



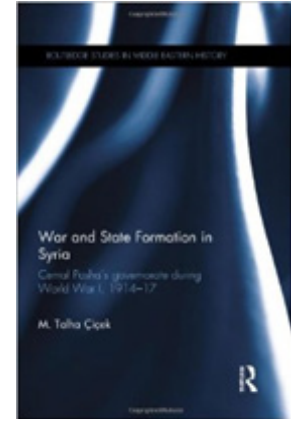
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## SYRIAN LANDS DURING THE GREAT WAR: READJUSTMENT OF THE OTTOMAN STATE UNDER CEMAL PASHA'S GOVERNORATE

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**Monday, March 16**  
**12:15-2:00 PM**  
CCAS Boardroom  
(ICC 241)  
Georgetown University



During the First World War, the Syrian provinces underwent great transformations under the rule of Cemal Pasha. He attempted to establish direct control over the Syrian lands and thereby reaffirm Ottoman authority there through various policies of control, including the abolishment of local intermediaries. Elaborating on these Ottoman policies of control, this presentation will assess Cemal Pasha's policies toward different groups in Syrian society, including Arabists, Zionists, Christian clergymen and Armenian immigrants. Then, the presentation will go on Pasha's educational activities, the conscription of Syrians, both Muslim and Christian, and the reconstruction of the major Syrian cities, assessing how these policies contributed to his attempt to create ideal Ottoman citizens.

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*A Light Lunch will be served*



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