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## Abstracts

ERICA MEZZOLI, La guerra degli altri. La (stra)ordinaria vicenda di un gruppo di mercanti ottomani tra politica, diplomazia e commercio al tempo dell'Armada spagnola in Adriatico (1617-1621)

*The article focuses on a story that unfolds from Sarajevo to Constantinople between 1617 and 1621, whose protagonists are a group of Ottoman merchants and the difficulties that they faced in order to be compensated for the loss of goods that occurred after the assault of the Spanish Armada against their ship during the voyage from Venice to Split. Although it was an ordinary dispute for a compensation, the case in question presents continual interventions of Venetian, Ragusean and Ottoman diplomacies stimulated to intervene because of the great taking-action ability of the merchants. The significance of the case study is twofold. On the one hand, it is an example of what modern historiography identifies as moments of communication between “hard” realities (politics, economy, diplomacy) and “soft” ones (individual perceptions and needs). The second aspect of interest concerns the question of social interaction and the mechanisms of decision making within the Ottoman Empire in the Modern Age. At this regard, the actions of the merchants suggest an image of the Ottoman social reality much less static and passive than the usual depiction.*

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