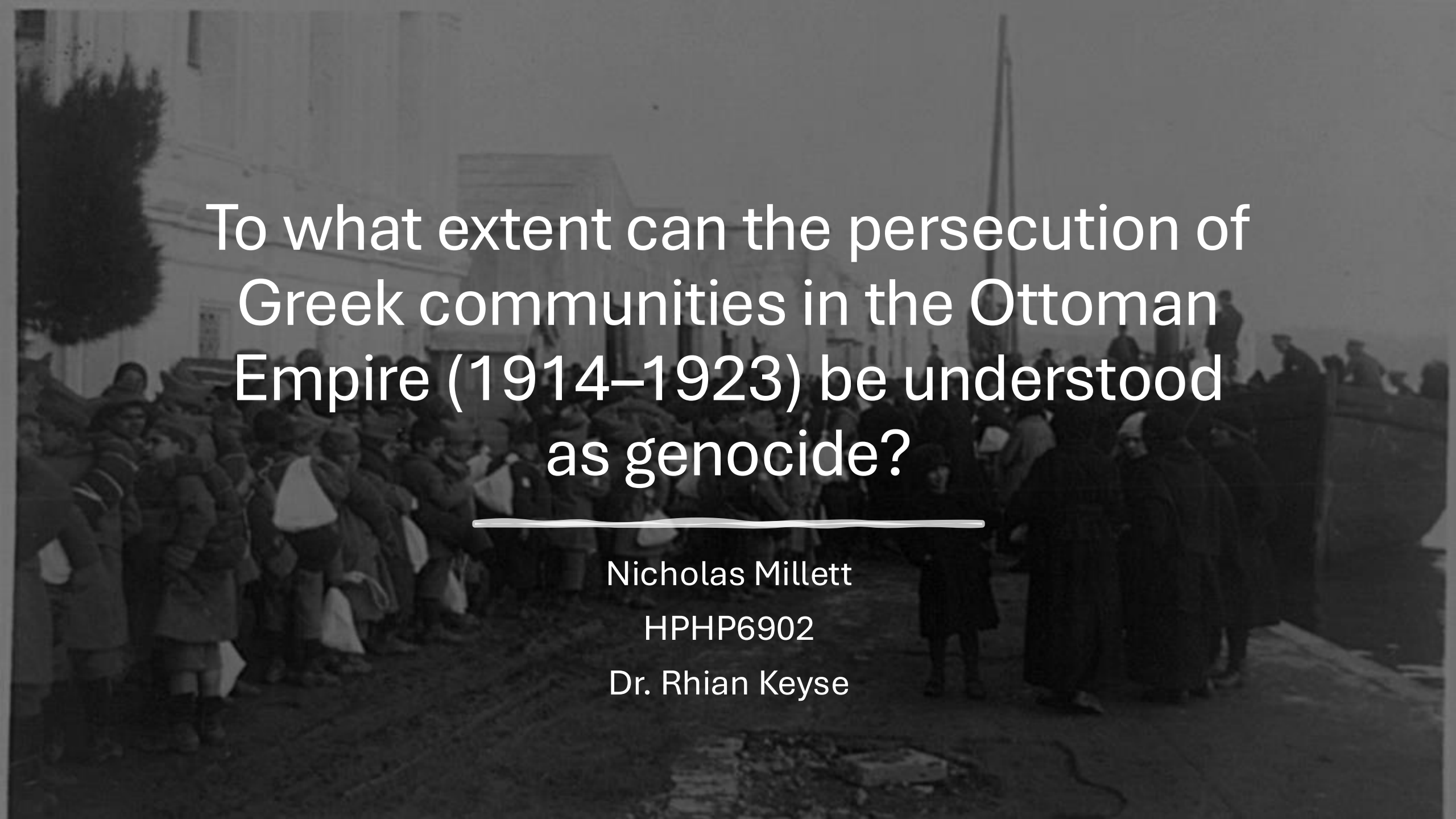




To what extent can the persecution of Greek communities in the Ottoman Empire (1914–1923) be understood as genocide?

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Ambitions and Research Objectives

- **Research Question:** To what extent can the persecution of Greek communities in the Ottoman Empire between 1914 and 1923 be understood as genocide?
- **Additional Question:** Why has this episode remained marginalized or contested within genocide studies?



Why this topic?

Why is this research important?

- Violence during this period is often shadowed by the Armenian Genocide
- The Greek genocide is not fully recognized today and remains a subject of historical and political debate
- Scholars and nations still debate whether the Greek genocide qualifies as genocide
- Examining it gives wider attention and contributes to Genocide studies

Narrowing my research

- Kept the time-period 1914-1923
- Focused on the persecution of the Greek Orthodox Communities in Anatolia
- Examined historical and legal frameworks



Primary Sources

- Official Diplomatic reports
- Missionary and Ambassador accounts
- Contemporary newspapers
- Survivor testimonies
- Government records

• Greek Genocide Resource Center (n.d.) *Photos archive*. Available at:
<https://www.greek-genocide.net/index.php/photos>



Secondary Sources

- Dr. Taner Akçam
 - Greek Genocide Resource Center
 - Dr. Nicholas Doumanis
 - Escaping Asia Minor by Dr. Michail Angelou
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- Historians debate whether the persecution of Greeks was part of a wider campaign of genocide targeting Christian populations in Asia Minor

Methodology

Methods of my research includes:

Qualitative historical analysis

Comparing primary sources

Cross-referencing diplomatic reports and eyewitness testimonies

Using genocide frameworks for analysis

Theoretical Framework

- **Raphael Lemkin's concept of genocide (1944)**-intentional destruction of ethnic, religious, or national groups
- **UN Genocide Convention (1948)**-actions intended to eliminate a protected group
- **Gregory H. Stanton's stages of genocide (1996)**- analytical model outlining the 10 stages of genocide
- **Adam Jones (2006)**- comparative genocide studies: patterns and causes across societies

Lemkin, Raphael. *Axis Rule in Occupied Europe*. Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 1944.

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Stanton, Gregory H. "The Ten Stages of Genocide." Genocide Watch, 1996.

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Findings so far

- Evidence suggests systematic persecution and deportation of Greek populations
- The violence may meet several criteria in genocide theory
- Political and historiographical factors may explain why the case remains contested

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