

## **Late imperial expulsions: International law and the ends of Ottoman Empire**

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### **Abstract**

Historians and sociologists have done much to enrich our understanding of the Ottoman Empire's disintegration over the course of its final decade. Yet comparatively little is known about the way this process of dissolution registered on the plane of international law. This talk will address some of the specifically legal dimensions of the Ottoman Empire's fragmentation, focusing in particular on the role played by international law (and international organizations like the League of Nations) in the compulsory 'population exchange' between Greece and post-Ottoman Turkey during the 1920s.

### **Bio**

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