



Symposium Sultans Trail
Organised by its Academic Council
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Hodshon Huis, Spaarne 17, 2011 CD Haarlem
Residence of the Royal Holland Society of Sciences and Humanities (KHMW).

Chairperson for the symposium: Mr. Jan Pronk

“ Sultans Trail: Close Encounters of East and West”

The symposium aims to highlight the backgrounds and features of the Sultan's Trail, based on academic views, for both an academic and a general audience. It seeks to expand the knowledge of this culturally charged, long-distance path through speeches by committed experts. And it relates the Trail to important developments in the geopolitical region of South-Eastern Europe.

Programme

09.30-09.45 hrs. Opening Block

- Introduction by the Academic Council, Ton Waarts, Chairperson
- Sedat Çakir, Founder of the Sultans Trail, interviewed by Mariëtte van Beek, journalist and “nomad traveller”

09.50-10.10 Dr. Claske Vos, University of Amsterdam

“Creating more air to breath: culture and arts as a means to image alternative societies in South-Eastern Europe”

10.15-10.30 Dr. Stefan van der Poel, University of Groningen

“Budapest: A cross-point of cultures”

10.30- 10.40 Questions and Answers

10.40-10.50 Break for water

10.50-11.10 Dr. Niké Wentholt, University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht

“The Fall of Yugoslavia and the Rise of Nationalism: Facing the Past in the Western Balkans”



11.15-11.35 Drs. Natasja Nolic-Brancovic, Lecturer European Affairs
“Serbia: between East and West”

11.40-12.00 Dr. Aleksandra Terzic, Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Belgrade, Serbia
“Is attention for Ottoman heritage in South-Eastern Europe a viable subject for tourism?”

12.00-12.30 Questions, Answers, and Comments

12.30-13.40 Lunch Break

13.40-14.00 Mehmet Tütüncü, SOTA Research Centre for Turkish and Arabic World
“Evliya Çelebi Travels; Dragoman Testa’s Journey and a Friendship Treaty between the Ottomans and the Dutch Republic”

14.05-14.40 Travelling the “Sultans Trail”
Reports of Experiences by Odile Keulers, Hugo Barbas, Christiaan Minderhoud and Melanie Deegen; guided by Trail Coordinator Max Smits”

14.45-15.05 Prof. Dr. Dominique Vanneste, University of Leuven, Belgium
“Cultural routes as a lever for non-traditional tourism”

15.05-15.25 Break

15.25-15.45 Dr. Gied ten Berge, sociologist, theologian, peace-activist
“Pilgrimage with a mission”

15.50-16.05 Dr. Senija Čaučević, SOAS University of London
“SOAS research on Tourism and academic cooperation for the Sultans Trail”

16.10-16.25 Kate Clow, Cultural Routes Society
“Experiences with, and images of cultural routes. Building the “Via Eurasia”.



**16.30- 16.40 Prof. Dr. Jovan Popesku, Institute for Peace through Tourism, IIPT Serbia
“Building of Sustainable Peace through Tourism**

**16.45-17.15 Prof. Dr. Rene van der Duim, Wageningen University and Research
“The Way found and to go”**

Panel about the past, present and future of tourism on the Sultans Trail.

With Dominique Vanneste, Aleksandra Terzic, Kate Clow, Senija Čaučević and Sedat Çakir.

17.15 Closing of the Symposium

17.15-17.50 Drinks and goodbye

