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Gülsün Karamustafa 2011 Gülsün Karamustafa An Installation Project 2011

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The project is based on "The Perfect Book of Etiquette with Illustrations" by Abdullah Cevdet published in 1927 at Istanbul, where the artist came across in a second hand bookstore in town.

It is an adaptation of the French book "Pour Bien Connaitre Les Usage Mondaine" which is printed in Paris in 1910 by Pierre Lafitte et Cie for "Femina Bibliotheque". The book is printed in Turkish with Arabic letters. Thought the printing takes place after the declaration of the Republic of Turkey (1923) it is a date before the announcement of the law for changing to *Latin alphabet* which is 1928. The author Abdullah Cevdet, born 1869 is a doctor who graduated from the Royal School of Medicine of the Ottoman Empire. As a radical character he always felt close to the *Westernization* movement and together with his friends he was the first to systematize those ideas after the administrative and political reforms (Tanzimat) in 1839 in the Empire.

Within the context of the adapted book, the author defends the argument of *Westernization* of the East by all means. He takes it as a class distinction and within the context of the book he refers to all details of the Bourgeois life style even giving advice about the behaviour of the chambermaids and the stableman.

This makes the book unique within other examples of books for good manners on keeping up with the West, which were printed in quiet a number during those dates, when everything was changing rapidly in the history of a nation.

This specific book with French illustrations, their explanations in Turkish language but with Arabic letters gives the artist a good possibility to speak about the idealization of the western attitudes in the east, as well as pointing to an absolute "in between" position.





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شكل ۱۰ - ره زائاسيوله[قديم] - برغانه اوكنده؟، قولرى وجوددن وغبيك كوسترمكسترين اكيله لى . عكسى يك ناخوش اولود .



یو فوطوغراف ۱ کیله که طرزمقبولی کوسته ربر. برطرز ظریقانه ده قبول والی ایمانه که ایمانه دار در علافه دار برطرز ظریقانه ده قبول والی ایمانید ر

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