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## <u>History</u>

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Spiritism, established by Allan Kardec claims to study an immaterial world through scientific methods and derives knowledge from communication with spirits. In contrast to its depiction in popular culture, communication with spirits was a serious venture for spiritists. This book examines Turkish spiritism, spearheaded by Bedri Ruhselman, between 1936

and 1969 in an Effort to reveal why a group of intellectuals were interested in a supernatural practice such as spiritism. To answer this question, the book examines the history of spiritism in Turkey and provides an in-depth analysis of its spiritist, scientific and moral teachings. It also offers a group biography of Turkish spiritists and analyses the impact of spiritism on Turkish society. The results of the study demonstrate that Turkish spiritism was an attempt to construct a scientified spirituality that reconciled modern science and religion and an attempt to provide a solution to the moral gap observed within republican reforms. This book thus offers a more complex understanding of both Turkish modernization and of Turkish modernizers. In the process, the book also traces the changes in approaches to modern science throughout Turkish modernization.

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Rhodes and Kos Turks: Contributions to the Turkish War of Independence and Current Problems / Prof. Dr. Mustafa Kaymakci & Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cihan Ozgun Meran/Konya: Egitim Yayinevi Tic. Ltd. Sti., 2020 112p.; 135x210mm. Includes Bibliography 9786257915366 \$30.00 / PB 206gm.

Turks living in Rhodes and Kos (istanköy) today have been one of the ancient peoples of the islands since 1522. Finally, the Islands were ceded to Greece with the 1947 Conference of Paris by stipulating in Article I4 that "these islands shall be and remain demilitarized". With the ceding of the islands to Greece, the dramatic condition of the Rhodes and Kos (istanköy) Turks became increasingly more intolerable. However, the link between the Turks of the island and Turkey, in terms of Awareness of Turkishness and Solidarity as well as socioeconomic terms with Turkey, was also a prevalent issue in the past as it is today. In fact, Rhodes and Kos (istanköy) Turks did not hesitate to extend their support to the National

Campaign (Milli Müdafaa), both directly and indirectly, while the Turks fought against the Greek forces under the command of Mustafa Kemal Pasha in Anatolia. They tried to provide contribution to the campaign with the "Rhodes and Kos (istanköy) Association for the Defense of Islamic Rights" (Rodos ve istanköy Müdafaa-i Hukuk-l islamiye Cemiyeti) in 1919. Likewise, the book entitled "Rhodes and Kos: Contributions to the Turkish War of Independence and Current Problems" mainly aims to reveal the contributions of the island Turks to the Turkish War of Independence. This book consists of three consecutive sections. The first section covers the "Contributions of Rhodes and Kos (istanköy) Turks to the Turkish War of Independence". In the second section, on the other hand, the subject of "The Current Problems of the Rhodes and Kos Turks Stemming from the Turkish-Greek Relations as Regards the Aegean Sea" was addressed. In the third section, the subject of "Recommendations for Transforming Turkish-Greek Relations into a Lasting Friendship" was addressed on a general level and in terms of Rhodes and Kos (istanköy) Turkishness. Thus, we wished to bring the current problems experienced by the Turks regarding the Turkish-Greek relations into the agenda of the national and international public by establishing a connection with the history of the remaining Turks in the islands. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=735272

Thomas Sandwith: A British Consul in the Levant 1855-1891 /

Stephen Boys Smith

Istanbul: The Isis Press. 2020

612p.

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## **Politics**

Selected Topics on Defence Economics and Terrorism / (Eds) Olcay Colak & Sevilay Ece Gumus Ozuyar Ankara: Ekin Yayinevi (Ekin Basim Yayin Digityim), 2020 200p. 9786257090896 \$ 39.50 / PB 298gm.

This study, titled "Selected Topic on Defence Economics and Terror-ism", has been aimed to address the issues that are missing in the field of ter-rorism and defence economics from different perspectives. The currentness and the timeliness of the topic has always lured the attention of academicians and policy makers working in this field in this context, this study is a kind of manual consisting of up-to-date and original works for all interested agents in terms of the content of the published works.

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Kashmir Conundrum: Reconcilation, Peace Building and Conflict Transformation / Javaid Hayat & Raja Qaiser Ahmed Ankara: Ekin Yayinevi (Ekin Basim Yayin Digityim), 2020 152p. 9786257090360 \$ 39.50 / PB 232gm.

The partition of the South Asian sub-continent resulted in two sovereign states, India and Pakistan in 1947. That was the year in which India and Pakistan gained freedom. It was also the year in which the people of Jammu and Kashmir began a new era of suffering. Most histories of conflicts have been written in favor of the winner and occupiers and this is true in the case of the Kashmir in which much have been written from Indian or Pakistani perspectives and much less so from a Kashmir perspective.

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Kosovo Issue and Turkey: Nationalism in the Balkans /

Mehmet Cem Ogulturk

Ankara: Ekin Basim Yayin Dagitim, 2020

342p.

9786257090537

\$55.00 / PB

492gm.

In international politics, the evaluation of a region with multiple actors such as the Balkans is only possible by means of a many-sided and comprehensive study. The truths that are encountered in relation to the Balkans are the influences of demography, geography and extremal forces on Balkan geopolitics and history. Kosovo is also, because of its geographical location, constituting a crucial point in the Balkans, strategically in a very important region. Because of this fact, from past to present it has become a lot of countries' interest. After the Cold War, with the help of revolutions of 1989, world witnessed the changing movements and democratization process with together the rebirth of nationalism in former communist regime of Central and Eastern Europe. Nationalism dominated the political discussion and analysis of the Balkans in the length of the time. Nationalism became an important instrument in order to activate the hostilities among the ethnic groups before and during the Balkan conflicts. Hoverer it is not the only source of the conflict in Balkans. During the post-Cold War period, Turkish foreign policy gained several new aspects and experienced significant changes. With the dissolution of the Soviet Union and breakup of the communist regimes in the Balkans, the Iron Curtain which divided Turkey and Balkan states disappeared and these developments brought out a renewed Turkish interest and connection in the region. However this early optimism gave way to stability and security concerns with the bloody disintegration of Yugoslavia and the emergence of new conflicts and wars in the Balkans. Turkey had to bring forth new approaches and policies in order to face the difficulties in this unstable geopolitical atmosphere. Kosovo issue is also a multifaceted one that has historical

foundation. Considering the plans of global powers over Balkans, Kosovo issue seems likely to effect the stabilization of all Balkans, Caucasus, and the Middle East. By Kosovo's declaring its independence the issue became more complicated contrary to come to a solution.

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Trump's Jerusalem Move: Making Sense of U.S. Policy on the Israeli Palestinian Conflict / (Eds) Kadir Ustun & Kilic B. Kanat Ankara: SETA Publications, 2020 208p. 9786057544926 \$ 45.00 / PB 290gm.

President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move the U.S. embassy to the city prompted this edited volume. Trump had already promised to make this move on the campaign trail but most of the foreign policy experts did not expect him to go forward with the idea as quickly as he did. Many judged that it would most likely be a promise unkept and the decades-old U.S. policy would hold. The Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 recognized the city as the capital of the State of Israel and called for Jerusalem to remain an undivided city. However, all the U.S. administrations left the issue to be resolved between the parties as part of the final status negotiations. Prior to Trump's decision, most experts considered the peace process to be real in name only with very little prospect for a two-state solution. In this sense, Trump's decision was essentially a nail in the coffin of the peace process. The U.S. was finally openly admitting what many critics argued for a long time, that is, the U.S. would side with Israel.

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## <u>Sociology</u>

The New Wave of Migration from Turkey to Germany: An Inquiry into the Highly-Skilled Labour / Emel Inal Ankara: Toz Yayinlari, 2020 96p.
9786050621112
\$ 35.00 / PB 96gm.

This research aims to give highly-skilled migrants from Turkey a space to reflect on their ties with Turkey and Germany as well as their return contemplations. The cases discussed in this study clearly illustrate how diverse the effects of transnational involvement and integration upon return contemplations might be and these are not independent of the other factors such as gender, migration channels, and visa entitlements. Therefore, it would be misleading to draw firm conclusions about their complex relations. Their analysis should always strive to take into consideration as many axes of difference as possible among migrants in order to uncover the nuances in their experiences of transnationalism, integration, and return migration and to discuss them in a more critical light rather than lumping all them into a single group of high-skilled migrants.

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