The Lausanne Treaty in Turkish Official and Popular Historiography

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Abstract

This lecture will offer some preliminary reflections on the conflicting arguments about the Lausanne Conference and Treaty (11.09.1922-24.07.1923) in Turkish official and popular historiography. It will suggest that the examples of popular historiography on this topic could be examined through the main identities of modern Turkish society or, in fact, the ‘war of identities.’ In this context, it will especially try to seek to understand the arguments of Kemalist and Neo-Kemalist, and the anti-Kemalists (Nationalist-Conservative/Islamists).

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