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Editorial

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This issue of the *Journal of Anglo-Turkish Relations* brings together eight contributions that explore the historical, diplomatic, and cultural dimensions of Anglo-Turkish relations across different eras. The articles and reviews offer fresh insights grounded in archival research, discourse analysis, and critical interpretation, reflecting the journal's commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship.

We begin with **Ayça Baydar and Necmi Uyanık's** article, "*Anti-Turkish Discourse Between Nationalist Memory and Diplomacy*," which examines the persistence and transformation of anti-Turkish narratives in the context of nationalist memory and diplomatic practice. The study highlights how historical grievances and identity politics intersect with foreign policy, shaping perceptions and influencing bilateral relations.

The second article, by **Hüseyin Kahraman and Hakan Karagöz**, "*The Significance of the Foreign Countries Registers (Düvel-i Ecnebiye Defterleri) in the Study of Ottoman Diplomatic History: A Case Study of the English/British Düvel-i Ecnebiye Defteri No. 112 (1822–1831)*," offers a meticulous analysis of Ottoman archival sources. By focusing on a specific register, the author demonstrates the value of these documents for reconstructing the dynamics of Ottoman-British diplomacy in the early 19th century, providing a critical resource for historians of international relations.

Our third contribution, by **Irmak Karabulut Yıldırım**, "*Activities of Turkish Representatives in London in Re-Establishing Anglo-Turkish Relations (1923–1925)*," explores the diplomatic efforts undertaken during the formative years of the Turkish Republic. Drawing on official correspondence and press coverage, the article sheds light on the strategies employed to normalize relations with Britain after the Treaty of Lausanne, emphasizing the role of personal diplomacy and cultural engagement.

The fourth article, by **Liliana Boşcan and Călin Radu**, "*The Iron Fire in the Balkans: Osman Nevres and the Attempted Assassination of the Buxton Brothers*," revisits a dramatic episode in Bucharest during World War I. Using Romanian archival sources and contemporary press reports, the authors reconstruct the political and intelligence dimensions of the assassination attempt, situating it within the broader context of Balkan geopolitics and Ottoman clandestine operations.

Next, **Serkan Arslan and Suna Altan** present "*The Occupation of Iran During World War II and Its Reflections in the Turkish Press*." Their study examines how Turkish newspapers reported the Anglo-Soviet invasion of Iran in 1941, revealing the cautious tone adopted by the press under Turkey's neutrality policy and the implications for public opinion during a critical wartime moment.



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Our sixth article, by **Tuğrul Arık**, “*Ottoman-English Trade in Light of the Activities of the Levant Company in the 100-Year Era (1675–1775)*,” offers a comprehensive analysis of Anglo-Ottoman commercial relations under the Levant Company’s monopoly. The article traces the company’s trajectory, highlighting the interplay between mercantilist policies, inter-imperial competition, and structural constraints that shaped trade and diplomacy.

The issue concludes with two book reviews. **Federico Vaccarezza** reviews David M. McCourt’s *Britain and World Power since 1945: Constructing a Nation’s Role in International Politics*, emphasizing its constructivist approach to British foreign policy and its enduring relevance for scholars of identity and international relations. **Gökçe Süzgün Işık** provides a detailed review of Hamza Bilgü’s *İngiliz Askeri İstihbarat Raporlarında Türk Silahlı Kuvvetleri (1949–1960)*, a work that draws on British and Turkish archives to examine Cold War-era military modernization and intelligence practices.

Together, these contributions reflect the journal’s mission to foster rigorous scholarship and interdisciplinary dialogue. From nationalist discourse and Ottoman archival studies to diplomatic history, espionage, trade, and military modernization, this issue invites readers to engage with the complexities of Anglo-Turkish relations across time and space.

We thank our authors and reviewers for their valuable contributions and our readers for their continued support. We hope this issue stimulates further research and discussion in the field.

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