

## İSTANBUL CONFERENCES

Istanbul Research Institute begins its new season of “Istanbul Conferences” series at Pera Museum, presented by senior researchers focusing on the history, archaeology, historical topography, and the art history of İstanbul.

**26 October Wednesday, 18:30**

Prof. Amy Singer

***Edirne Before İstanbul:  
Capital City of the Ottoman Empire***

The city of Edirne was the official Ottoman capital for at least half a century before the conquest of Constantinople. Yet the city has received relatively limited attention from historians. This talk will discuss Ottoman Edirne with two goals in mind. First, I suggest some reasons for Edirne's historiographical status and discuss why it remained in the shadow of İstanbul. Second, I begin to investigate early Ottoman Edirne with the assistance of Historical Geographic Information Systems (HGIS). In other terms, together with Ottoman and other sources, how can a contemporary data interpretation system help Ottoman historians to explore their own evidentiary materials in new and fruitful ways?

*Conference will be held in English, Turkish simultaneous translation is available.  
The event is free of admissions.*