

Fall 2024 AKPIA Lecture Series

A Forum for Islamic Art & Architecture

In person, and via Zoom Webinar

Exterior View of the Taj al-Mulk dome (Jami Mosque of Isfahan). Photo courtesy of Soheil Nazari



September 19, 2024, 6:00pm

"The Age of Science and Design: A New Survey of Seljuq Dome Chambers in the Isfahan Region and Treatises on Practical Geometry"

Soheil Nazari

PhD Candidate, Department of Construction History, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany

Var Shah 'Abbas II in audience, after 1647, audience hall of the Chihil Sutun Palace, Isfahan. Daniel C. Waugh Archive, Aga Khan Documentation Center at MIT, Archnet



October 17, 2024, 6:00pm

"Revisiting the Chihil Sutun Wall Paintings: Silsila, Slave Hegemony, and the Safavid Body Politic"

Janet O'Brien

Calderwood Curatorial Fellow in South Asian and Islamic Art, Harvard Art Museums

Portrait of an imperial woman, possibly Mihrişah Valide Sultan, attributed to Konstantin Kapıdağlı, TSMA (Archive of the Topkapı Palace Museum) 121-148



November 7, 2024, 6:00pm

"The Likeness of the Grand Vizier Beside the Sultan': The Expanded Patronage Networks of Sultan Selim III's Reign (1789-1807)"

Deniz Türker

AKPIA Fellow; Assistant Professor of Islamic Art, Rutgers-New Brunswick

Istanbul University Library, F.1426 fol. 47b



November 14, 2024, 6:00pm

"Yeni Bâğçe and the Agricultural Transformation of Istanbul During the Reign of Sultan Bayezid II (1481-1512)"

Aleksandar Shopov

AKPIA Fellow; Assistant Professor of Early Modern Ottoman History, Department of History, SUNY Binghamton

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