, letters, photographs, etc.

Language(s): English.

### [Hellenic Republic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)

Service of Diplomatic and Historical Archives.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Greek.

### [Istanbul Şehir University Institutional Repository](#)

A digital service that collects, preserves, and distributes digital material including the personal archives of several persons, including e.g.

#### [Archives of the researcher Taha Toros \(1910-2012\).](#)

> 20,000 pertaining to persons, places, buildings and institutions of Istanbul and Turkey. Contains the personal papers of many prominent late Ottoman and Turkish personalities.

Language(s): Mostly (Ottoman) Turkish

#### [Zeynep Orhon Targaç Photograph Archive](#)

Appr. 200 photographs of mostly Istanbul.

### [Kadı Sicilleri](#)

40 volumes of court records, transcribed and searchable.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Krikor Guerguerian Archive](#)

Archive of materials collected by Krikor Guerguerian, including thousands of original Ottoman documents and Guerguerian's extensive, unpublished writings on the atrocities of 1915.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Levantine Heritage Foundation](#)

Site of this association which promotes the research, preservation and education on the topic of the so-called Levantine communities in the Ottoman Empire from the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Contains family histories, photographs, documents, ephemera.

Language(s): mostly English.

### [Lady Layard's Journal](#)

Diaries of Lady Layard, wife of the Ambassador to Constantinople of Great-Brittain. Relevant period: 20 April 1877 – 2 June 1880

Language(s): English.

### [Meclis tutanakları](#)

Parliamentary and Senate Minutes of the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic. Searchable for words. Transcribed.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [The National Archives \(UK\)](#)

National Archives of the UK including an increasing number of documents available online such as the FO 882 documents which are dealing with the Middle East during WWI and the period directly following it.

Language(s): English.

### [Qatar Digital Library](#)

Archive covering modern history and culture of the Gulf and wider region including e.g. British Library: India Office Records and Private Papers.

Language(s): Arabic, English.

### [Saltresearch \(Archives of the Ottoman Bank\)](#)

This archive contains private and professional papers of various families, in majority from Istanbul.

Language(s): English, Turkish, and more.

**[Sephardic Studies Digital Library Collection](#)**

> 1,500 original Ladino books and thousands of documents composed in Ladino as well as other relevant languages from the 16th until mid-20th century.

Language(s): Ottoman (Turkish), Ladino, Hebrew, French.

**[Venetian State Archives \(Archivio di Stato di Venezia\)](#)**

Online collection of important Ottoman documents pertaining to the relations between the two states.

## Parties, Politics and Law(s)

[Biliotti, A. et Ahmed Sedad, \*Législation Ottoman depuis le Rétablissement de la Constitution, 24 Djemazi-ul-ahir 1326 – 10 Juillet 1324 / 1908: Recueil des Lois, Décrets, Règlements, Conventions, Actes Internationaux, etc., etc...\*, de l'Empire Ottoman \[Tome premier: Du 24 djemazi-ul-ahir 1326 – 10 Juillet 1324 / 1908 au 1er Zilcadé 1327 – 1er Novembre 1325/1909. Paris: Jouve et Cie, 1912.](#)

French translation of laws issued between 10 July 1908 and 1 November 1909.

### [Bülent Ecevit'in Köşe Yazıları](#)

Collection of columns written by Bülent Ecevit grouped under the topics "sanat", "siyaset" ve "gezi".

Language(s): Turkish

### [Kadı Sicilleri](#)

40 volumes of court records, transcribed and searchable.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Resmi Gazete](#) (Resmi Ceride)

Official newspaper in which laws are published. Searchable archive which goes back to 7 February 1921.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [SETA \(Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research\)](#)

Non-profit research institute affiliated with the ruling AKP “dedicated to innovative studies on national, regional, and international issues.” PDFs of many reports and policy papers.

Language(s): Turkish and English.

### [TESAV \(Toplumsal Ekonomik Siyasal Araştırmalar Vakfı\)](#)

Site giving information on elections, political parties and MPs.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi: Kanunlar ve kararlar erişim ekranı](#)

Searchable site listing all laws (*kanun*) and decrees (*karar*) issued Parliament and Senate since the beginning of the Turkish Republican Period.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi: Tutanak sorguları](#)

In several manners searchable database of the reports / texts of the meetings of the parliaments, senates, committees, etc.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### [Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi Kütüphanesi Açık Erişim Koleksiyonu](#)

Open access collection of the Turkish Parliamentary Library. Many documents, books, brochures, pamphlets, etc. pertaining to e.g. historical and present political parties. Downloadable as PDFs. Includes e.g.

[Düster \[Tertib 1\]](#)

[Düster \(Tertib-i Sani\) \[Tertib 2\]](#)

## Visual materials (including photographs on art, architecture and material culture, films, and maps)

### Photographs / Images

#### 3D Mekanlar

3D (360°) photographs of buildings and places in Turkey, the Balkans and other places.

Language(s): English, Turkish and Arabic.

#### Library of Congress: Abdul Hamid II Collection

Appr. 1,820 photographs from the albums of Abdülhamid II.

Language(s): English.

#### Akkasah, the Center for Photography at New York University Abu Dhabi

Large collection of photographs, postcards incl. many family photographs without further identification.

Language(s): English.

#### L'album souvenir d'un marin français en Turquie

Set of appr 150 photographs from the end of 19th - early 20th century

Language(s): French.

#### Arab Image Foundation

More than 600,000 photographs from the Middle East, North Africa and the Arab diaspora collected and preserved by the Arab Image Foundation, a non-profit organization established in Beirut in 1997.

Language(s): English, Arabic.

#### Arachne

The central object database of the [German Archaeological Institute \(DAI\)](#) and the [Cologne Digital Archaeology Laboratory \(CoDArchLab\)](#) at the Archaeological Institute of the University of Cologne. A



search with “Türkei” generates > 35,000 results. Includes a collection of > 2,200 photographs made by [Max von Oppenheim \(1860-1941\)](#), a German lawyer, diplomat, ancient historian, and archaeologist.

#### [ArchNet Digital Library](#)

Site with visual materials on Islamic art and architecture.

Language(s): English.

#### [Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, München](#)

Search term “Türkei” generates more than 660 photographs starting from 1890s.

Language(s): German.

#### [The Blatchford Collection of Photographs at the American University of Beirut \(AUB\)](#)

Appr. 800 photographs of France, Italy, Ottoman Empire including Arab provinces and Egypt. Ca. 1900.

Language(s): English.

#### [Le Caire photographié par Facchinelli](#)

Site with early photographs of Cairo made by Beniamino Facchinelli (1839-1895).

#### [Camera Ottomana: Photography and Modernity in the Ottoman Empire 1840-1914](#)

A selection of photographs of the exhibition at ANAMED in 2015. Unique albums in possession of Ömer Koç.

Language(s): English.

#### [Caner Cangül Fotoğrafları](#)

Site with recent photographs (since 2006) of all over Turkey. The photographer aims to upload up to 10,000 photographs from his personal archive.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [Constantinople – David Talbot-Rice](#)

> 775 images taken by David Talbot-Rice in Istanbul between c. 1927 and 1957, mainly of excavations of Byzantine sites.

### [Dick Osseman photogalleries](#)

> 77,000 photographs from all over Turkey. Organized alphabetically per region.

Language(s): English, Turkish.

### [Eski İstanbul Fotoğrafları Arşivi](#)

> 6,500 photographs of old Istanbul. Provides original sources of the photographs.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [Eski Türkiye Fotoğrafları Arşivi](#)

> 4,000 old photographs of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey. Provides original sources of the photographs.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [Facebook](#)

Contains several groups where photographs are posted. These sites are in most cases searchable. See e.g.:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/217122701763933/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/eskiistanbulfotoğraflari/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tarihistanbul/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gulayribar/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldisteskiistanbul/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/352140331471346/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/I.Dunya.Savasi.Iclal.Tunca.Orses.Arsivi/>

<https://www.facebook.com/hayallemecom/>

### **G. Eric and Edith Matson Photograph Collection**

> 22,000 photographs of Palestine of present day Israel and the West Bank from 1898 to 1946.

Language(s): English.

### **Fonds Louis Robert of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres at the Institut de France in Paris**

This concerns a photograph identification project in an effort to identify the places and objects on the > 5,000 photographs of archeological objects and landscapes taken in Anatolia by Louis Robert.

### **Gallica, Bibliotheque National de France**

A search with the search term "Turquie" generates > 1,250 online images and photographs dated from 16<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

### **German National Archives**

A search with the term "Türkei" generates > 1,000 hits of which 330 from the pre-republican period.

Language(s): German, English.

### **Gertrude Bell Archive**

Archives of Gertrude Bell including diaries, letters, photographs (mostly, but not only, of archeological sites, etc.

Language(s): English.

### **Hayalleme**

Site with old photographs of (mainly) Istanbul. Connected to Facebook page [hallemecom](https://www.facebook.com/hallemecom).

Language(s): Turkish.

### **Houshamadyan; A Project to Reconstruct Ottoman Armenian Town and Village Life**

Includes (family)archives from Armenians originally from the Ottoman Empire.

Language(s): English, Armenian, Turkish.

### [Imperial War Museums](#)

Collection covering conflicts from the First World War to the present day involving Britain, its former Empire and the Commonwealth. A search with the term "Turkey" generates close to 4,000 hits of several kinds of objects.

Language(s): English.

### [IRCICA Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture: Farabi Digital Library](#)

Appr. 18,000 images and photographs.

Language(s): Turkish, English.

### [Islamic Art Network](#)

Site documenting more than 400 historical monuments of Cairo through photographs. Aims at eventually also documenting monuments in other parts of the Islamic world.

Language(s): Arabic, English.

### [Islamic Painted Page](#)

Database of references for Persian paintings, Ottoman paintings, Arab paintings and Mughal paintings, including printed reproductions, commentaries and weblinks for thousands of Islamic paintings, including illuminated "carpet" pages, decorated Quran pages, and book bindings from over 230 collections all over the world.

Language(s): English (transcription).

### [Koç University Suna Kıraç Library's Digital Collections Portal](#)

Portal in English and Turkish containing thousands of images from different collections, such as e.g.:

#### [Ankara Photographs, Postcards and Engravings](#)

> 3,500 photographs, postcards and engravings from Ankara dating from 1800 to 1980s.

#### [Sivil Mimari Bellek Ankara 1930-1980 Yapı Envanteri](#)

> 235 photographs of buildings, maquettes, etc from Ankara (1930-1980).

#### [Josephine Powell Slide Collection](#)

Appr. 19,000 photographs of examples of material culture from Anatolia ranging from archeological artifacts to tapestries, to clothing, etc taken by the photographer and ethnographic collector [Josephine Powell \(1919-2007\)](#).

#### [Ankara Taşınmaz Kültür Varlıkları - Ankara Immovable Cultural Property](#)

> 630 photographs of buildings and other structures in Ankara.

#### [Ulla Johansen Anatolian Ethnology Collection](#)

Appr. 1,650 photographs from the anthropologist [Ulla Johansen \(1927 -\)](#).

#### [Levantine Heritage Foundation](#)

Site of this association which promotes the research, preservation and education on the topic of the so-called Levantine communities in the Ottoman Empire from the 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Contains family histories, photographs, documents, ephemera.

Language(s): mostly English.

#### [Luminous-Lint, Photohistory Visualizer \(Islamic Architecture\)](#)

Website for people interested in the history of photography with 85,411 photographs from 3,273 different collections around the world. One needs to subscribe.

Language(s): English.

#### [The Machiel Kiel Photographic Archive](#)

Digitalization of photographs made by [Machiel Kiel \(1938 -\)](#) of Ottoman buildings in the Balkans and Turkey.

Language(s): English.

#### [Modern Heritage Observatory](#)

A network of > 30 institutions and individuals from the Middle East and North Africa working together for the preservation of the region's modern cultural heritage and focusing on photography, music, architecture and film.

Language(s): English.

### [Nationaal Archief Nederland \(Dutch national archives\)](#)

Search term “Turkije” generates > 750 photographs.

### [New York Public Library, Digital Collections](#)

Search term “Turkey” generates > 1,500 hits (but includes a few of the bird); “Istanbul” generates > 580 hits. Many pictures of costume albums.

Language(s): English.

### [Ovenk](#)

Photo site launched in 2013 to allow people to search for Armenian relatives, Armenian ancestors, places of origin. Most pictures come from the Armenian Memory Institute (AMI) collection and digitalization project.

Language(s): English.

### [Pierre de Gigord collection of photographs of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey](#)

> 3,750 (out of > 12.000) photographs from the Pierre de Gigord collection of photographs of the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey, 1850-1958, bulk 1853-1930.

Language(s): English.

### [Saltresearch](#)

“SALT Research comprises a specialized library and an archive of physical and digital sources and documents on visual practices, the built environment, social life and economic history.

[Collections](#) at SALT Research focus on the period from the late 19th century to the present day with an emphasis on Turkey -primarily Istanbul- and the geographies of the Southeast Mediterranean and Southeast Europe. The collections include visual and textual sources and documents on the art history of Turkey post 1950, the development of architecture and design in Turkey since the beginning of the 20th century, and the transformations in society and the region from the last century of the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic up until the 1990s.”

Language(s): English, Turkish.

### [M. Eren Çalikoğlu](#)

Selection from the 20,000 photographs taken by M. Eren Çalikoğlu (1935-2014) from all over Turkey.

### [Architecture and Design](#)

Archive documenting design objects focusing on architecture, urbanism and design. Includes the archives of several famous Turkish architects.

### [Photographs](#)

Collection of photographs and postcards from cities in the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic.

### [Portraits](#)

> 400 Portraits of a wide assortment of people from the late Ottoman Empire.

### [Engin Özendes](#)

160 photographs of the late Ottoman Empire from the collection of Engin Özendes.

### [Sebah&Joallier Photos](#)

> 1,400 photographs from the famous Istanbul photographers from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Language(s): English, French, Turkish.

### [Siba \(Sarajevo, Istanbul, Belgrade, Ankara\); A Visual Approach to Explore Everyday Life in Turkish and Yugoslav Cities, 1920s and 1930s](#)

Appr. 100 photographs of mainly Istanbul.

### [Travelers in the Middle East Archive](#)

Digital archive that focuses on Western interactions with the Middle East, particularly travels to Egypt and Cyprus during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Language(s): English and other.

### [Travelogues](#)

Website of the Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation presenting the near totality of graphic material from travel editions from the 15<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> century, accompanied by thorough documentation.

Language(s): various.

### **Turkish Cultural Foundation**

Approximately 10,000 slides from the archives of Prof. Nurhan Atasoy taken during her travels since 1955.

Language(s): English and Turkish.

### **Turkish Postcards**

Site containing > 2,000 (historical) postcards from the Ottoman Empire and Turkey.

Language(s): English and Turkish.

### **University of Michigan Library: Turkish Life in Pictures**

230 photographs; mostly from 2000s.

Language(s): English.

### **World Digital Library**

Appr. 20,000 items (manuscripts, books, photographs, maps) about 193 countries. Including Middle East and North Africa.

Language(s): English.

### *Stock photo's*

#### **Getty Images**

Stockphoto's and images: Turkey and Ottoman Empire.

Language(s): English.

#### **Alamy**

Stockphoto's and images: Turkey and Ottoman Empire.

Language(s): English.



## Maps

### [David Rumsey Map Collection](#)

> 1,250 maps of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey (1525 - 1993).

Language(s): English.

### [Gallica, Bibliotheque National de France](#)

A search with the search term "Turquie" generates > 530 online maps dated from 16<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

Language(s): French.

### [Harvard Library, Islamic Heritage Project \(maps\)](#)

66 maps of the Ottoman Empire and beyond.

Language(s): English.

### [Istanbul Urban Database](#)

An interactive sustainable web mapping application for research and the public.

Language(s): English, Turkish.

### [Koç University Suna Kiraç Library Digital Collections, Ankara map and plan archive](#)

> 185 maps and plans of Ankara.

Language(s): English, Turkish.

### [Maviboncuk](#)

Old insurance maps of Istanbul made by Jacques Pervititch, Suad Nirven and others.

Language(s): English, Turkish.

### [Near East Relief](#)

“The Near East Relief Digital Museum commemorates America’s historic response to the Armenian, Assyrian, and Anatolian Greek Genocide.” On the website one can find > 1,000 images from the Near East Foundation collection related to the activities of the NER in the aftermath of the First World War. Also family archives have been uploaded. NER [Facebookpage](#).

Language(s): English.

#### [Saltresearch \(Archives of the Ottoman Bank\)](#)

Maps and blueprints dating from 19th and 20th century including the detailed [insurance maps by Charles \(Chase\) Edward Goad and Jacques Pervititch](#) from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Most of them freely accessible.

Language(s): English, Turkish.

#### [Travelers in the Middle East Archive](#)

Digital archive that focuses on Western interactions with the Middle East, particularly travels to Egypt and Cyprus during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Language(s): English and other.

#### [Turkish and Ottoman Maps and Prints](#)

Site including maps dating from 1561 until 1912.

#### [Türkiye Kültür Varlıkları Harita Konumları](#)

Website showing historical sites of various kinds on interactive maps. Links to Google maps routes. No further information on the sites.

Language(s): Turkish.

#### [University of Texas at Austin: UT Libraries Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection](#)

Language(s): English.

#### [The New York Public Library Digital Collections](#)

Maps from Richard Kiepert (1908) when using the terms “Turkey” and “Maps”.

## Films

### [European Film Gateway \(EFG\)](#)

Language(s): English and many other languages.

### [British Pathé Historical films](#)

Search term: Turkey

Language(s): English.

### [TRTArşiv](#)

Archives of the Turkish Radio and Television Company.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [Youtube](#)

On Youtube one can find some historical footage dating from the late Ottoman Empire and the early Turkish Republic. Search e.g. with the term "Ottoman Film Archives."

## Inscriptions

### [Database for Ottoman Inscriptions in Istanbul](#)

searchable digital database comprising information about, as well as transliterations and pictures of, all the Turkish, Arabic and Persian architectural inscriptions created in the Ottoman lands during Ottoman times.

Language(s): English.

### [The Monumental Inscriptions of Historic Cairo](#)

Website of project which aimed at photographing, transcribing and translating the unpublished inscriptions in pre-1800 monuments in Cairo.

Language(s): English, Arabic

## **Calligraphy**

### **Kalem Güzeli**

Site giving extensive information on calligraphy and calligraphers from the past through the present.

Language(s): Turkish.

## Books and manuscripts

### Bibliographical works / databases related to books and manuscripts

#### [Islamic Manuscripts, website dedicated to the world of the Islamic manuscript \(moderator: Prof. Dr. Jan Just Witkam\)](#)

Includes an extensive list of downloadable catalogues of manuscripts and related materials from all over the world.

Language(s): English and other.

Schmidt, Jan, *Catalogue of Turkish manuscripts in the library of Leiden University and other collections in the Netherlands*, Leiden 2000-2012:

[Volume 1](#) (via Leiden University Library)

[Volume 2](#) (via Leiden University Library)

[Volume 3](#) (via Leiden University Library)

[Volume 4](#) (downloadable @ OAPEN)

#### [To-Kat: Ulusal Toplu Katalog](#)

Collective database of the collections available at several (University) libraries in Turkey.

#### [Türkiye Kütüphaneler Veritabanı](#) at ISAM

Database of > 700,000 manuscripts, documents and books (in (Ottoman) Turkish, Arabic, etc) available at > 100 libraries in Turkey.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish, Arabic, etc.

## Books and manuscripts

#### [Abdul-Hamid II Collection of Books and Serials Gifted to the Library of Congress](#)

309 books and serials gifted by Abdulhamid II to the “national library of the United States of America” in 1884 plus 26 existent Abdul-Hamid II books which also have been digitized.

Language(s): Ottoman (Turkish).

### [Hathitrust, digital library](#)

Includes several Ottoman works and works on the Ottoman Empire. Not all works are freely accessible.

Language(s): English.

### [The Internet Archive](#)

A digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Includes e.g. many travel accounts to the Ottoman Empire of which those published prior to 1923 are available for download. The manuscript collections of some of the Ottoman libraries in Istanbul are also available through this portal.

Language(s): Several languages.

### [Duke University Libraries, Ottoman-Turkish Literature](#)

Digitized books in Ottoman Turkish from DU within archive.org.

Language(s): Ottoman.

### [Fazıl Ahmed Paşa Koleksiyonu](#)

1,021 manuscripts from the Fazıl Ahmed Paşa collection within archive.org.

Language(s): Ottoman Turkish, Arabic, Persian.

### [Mehmet Asım Bey koleksiyonu](#)

741 manuscripts from the Mehmet Asım Bey collection from the [Köprülü Yazma Eser Kütüphanesi](#) within archive.org.

Language(s): Ottoman Turkish, Arabic, Persian.

### [Ohio State University Library](#)

> 125 books in Ottoman Turkish.

### [University of Toronto – Robarts Library](#)

Appr. 1,300 books and manuscripts in Ottoman Turkish.

Language(s): Ottoman Turkish.

### [Koç University Manuscripts Collection](#)

481 manuscripts and rare books digitized.

Language(s): Ottoman, Arabic, Persian.

#### **[Library of the German Oriental Society \(Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft\)](#)**

3,050 volumes of titles belonging to the Middle East and North Africa Special Area Collection of the University and State Library Saxony-Anhalt in Halle, includes several dictionaries and grammars.

Language(s): Several.

#### **[Research Library for Turkish Studies: The Jacob M. Landau Collection](#)**

The collection comprises 3.000 volumes of original source materials and secondary literature on the history of the late Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey.

Language(s): Ottoman (Turkish), etc.

#### **[Risaleler Veritabanı \(Dbase of Treatises\)](#) at ISAM**

Searchable database with >3,400 treatises on history, literature and Islam in PDF.

Language(s): Ottoman (Turkish).

#### **[Sephardic Studies Digital Library Collection](#)**

> 1,500 original Ladino books and thousands of documents composed in Ladino as well as other relevant languages from the 16th until mid-20th century.

Language(s): Ottoman (Turkish), Ladino, Hebrew, French.

#### **[Travelers in the Middle East Archive](#)**

Digital archive that focuses on Western interactions with the Middle East, particularly travels to Egypt and Cyprus during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Language(s): English and other.

#### **[Türk Dil Kurumu El Yazması ve Nadir Eserler Veri Tabanı Kitaplığı](#)**

Online access to Ottoman manuscripts preserved in Turkey's manuscript libraries.

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

### **Türkiye Yazma Eserler Kurumu**

Catalogue of > 200,000 manuscripts of which > 80,000 available in digital form after having subscribed to the site.

See also <http://www.ekitap.yek.gov.tr/>

Language(s): (Ottoman) Turkish.

## **Secondary literature etc.**

### **Bibliographies**

#### **Essential Readings**

Bibliographies on several topics related to the Middle East at site of Al-Jadaliyya.

#### **Ottoman History Podcast books and bibliographies section**

Bibliographies of Ottoman history books grouped by year of appearance.

#### **Varuzhan Geghamyan's blog on Turkey and beyond (What's up in Turkish and Ottoman Studies: new books in 2018)**

List of English language books published during 2018 in the field of Turkish and Ottoman Studies.

## **Open access secondary literature**

#### **Academia.edu**

Site where many scholars share their work. One needs to subscribe (for free) to have access.

Language(s): various.

#### **JournalPark (Dergipark)**



Online hosting services for peer-reviewed academic journals published in Turkey from TÜBİTAK ULAKBİM.

Language(s): Turkish, English.

### [OAPEN](#)

Online library and publication platform containing freely accessible academic books, mainly in the area of humanities and social sciences.

Language(s): English, German.

### [Open edition books](#)

A (France based) platform of scholarly books from the areas of humanities and social sciences. More than half of these are open access. Search term "Turquie" results > 450 scholarly books in French on the Ottoman Empire and Turkey.

Language(s): French.

### [Mülkiyeliler Birliği](#)

Books published by Mülkiyeliler Birliği. 53 books downloadable as PFD. Also, its periodical.

Language(s): Turkish.

### [ResearchGate](#)

Site where many scholars share their work. One needs to subscribe (for free) to have access.

Language(s): various.

### [Türkiye Akademik Arşivi](#)

Database of articles written in academic periodicals in Turkey. Many of them are downloadable via [JournalPark \(Dergipark\)](#).

### [Türkiye Tarih Kurumu](#)

Includes the periodicals *Belleten* and *Belgeler*.

Language(s): Turkish.

[T.C. Cumhurbaşkanlığı İletişim Başkanlığı](#)

[University of California Press E-Books Collection, 1982-2004](#)

36 books on the Middle East, the Ottoman Empire and Turkey.

## Podcasts

### [Ottoman History Podcast](#)

One of the largest digital resources for academic discussion concerning the Ottoman Empire and the modern Middle East.

Language(s): mostly English.

## Theses and Dissertations

### [DART-Europe E-theses Portal](#)

Database of open access theses from 617 Universities in 28 European countries (EU/EER). Search “Turkey” generates > 700 results. Search “Middle East” idem.

Language(s): various.

### [Dissertation Reviews: Ottoman & Turkish Studies](#)

Gives brief reviews of dissertations written on the Ottoman Empire and Turkey.

Language(s): English

### [Medarat Kurd Dissertations](#)

Database of theses that are related to Kurds and Kurdistan in multiple languages.

Language(s): English and other.

### [To-Kat: Ulusal Toplu Katalog](#)

Collective database of the collections available at several (University) libraries in Turkey.

### [Ulusal Tez Merkezi](#)

Database of theses (BA, MA and PhD) written in Turkey.

## Websites

### History and historical geography of Turkey and the late Ottoman Empire & Ottoman-Armenian-Kurdish relations before the First World War

Website of the historian and independent researcher Jelle Verheij.

Language(s): English

## Research Institutes / Think Tanks

### [Açık Toplum Vakfı \(Open Society Foundation\)](#)

Foundation which supports the changes in the context of the relation between the EU and Turkey, women's rights, education and the diminishing of the differences between the geographical regions in Turkey, as well as the strengthening of civil society. As from 26 November 2018 the foundation has discontinued its activities. Publications are still available at the web.

### [Friedrich Ebert Stiftung](#)

German political foundation associated with the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) promoting democracy and political education. Does research on several topics in several countries including Turkey. Several reports on Turkey are available on their website.

### [Heinrich Böll Stiftung](#)

German think tank associated with the Green Party in German. Does research on several topics in several countries including Turkey. Several reports on Turkey are available on their website.

### [KEİG \(Kadın Emeği ve İstihdam Girişimi\)](#)

Platform including 32 separate women's organizations from 16 different provinces, all working on different aspects of the issue of gender equality – such as labour, male violence against women, and the political participation of women. Several reports in PDF on the topics listed above dating from 2007 onwards.

### [SETAV \(Siyaset, Ekonomi ve Toplum Araştırmaları Vakfı\)](#)

Think tank (“non-profit research institute dedicated to innovative studies on national, regional, and international issues”) affiliated with the ruling AK Parti. Many policy reports in PDF.

### [TESEV \(Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation\)](#)

Foundation which does scholarly research to provide evidence-based policy recommendations. Its reports on a wide variety of topics are available online.

### [Women Living Under Muslim Laws](#)

This network provides information, support and a collective space for women whose lives are shaped, conditioned or governed by laws and customs said to derive from Islam. The site offers news, research reports, etc. in PDF.

## Various

### Oral history / stories

#### [Uysal – Walker Archive of Turkish Oral Narrative](#)

Site with Turkish and Turkic oral narratives, folk stories, epics and songs collected from Turkey and the Turkic world. Many of them both as sound recordings and as transcripts. Includes also PDFs of (older) printed versions of these narratives, folk stories, epics and songs.

Language(s): Turkish, English.