

Anglo-Turkish Society in-person lecture, 29 April 2024, 6.00 pm (UK time)

Speaker: Dr Hülya Coşkun

Venue: Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy St, Fitzrovia, London W1T 5BT

Title: 'French Architect-Urbanist Henri Prost and his Istanbul Master Plans: Plots, Blocks, Buildings

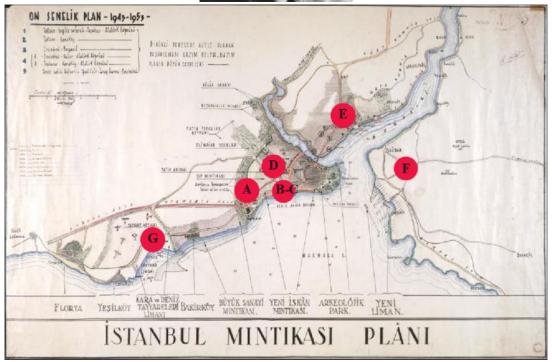
and Housing Units'

Henri Prost (February 25, 1874 – July 16, 1959) was a French architect and urban planner born in Saint-Denis. He was noted in particularly for his work in Morocco and Turkey. Starting from 1924, Prost was consulting the government of Turkey on an irregular basis. In 1936, Prost was invited to Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk to develop a grand plan of Istanbul's redevelopment, and he stayed there for fifteen years. He became the head of the city's Planning Office and authored the master-plan of its architectural future. Modernization and conservation were laid at its core. After his plea, Atatürk approved the transformation of Hagia Sophia, which served as the Grand Mosque of Istanbul, into a museum.

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