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LITTLE MEHMED IN THE OTTOMAN GREAT WAR: WARTIME NERVOUS BREAKDOWN AND THE POLITICS OF MEDICAL INTERPRETATION

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CCAS Boardroom (ICC 241)
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World War I was the first event in which medical professionals examined and treated large numbers of soldiers who seemed to be suffering debilitating war-related nervous symptoms. Just a few months into the war, European soldiers began to exhibit functional disorders of sight, hearing, speech and gait as well as insomnia, tremors, and uncontrollable emotionality. The numbers of “broken men” were so high that military and political leaders in each country viewed war neurosis as sapping the ability of the fighting forces. How did the “Little Mehmet” fare in this industrialized war? This talk will discuss the politics of wartime and post-war medical interpretation of the psychological conditions displayed by broken Ottoman soldiers.



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