

## Mod. techn. in Ottoman landscapes, ASEH (St. Paul 3/29-4/2/06)

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Deadline June 25, 2005

CFP: "Concentric Circles, Parallel Lines: modern technologies in Ottoman landscapes"

Abstracts are sought for a proposed panel for the annual meeting of the American Society of Environmental Historians (St. Paul, MN, March 29-April 2, 2006) devoted to discussion of landscapes in environmental history.

Over the long nineteenth century of technical innovation, the Ottoman state extended across geographical boundaries to rule a variety of landscapes from the Mediterranean to the Gulf. While states can be defined by their legal forms, territorial boundaries, coercive capacities, normative citizenship, or public ideologies, this panel describes the Ottoman state by means of technologies mobilized over and in landscapes.

While relations between urban technologies and landscapes during the late Ottoman period are present no single, schematic type, nineteenth-century technical innovations introduced new territorialities to Ottoman rule, connecting local communities with urban centers, imperial capitals, and global investors. Contemporary technologies reiterated roles for local notables, introduced markets and innovated forms of governance, and consolidated state and market control within the Empire and its borderlands.

New powers distinguished modernity in Ottoman landscapes from those outside laws' protections. 'Concentric circles' looped individuals into modernist citizenship and global markets; 'parallel lines' lead to regional centers and the Ottoman capital. This panel considers 'concentric circles' (of census takers' and epidemiologists' rounds, within irrigation circles, traced during prisoners' leisure), and 'parallel lines' (railways' tracks, telegraph lines, columns of print) during a long nineteenth century.

Further information on the ASEH is available on the web at

[http://www.h-net.org/~environ/ASEH/welcome\\_IE4.html](http://www.h-net.org/~environ/ASEH/welcome_IE4.html). Kindly submit 250-word abstracts as an email message to Dr. Elizabeth Bishop (Elizabeth\_bishop@mail.utexas.edu) by 25 June.

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