



# Governing the Ottoman Eastern Borderlands (1895-1899)

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In her lecture İlkay Yılmaz investigates the political transformations occurring in the Ottoman eastern borderlands between 1895 and 1899, subsequent to the Memorandum of Great Powers in 1895. Emphasizing the interplay between internal colonialism and security strategies, the study reassesses the intersections of European colonial methodologies and Ottoman internal colonial practices. Central to this analysis are the administrative mechanisms and institutional security frameworks, particularly as evidenced in the reports and recommendations of the General Inspectorate of Anatolia. Through a meticulous examination of these historical records, this study examines the formation of political geography within the borderlands, intricately intertwined with the development of security apparatuses.

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