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“I hope that thanks to the generous support of the Turkish Cultural Foundation my dissertation will challenge the dry, yet oft-quoted perception in the field of the Ottoman state as a bureaucratic “machinery”. Unearthing the intellectual reference points that were available for and in circulation among the Ottoman scribal classes will complement other studies in the field on the historical development of Ottoman political thought.”

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