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History in Fiction

- Victoria Rowe Holbrook

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Writing History Through Fiction

- Jason Goodwin

Writer and Historian

The Turkish Time

Two distinguished Ottoman scholars and novelists address the conundrums of “history” and “fiction” in literature. A fascinating topic that recalls passionate critical and theoretical debates on relationships between history and fiction that have sought answers to such questions as: “Is history fiction?” and “Is fiction history?” These questions have long been discussed and in recent years re-examined, as the evolving relationship between “history” and “fiction” is a strange and complex one that requires constant attention. What Hsu-Ming Teo wrote when discussing a series of recent books seems to apply: “Yet if historical fiction is not always history, it is always historiography”.

22 July 2016

Financial Crises in the Ottoman Empire and Greece (19th century)

- Şevket Pamuk

Professor of Economics and Economic History
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**From Deficits to Dependence:
Ottoman Experience with External
Borrowing during the 19th century**

- Kostas Kostis Professor, Department of
Economics University of Athens
**Reforms and Crises. The Greek state
at the end of the 19th century**

This session tackles the issue of budget deficits in the late Ottoman Empire and the early Greek State (late 19th century) that inevitably led to external loans and ended with both countries being brought under European financial control. Two well-known economic historians approach the causes of these financial crises, the dynamics behind external borrowing, and its impact on the economic and political life of the Ottoman Empire and Greece.

4 August 2016

The Long Encounter of the Ottoman Society with the West

- Sinan Kunalalp

Owner-Manager, The Isis Press

**Lying abroad for the Sultan: The
loneliness of Ottoman diplomatists
in the long 19th century**

- İlber Ortaylı

Professor, Galatasaray University

**The Modernist Virtue of Ottoman
Bureaucratic Style**

The Ottoman Empire and the West: Two worlds apart? Or perhaps not? In this session two renowned historians analyze the close social connections between the Ottoman and the Western worlds by examining the issue of Ottoman bureaucracy and its role in assimilating new ideas and morals from Europe, and delving into the important role played by Ottoman diplomats in conveying the image of the Empire to the centers of Western power.