

**ALANYA ALAADDİN KEYKUBAT UNIVERSITY/CENTER FOR SELJUKID
STUDIES**

**SYMPOSIUM ON ALANYA AND ALAADDIN KEYKUBAT
ON THE EVE OF THE 800TH YEAR OF CONQUEST**

Date: October 21-22, 2021

Venue: Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University, Kestel Campus, Faculty of Education

Antalya, Turkey

Describing the events that took place during the conquest of Alanya in detail, Ibn Bibi wrote in his book entitled *El Evamirü'l-Ala'iyе fi'l-Umuri'l- Ala'iyе*, “although the season was winter, the air smelled of amber and camphor was raining from the clouds. In this way, they fought for two months.” The camphor and amber mentioned here indicate the climatic conditions, that is, the transition from winter to spring, during the siege. Because camphor, especially amber are fragrant and evocative scents associated with the spring. Considering the climatic conditions of the Alanya region today (although it may be possible that the climatic characteristics have changed over 800 years), it seems quite conceivable to date the conquest in late February and early March, when the weather started to warm and transition from winter to spring.

As Alanya Alaaddin Keykubat University, Center for Seljukid Studies, we are organizing a symposium as we approach the 800th anniversary of Alanya's conquest by Sultan Alaaddin Keykubat. There is no agreement in the literature about the exact year of the conquest. However, it is certain that the conquest took place after 1221. It is highly probable that the conquest took place at the end of 1222 or the beginning of 1223. So, we want to start with this symposium on the eve of the 800th anniversary of the conquest. Following this start,

we hope to continue to contribute to the study of history and culture of Alanya in 2022 and 2023 through additional seminars and conferences.

In this symposium, we aim to examine the history of Alanya from conquest to the modern Turkish Republic. In this context, participants are expected to present research papers on the history, language and culture of Alanya in the Seljukid, Ottoman and Republican periods. Papers on Sultan Alaaddin Keykubat himself will also fall within the scope of the symposium.

Various activities related to the history and culture of the region have been held in Alanya so far. We recommend that this event, which we organize on the eve of the 800th anniversary of the conquest, consist of original papers that have not been previously published. We will be pleased to welcome our colleagues who have focused on Alanya's post-conquest history in October 2021 in Alanya.

Allocated time for presentations is 20 minute plus a 10-minute discussion afterwards. You may send your CVs to our contact e-mail with abstracts of 250 words in Turkish and 250 words in English. Below the abstracts there should be 3-5 keywords and 2-5 references.

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Important Dates

Deadline for submitting abstracts and CVs: July 31, 2020

Announcing accepted abstracts: October 31, 2020

Announcing the program: February 15, 2021

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