The talk focuses on the legacies of U.S. and European agendas embedded in the Treaty of Sèvres and the League of Nations in the presentation and management of heritage sites in Turkey. This research explores, for the first time, cultural diplomacy and the “Asia Minor Catastrophe” in the context of the Gediz Valley and the formation of the League of Nations. I deconstruct the underlying tensions and imbalances embedded in the International Museums Office (IMO) and International Committee on Intellectual Cooperation (ICIC) in the context of foreign policies aimed at rebuilding the strategic port of Izmir and her hinterland in the wake of WWI and the Turkish War of Independence. I argue that pernicious political programs from 1922 to Horizon 2020 goals underscore the tensions present in current debates surrounding human rights and heritage.

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