

History 3320: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Middle East History
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Outline for Lecture on Ottoman Imperial Harem
[Wednesday of Week 5: February 8, 2017]

❖ **Where We Are in Course**

- Previous Weeks → Set Up Early History of Region
 - Emergence of Islam
 - Islamic Conquest and Expansion → Political Unification of Region
 - Two Major Dynasties → Umayyads and Abbasids

- This Week → Early Modern Period → Focus on Ottoman Empire
 - Establishment of Gunpowder Empires → harness gunpowder to maintain states (in/out)
 - Ottoman Empire (1516-1918)
 - Safavid (1501-1722) + Invasion from North + Qajar (1794-1926)
 - Moghul Empire (1526-1858)

❖ **An Ottoman Politics of Reproduction**

❖ **Shifting Marriage Patterns of the Early Ottoman Empire**

❖ **Wives vs. Concubines**

❖ **The One Son Rule**

❖ **Myths about the Harem**

❖ **The Hierarchy of the Harem**

Key Terms

Politics of Reproduction
Expansionist Empire
Sedentary Empire
Unique Ottoman Politics of Reproduction
Inter-Dynastic Marriage
Concubinage
Preference for Concubines over Wives
One-son Rule
Fratricide

Provincial Households and Princely Courts
Imperial Harem
Old Palace vs. New Palace
Hierarchy of Harem
Valide Sultan
Haseki
Dar us-Saade
Jariye