

## News

**March 28, 2006** - Assist. Prof. Christoph Neumann

### **The Mission Civilisatrice of the *Servet-i Funun*: Ahmet Ihsan and his Journal**

In this talk, Neumann addresses the role played in the Turkish printing world by the journal, *Servet-i Funun* - the name of which was never evoked separately from that of its founder and editor Ahmet Ihsan, all through its half-century existence. Neumann will identify the conception of civilization underlying the journal and attempt to establish the scope of influence this conception wielded.

**Assist. Prof. Christoph Neumann** completed his Ph.D. thesis in 1992, and it was published in Turkish, in 2000, under the name *Arag Tarih Amag Tanzimat: Tarih-i Cevdet'in Siyasi Anlami* by the History Foundation (Tarih Vakfi). He currently teaches history in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Bilgi University.

**March 29, 2006** - Assist. Prof. Derin Terzioglu

### **Practices of Literacy in Early Modern Ottoman Empire: The Dervishes**

Terzioglu explains that the role of reading and writing among the Ottoman Sufis went much further than a simple transmission of the principles of Sufism. Drawing on the personal notebooks of three Sufi masters from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries respectively, she will show that this relationship varied greatly among individual Sufis as well.

**Assist. Prof. Derin Terzioglu** obtained a joint Ph.D. from the Department of History and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University in 1999. She currently teaches history at Bogazici University.

**March 30, 2006** - Emin Nedret Isli

### **Publishing Houses of *Bab-i Ali***

In this lecture, Isli recounts the history of the publishing houses and bookstores founded in the *Bab-i Ali* district, which was the center of Turkish publishing from the end of the 19th to the end of the 20th centuries.

**Emin Nedret Isli**, obtained an MA in Ancient Turkish Literature from Istanbul University in 1991. He has written articles for magazines such as, *Kitaplik, Sanat Dunyamiz, Cogito, Tarih ve Toplum, Toplumsal Tarih, Arkitekt, Album, istanbul, P, Tombak, Muteferrika, Simurg, Dergah* and *Kapaligagi*. He currently deals in second-hand books.