



Proposals are invited for contributions to a Seminar organised by ASTENE (the Association for the Study of Travel in Egypt and the Near East) in association with the Faculty of Islamic Studies of the University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**TOPICS** to be considered include (but are not limited to) the following:

- travellers to Bosnia, the Balkans, and the wider Ottoman world from the rest of Europe and elsewhere
- travellers from the region to other parts of Europe and the Middle East
- pilgrims and pilgrimage within the region
- travel from the Balkans to the holy places of the Middle East, both Muslim and Christian
- artistic and literary representations of the Balkans and other parts of the Ottoman world
- the horticultural legacy of the region

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Jason Goodwin, historian and bestselling author of a series of novels set in the Ottoman Empire, the acclaimed Lords of the Horizons: A History of the Ottoman Empire (Vintage 1999), and several non-fiction works, including the award-winning travelogue through Eastern Europe On Foot to the Golden Horn: A Walk to Istanbul (Chatto & Windus 1993).

Dr Dženita Karić, postdoctoral researcher at the Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, specialising in Muslim pilgrimage, and author of *Bosnian Hajj Literature: Multiple Paths to the Holy* (forthcoming, EUP 2022).

## **PROPOSALS**

Proposals may be submitted either for individual presentations of 25 minutes or for panels of 3-4 speakers of 25 minutes each. Please include a biography of no more than 200 words, presentation title and a 300-word abstract. Proposals should be submitted to **ottomanlandsastene@gmail.com** by 30 April 2022 at the latest. A limited number of bursaries are available to students presenting papers. If you are applying for a bursary, please indicate this when submitting your proposal.

## **REGISTRATION**

Registration for the Seminar is now open at:

www.astene.org.uk/current-events/travellers-in-ottoman-lands along with further details of accommodation and other arrangements, including an optional excursion to Mostar on Saturday 27 August. Deadline for registration is 30 June 2022.

For all Seminar enquiries please email ottomanlandsastene@gmail.com, alternatively Dr Ines Aščerić-Todd at ines.asceric-todd@ed.ac.uk, or Dr Aid Smajić at aid.smajic@fin.unsa.ba
For further information on ASTENE activities, please visit www.astene.org.uk

This Seminar follows the successful Travellers in Ottoman Lands: The Botanical Legacy seminar held in Edinburgh in 2017.



