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Was There a “Druze Question” in the Ottoman Empire?

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At the end of the nineteenth century, as part of a broader effort to centralize Ottoman authority in the Arab provinces, the Ottoman army launched a series of unprecedented campaigns against the Druze of the Hauran. During this period, the term “Druze Question” emerged, echoing more familiar problem formulations within the Ottoman Empire, such as the Armenian Question, the Macedonian Question, and the Cretan Question. The lecture presents the main questions and preliminary findings of a study of Ottoman policy toward the Druze in the Hauran – an issue that profoundly shaped the development of the Druze community up to the present day.

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