What is Wikilala?

Wikilala is a digital library that allows "research" in Ottoman texts (newspapers, magazines, books and documents) printed after the invention of the printing press. There is currently no library that allows the curious or academic researchers to make research in Ottoman texts in Latin script. Until the age of digital printing, researchers had to scan pages and even read line by line to find what they are looking for in Ottoman texts. However, thanks to Wikilala, they can reach all the titles and content they are looking for with a single move in fractions of a second.

How does the system work?

Searching through the publications before the change of alphabet (1928) was done in the following way before Wikilala. For example, your research topic is about "Ottoman Turkey and American relations". To do this, you would have to read the headlines or columns of all newspapers published in the Ottoman period, as if looking for a needle in a haystack, so that you could access information on the subject or content. However, with Wikilala, you can access all the content and titles you are looking for in less than a second with a single move. When you write down two keywords related to the topic in the search box (eg Turkey America) you can access a list of Ottoman newspaper, journals or books which bear those two words, and see the marked number of the issue and the relevant line on the particular page. If you wish, you can also make research within the document using both Latin and Arabic script.

Important Reminder: Since the image quality of the newspapers, magazines, books etc. is high, you are recommended to make your research through PC. However, the system can also be used with a mobile.

About Access and Login

To get access Wikilala from within the university, you need to connect to your institution's internet network. To gain off-campus access, you can log in with your institution's e-mail address.

For the login;

1- Click the "register" button on the website.

2- Fill in the relevant blanks completely. (Enter your corporate e-mail in the e-mail section.)

3- Review the user agreement.

4- You can log in by clicking the "Register" button. We wish you a pleasant research.

About the Content

➢ **Newspapers:** You can search in 15 national and 74 local Ottoman newspapers by typing keywords in a total of nearly 1 million newspaper pages.

➢ **Journals:** Search nearly 500 thousand magazine pages in dozens of categories from literature to economics, from sociology to technology.

➢ **Books:** Search through a total of 4,658 books in 36 different categories from literature to art, history to science.

➢ **Articles:** Search all Ottoman newspaper and magazine articles written from Şinasi's first article titled Mukaddime until the 1930s.

➢ **Documentation:** Search official / unofficial documents and papers in dozens of categories, from decrees to certificates, letters to telegrams.

➢ **Others:** Search for any Ottoman material you can think of, from projects to maps, postcards to calligraphy boards.

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