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“THE CURIOUS CASE OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE PERPETRATOR AHMED FAIK BEY”

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Within the publications on the history of Armenian genocide, studies on the perpetrators received and continue to receive special attention. Seen from a wider perspective, it is rather important to make scholarly investigations and public debate regarding the executors of the Armenian genocide. Even when the agents of genocide were not explicitly mentioned, the consequences of their deeds remained all too visible to ignore them. Yet historians, that is to say those who defined it as their job to find out ‘what really happened’, over an extended period of time left it to others to deal with the issue of perpetration.

This talk focuses on one major perpetrator, Ahmed Faik Erne (1879-1967), his background, deeds, active and leading involvement in the 1915 Armenian deportation and genocide as well as his life story in the post-genocide period in modern Turkey.

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