

The Future of Cultural Heritage

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94. The Old Mosque (Eski Camii) in Drama that was converted into a church after the departure of the Muslim population (March 1952).

What is Cultural Heritage?

“the legacy of physical artifacts and intangible attributes of a group or society that are inherited from past generations, maintained in the present and bestowed for the benefit of future generations”

- Monuments
- Group of structures
- Sites

Why is Cultural Heritage Neglected?

- Definition of “citizenship” of nation-states
- New nationalism
- Intentional collective amnesia or denial contributes to nation-building efforts . . .



Although we are Rums, we don't know Greek and we speak Turkish
We don't write and we don't read Turkish, and we don't speak Greek either.
We are a mixture. Our alphabet is Greek and we speak Turkish

(Balta, 2012, p. 117)

ΤΑ ΤΡΑΓΟΥΔΙΑ
ΤΗΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΚΑΙ ΠΑΛ. ΚΑΡΒΑΛΗΣ
(NAZIANZOY)



ΚΟΣΜΑ ΤΣΕΚΜΕΖΟΓΛΟΥ

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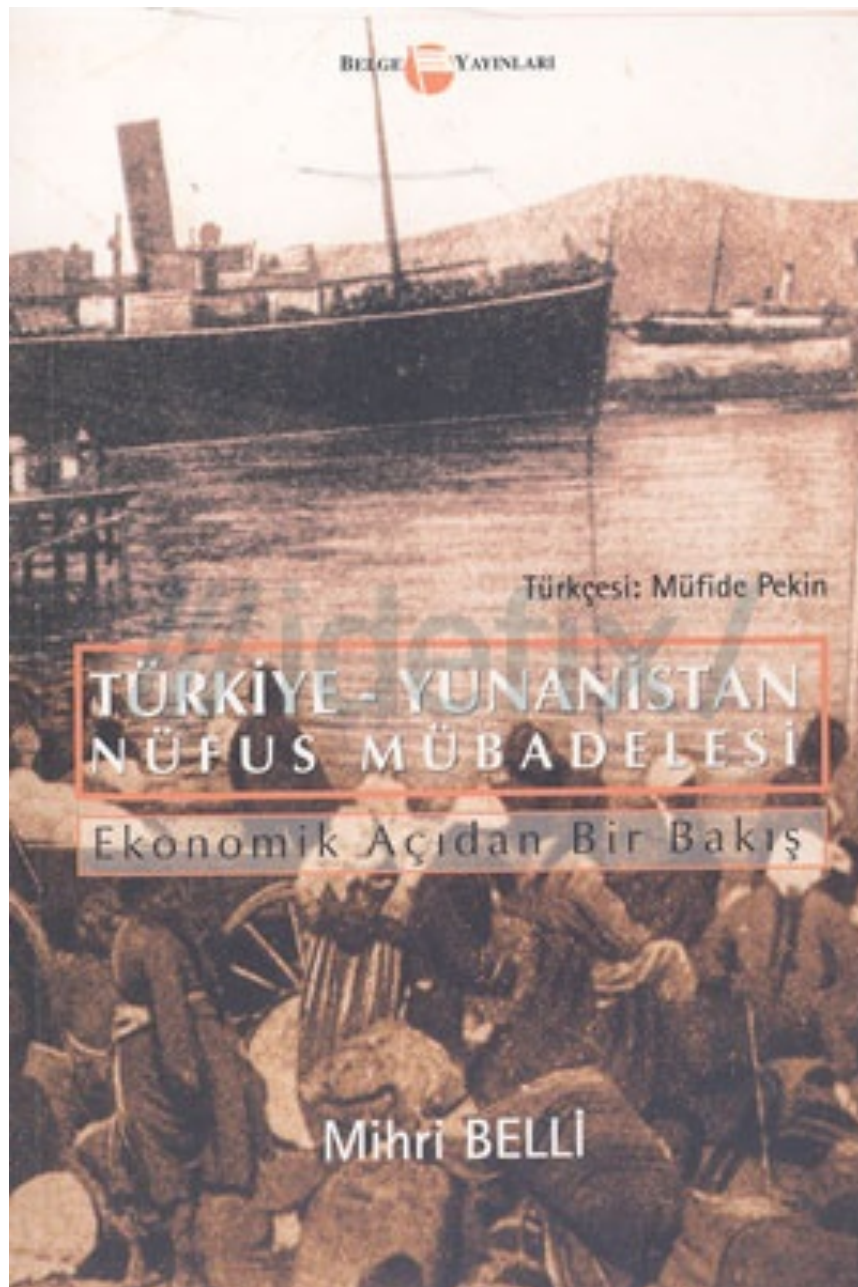
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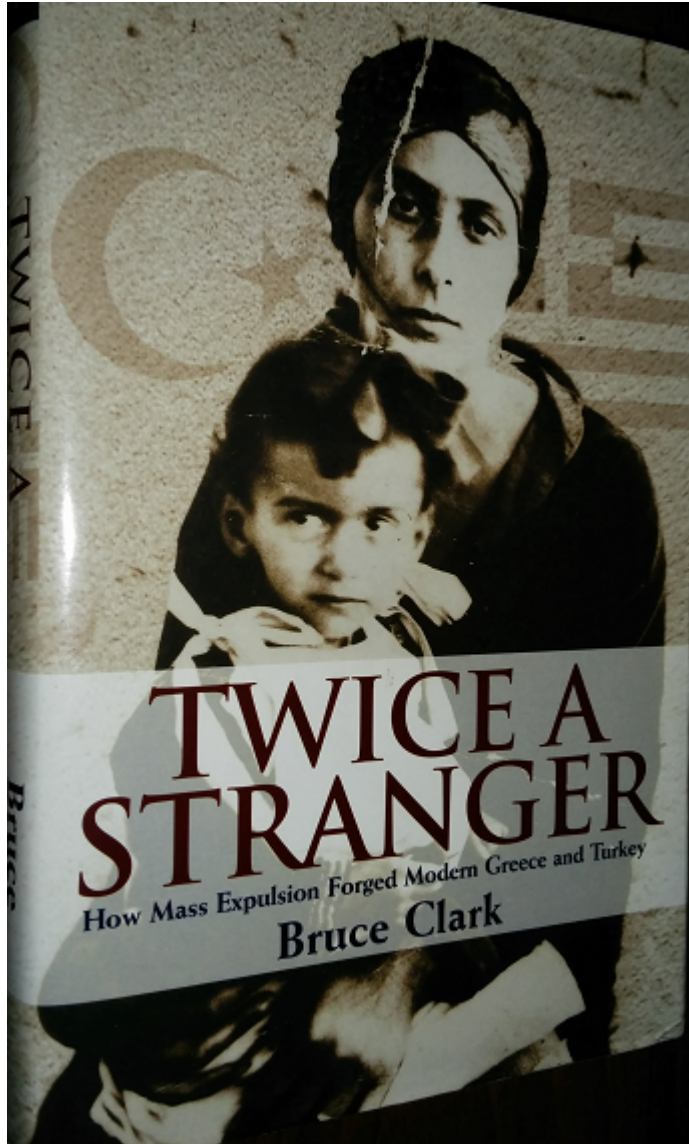
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όραδά πρακδικ άνά βέ μπαμπαλαρή.

Όκουμαγιά πασλαδή γιόλ δοαλαρή
παυλαρή



It was mandatory to speak Greek during local election campaigns to address newly migrated Muslim population after the population exchange in 1923-1924

(Belli, 2004, p. 29)



Twice a Stranger

*Birth in one place,
growing old in
another place.
And feeling a stranger
in two places.*

Ayşe Lahur Kirtunç







Destruction of cultural works, places of worship, and memory institutions of libraries, archives and museums in wars and armed conflicts is a “**war crime**”. (1949 Geneva Convention, Article 53)



“the Balkan Alzheimer’s disease”

The Neglected Culture

Whose culture is it?

Why are we “selective” about
our cultural heritage?

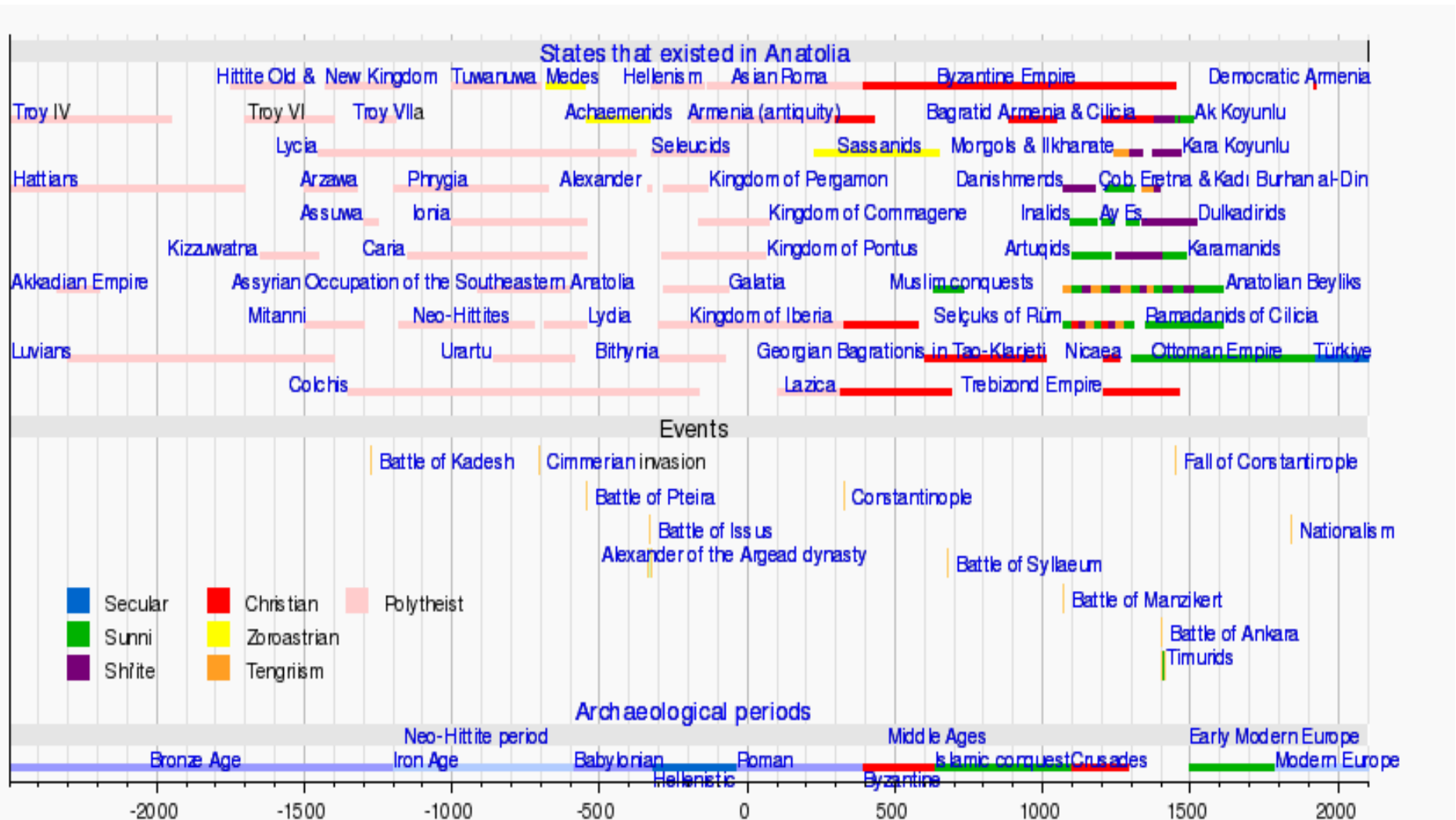




Genetic Legacy of Anatolia

Less than 9% of the genes (Y-chromosome) of Turkish people inherited from the Turkic speaking people of Central Asia. . .

States / civilizations that existed in Anatolia



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1.07-2.26



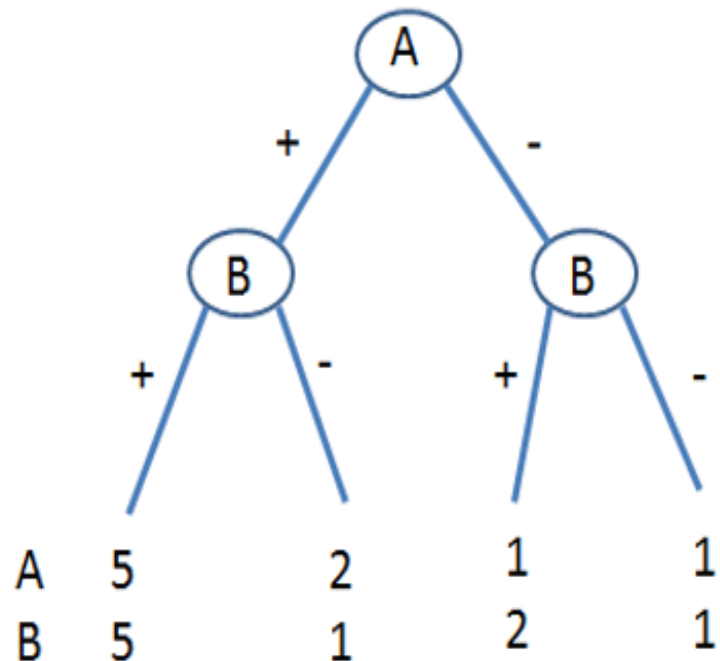


Preservation of cultural heritage and game theory

The payoff matrix

		Country B			
		Preserves		Does not preserve	
Country A	Preserves	5	5	2	1
	Does not preserve	1	2	1	1

The game tree



**Would this game scenario work in
real life?**

**Is it possible to preserve
cultural heritage
collaboratively?**

“rights relating to cultural heritage are inherent in the right to participate in cultural life”.

Homo culturalis

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