

**Locals, Foreigners and the State:
Contesting Interests of Agents in the Public Space of Dedeağaç Port
during the Late Ottoman Period**

Short summary: Planning and implementation of Dedeağaç (Alexandroupolis now) port stands as an interesting example to discuss the roles of different agents for making of the public space in the late nineteenth century. This presentation aims to shed light on the contesting interests of the agents, namely the central and local government, the international entrepreneurs, and the local people and explains in what ways they negotiate with each other to maximize their benefits. This would provide us a better understanding about the active role of non-state agents when the Ottoman cities witnessed remarkable changes at the turn of the twentieth century.



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