

When the Clock Strikes Sunset: the Politics of Time in the Late Ottoman Empire

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The end of modern capitalism is nigh. As the distinction between work and leisure is blurred under the condition of late capitalism, enabled by recent technological developments and the increasing mobility of labour, we are at a loss for sleep. The late nineteenth-century was a similar time of confusion for residents of urban Ottoman Istanbul with the recent introduction and implementation of European (Greenwich) mean time. The turn of the century saw a negotiation between “alla Turca” or religious local apparent time and “alla Franca” Greenwich Mean