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AFTER WAR, AFTER EMPIRE?: TRANSITIONS TO NEW REGIMES IN FORMER OTTOMAN DOMAINS FOLLOWING WORLD WAR I

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With a focus on the decade following the outbreak of World War I in 1914, this talk discusses the construction of a republican regime in Turkey and the League of Nations Mandates in Syria-Lebanon and Iraq. It analyzes the "post-World War I" and "post-Ottoman" contexts of these new regimes' construction from a perspective that critically engages with the qualification of particular historical contexts with the prefix "post-". What are promising ways to historicize the consequences of World War I in the Middle East? What was "post-Ottoman" about what came after the Ottoman Empire? What similarities and differences can we point out in the processes that shaped "post-Ottoman" Turkey and the Arab East? By drawing attention to the historical agency of a diverse body of social actors, the talk aims to stimulate conversation on broad questions such as these. It highlights negotiation and cooperation as well as conflict and contestation in the making of new futures (and pasts) in what became former Ottoman lands in the years following 1914.