

"Ottomans and Armenians: A Study in Counterinsurgency"

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Professor Edward J. Erickson will discuss his recent book, *Ottomans and Armenians, A Study in Counterinsurgency*, published by Palgrave Macmillan in November 2013. Although the Ottomans were among the most active practitioners of counterinsurgency campaigning in the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, in the vast literature available on counterinsurgency to us in the early twenty-first century, there is very little scholarly analysis of how the Ottomans reacted to insurgency and then went about counterinsurgency. Professor Erickson will discuss the evolution of what he calls "insurgency by committee" in the core provinces of the Ottoman Empire. He will provide an overview of Ottoman counterinsurgency practices as the empire entered the period of the First World War, particularly with regard to activities of the Armenian Revolutionary Committees. Professor Erickson will establish a framework for understanding the reasons why the Ottoman government chose the partial relocation of the Armenian population in eastern Anatolia in 1915.

Dr. Erickson is a Professor of Military History in the War Studies Department at the United States Marine Corps Command & Staff College, Quantico, Virginia. He is the author of eleven books and specializes in the history of the Ottoman army during the period 1876-1918.

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