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has the pleasure to invite you for the lecture:*

A Community in the Margins; The Church of the East in the Ottoman Empire (1500-1850)

- Lecture by Heleen Murre-van den Berg -



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Monday 12th January 2009, 19:00h at the NIASD

In the early Ottoman period, the Church of the East (today known as the Assyrian Church) was largely marginalized as a Christian church in a majority Muslim Empire, an insignificant church among the Greek and Armenian churches, and located at the geographical boundaries of the eastern provinces. However, in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, this church re-defined itself as part of the global Christian community by transmitting and adapting its ancient heritage to the demands of the time, successfully initiating a period of recovery and stability in the margins of imperial power.



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