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**Istanbul Barracks during the Reign of Mahmud II**

After abolishing the Janissary Corps in 1826, Mahmud II formed a new army known as *Asâkir-i Mansûre-i Muhammediye*. The *Asâkir-i Mansûre* barracks were built for the newly established army as part of the political agenda of Sultan Mahmud II. During her presentation, Istanbul University Art History department PhD candidate Özlem Bilban will evaluate the reasons behind the construction of the barracks in question and their architectural organization as part of the conjecture of the period and will also examine their architectural features, location in Istanbul and their contribution to the development of the city fabric in the ensuing years. In addition, Bilban will also draw architectural comparisons between other *Asâkir-i Mansûre* barracks built by Sultan Mahmud II in other provinces of the Ottoman Empire and the barracks constructed in the Ottoman capital of Istanbul.