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# RISE OF EMPIRES OTTOMAN

A 6X60 DOCUDRAMA

In 330AD, a magnificent city emerges at the crossroads of the world. A glittering jewel called Constantinople. The city bridges East and West – the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire.

One prophecy proclaims Constantinople will be conquered by a great commander at the head of a magnificent army.. Another predicts the city will fall under a Blood Moon, bringing the hellfire of Armageddon. Twenty three armies try to take Constantinople...all fail.

In 1453, the Roman Emperor Constantine XI, and Sultan Mehmed II, fight an epic battle for the city. Out of the carnage, one ruler will emerge victorious and change the course of history.

This landmark, event co-production from Hollywood and Turkey will showcase the drama and the history of the rise of one empire and the fall of another. The 6x60 docudrama miniseries unfolds like a real-life Game of Thrones as it chronicles Mehmed II's fabled rise from 12-year-old child Sultan to ruler of the Ottoman Empire and the founder of Istanbul. With epic visual effects, a stunning cast and the insights of world leading academics, one of the key moments of the last millennium will be brought to life in stunning clarity.

## INSIGHTS FROM THESE RENOWNED ACADEMICS

### İLBER ORTAYLI, PH.D.

Historian and Professor of History at the University of Galatasaray in Istanbul and Bilkent University in Ankara, and from 2005-12, the head of the Topkapi Museum in Istanbul. Earning his Ph.D. at Ankara University in political science, he has published numerous articles on Ottoman history.

### ROGER CROWLEY

Writer, historian and author of two books about the Ottomans: *Constantinople: The Last Great Siege/1453* on the fall of Constantinople and *Empires of the Sea* on the Ottoman battle for the Mediterranean.

### MARIOS PHILIPPIDES, PH.D.

Professor of Classics, Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA earning his Ph.D. at SUNY Buffalo, NY; co-author of *The Siege and the Fall of Constantinople in 1453: Historiography, Topography, and Military Studies*; and author of numerous articles & books on the late Byzantine and early post-Byzantine historiography.

### KAREN BARKEY, PH.D.

The Haas Distinguished Chair of Religious Studies and Professor of Sociology at UC Berkeley, CA. Barkey was raised in Istanbul and received her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Her book *Empire of Difference* explores issues such as diversity, Islam and the state, as well as the manner in which the Sunni-Shi'a divide operated during the tenure of the Ottoman Empire.

### MICHAEL TALBOT, PH.D.

Lecturer in History at the University of Greenwich, Greenwich, UK specializing in the history of the Ottoman Empire from the late seventeenth to early twentieth century. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of London.

### TUNÇ SEN

Assistant Professor of History at Columbia University where he studies and teaches the early modern Ottoman world with a particular interest in science and divination, perceptions of time and manuscript culture.

### EMRAH SAFA GÜRKAN, PH.D.

Associate Professor of History at Istanbul 29 Mayıs University, author and historian of the Ottoman Empire focusing on the early modern Mediterranean. Earning his Ph.D. from Georgetown University, he has published numerous articles & monographs on the 16th Century Ottoman period.

### CELÂL ŞENGÖR, PH.D.

Professor of Geology at Istanbul Technical University, Turkey. One of the world's leading geologists and earthquake specialists, he earned his Ph.D. from the State University of New York, Albany. He writes a weekly popular science column in Turkey's center-left daily *Cumhuriyet*.

### TOM PAPADEMETRIOU, PH.D.

Professor of History; Executive Director of the Pappas Center for Hellenic Studies; and Georgiou Endowed Professor of Greek History at Stockton University in NJ. He earned a Ph.D. from Princeton's Department of Near Eastern Studies in Ottoman History, and is the author of *Render unto the Sultan: Power, Authority and the Greek Orthodox Church in the Early Ottoman Centuries*. His research focuses on the history of non-Muslims under Ottoman rule.

### LARS BROWN WORTH

Author, speaker, podcaster and former U.S. history and political science teacher at The Stony Brook School, Stony Brook, Long Island, who created the genre-defining podcast *12 Byzantine Rulers: The History of the Byzantine Empire*.

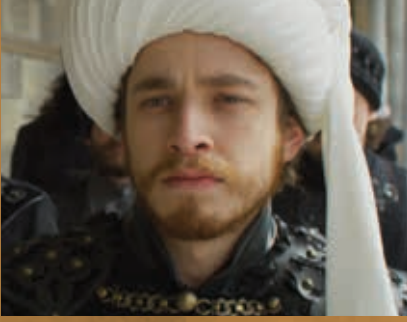
### JASON GOODWIN

Historian and prize-winning author, including *On Foot to the Golden Horn* and *Lords of the Horizons: A History of the Ottoman Empire*, Goodwin studied Byzantine history at Cambridge University.

## A STAR-STUDED CAST

The leading stars of Turkish film and television, bring this epic heroic tale of Sultan Mehmed II and the rise of the Ottoman Empire to life in this landmark docudrama miniseries.

SULTAN MEHMED II  
CEM YİĞİT ÜZÜMOĞLU



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SELİM BAYRAKTAR



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DAMLA SÖNMEZ



EMPEROR CONSTANTINE  
TOMMASO BASILI



VOICE OVER BY  
CHARLES DANCE (GAME OF THRONES)



## ALSO STARRING

USHAN ÇAKIR AS ZAĞANOS  
OSMAN SONANT AS LOUKAS NOTARAS  
TOLGA TEKİN AS SULTAN MURAD  
TANSU BİÇER AS ORBAN  
ERDEM AKAKÇE AS BALTAOĞLU  
İLAYDA AKDOĞAN AS THERMA  
TUĞRUL TÜLEK AS GEORGES SPHRANTZES

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