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### Dr. Ahmet Tunç Şen

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**“Reading the Stars at the Ottoman Court: Bayezid II (r. 886/1481-918/1512) and His Celestial Interests”**

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Şen’s article seeks to determine the extent of the patronage of the science of the stars at the court of the eighth Ottoman sultan Bāyezīd II (1481-1512). The sheer number of *munaccims* employed at the court of this sultan and texts and instruments commissioned by or dedicated to him unequivocally single him out and make his patronage inextricably related to the broader political, ideological, and cultural agendas of the time.

#### Estimation of the committee

This article offers an excellent contribution to a literally unknown topic, exhibiting fine research on archival material, rare manuscripts and secondary literature. Sound scholarship, linguistic skills and analytical thought produce here an excellent article which opens new paths for Ottoman intellectual history and history of sciences, at the same time offering new insights for political history at the turn of the 16<sup>th</sup> century.