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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### First PhD awarded in the World History theme at Pitt.

**Ahmet Izmirlioglu** defended, on April 8, his dissertation, "Clashes of Imperial Authority: Commercial Tribunals in the Ottoman Provinces and Istanbul, 1847-1880." This study of Tanzimat, the program of Ottoman imperial reform, analyzes local and local-center interactions as an important element of the overall imperial system, helping to explain the weakening of imperial relations

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### Dissertation in European History and World History.

**Madalina Veres** defended her dissertation, "Constructing Imperial Spaces: Habsburg Cartography in the Age of Enlightenment," on April 24. Dr. Veres has analyzed imperial map-making in multiple provinces of the Habsburg monarchy, showing the place of cartography in Enlightenment-era statecraft and scientific advance. [more>](#)



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### Announcing the inaugural issue of *The Medieval Globe*, edited by **Monica H. Green**.

This double issue, "Pandemic Disease in the Medieval World: Rethinking the Black Death," draws on the work of Dr. Green as World History Center Visiting Scholar during 2013-2014. [more>](#)



### Diego Holstein's new book "Thinking History Globally" was released November 5, 2014. [more>](#)