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Conference:Animals in Anatolian and Turkish History

Hayvanât team participated in the conference organized by Penn State University History Department and Koç University-ANAMED.

The "Animals in Anatolian and Turkish History" conference was organized by the Penn State University Department of History and the Koç University Anadolu Medeniyetleri Araştırma Merkezi (ANAMED) on May 16-17, 2024.

After Amy Greenberg's opening remarks representing the Penn State University Department of History, Faisal Husain, who played an active role in organizing the conference, took the floor. Husain mentioned that animal history studies have been rapidly developing in Turkey in recent years. He explained that the conference attracted the attention of not only academics from many cities of Turkey but also civil society organizations. Husain also mentioned the recent launch of the Hayvanât - Animal History Network.



Hayvanât Interview in Oksijen Newspaper

Cihangir Gündoğdu, a member of the Hayvanât team, answered the newspaper's questions and explained the new perspective that Animal History brings to historiography.

Hayvanât was featured in the pages of Oksijen newspaper. In an interview with Yeşim Nur Mantaş, Cihangir Gündoğdu explains that Hayvanât, established with an Animal History approach, aims to achieve a more inclusive understanding of history by including non-human animals in historiography. The entire interview is available in the May 31, 2024 issue of Oksijen.



Hayvanât Workshop

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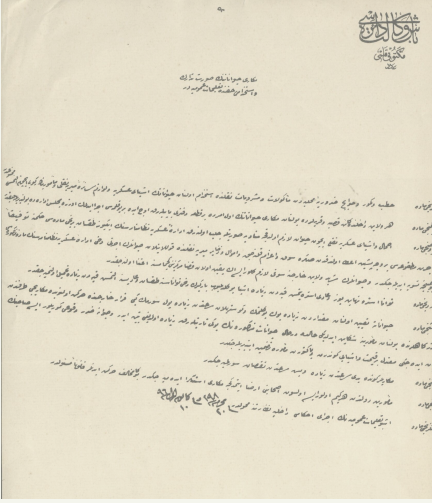
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The Ottoman Archives' Significance for Animal History

Seda Şenvarıcı assessed catalogs and various types of documents from the Ottoman Archives for researchers interested in Animal History.

The Ottoman Archives offer a wealth of information on animals within the empire. They hold records on diverse topics, including how animals were supplied and distributed, how the empire acquired and bred animals (imperial decrees, edicts), details about the royal menagerie at Topkapı Palace (palace archives), and even regulations for hunting and animal management. This vast collection provides a unique perspective on the historical relationship between humans and animals during the Ottoman era.

You can find the complete text and transcription of a document related to this on Hayvanât's webpage.



Jane Goodall was at Istanbul Bilgi University



In her inspiring talk titled "Reasons for Hope," renowned primatologist Jane Goodall shared her remarkable life story, emphasizing the transformative power of nature and the importance of challenging conventional wisdom. She recounted her experiences as a young student at the British Academy, where her professors held rigid prejudices against animals' cognitive and emotional capacities. However, Goodall's own childhood observations of animals had already revealed the fallacy of these preconceived notions.

Throughout her talk, Goodall passionately advocated for the resilience and self-renewal of the natural world, drawing upon her extensive research and personal experiences. She emphasized the interconnectedness of all living beings and the urgent need for conservation efforts. Highlighting the transformative potential of education, Goodall introduced the work of the Jane Goodall Institute and its Roots & Shoots program, empowering young people to become stewards of the environment.



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