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With a view to adding a fresh perspective to İstanbul studies, the Chamber Talks, “Arka Oda Toplantıları”, resumes its journey into the secret history of the city with conferences centered on the Byzantine, Ottoman and Republican periods of the city.

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THE MODELLING OF ROW HOUSES IN İSTANBUL AND “AKARETLER”

Following the industrial revolution, “row houses” born from the housing necessity, due to the growth of population in European towns, generated a new design field for architects. Parallel to economic and social changes, row house projects were developed also in İstanbul during the second half of the 19th century. According to the development of the new urban texture, envisaged by the Moltke Plan, containing İstanbul’s first zoning decisions, row houses were an appropriate proposal for the layout shaped by the roads traced during the rearrangement of Beşiktaş-Teşvikiye-Maçka itinerary. In fact, the group of row houses called “Akaretler”, planned and applied by Sarkis Balian, bearing the title “Chief architect of the state”, became one of the monumental examples of this model. In the frame of this lecture, Prof. Dr. Afife Batur aims to discuss the birth of these row houses and their first realizations, but especially “Akaretler”, endowed as a revenue building for the projected but unrealized Aziziye Mosque.