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ABOUT THE GENESIS OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE
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Without denying the real and ideological impact of the ghaza, what we propose in this paper is to draw an alternative analysing framework for the stages of the Ottoman expansion, and particularly to show how the diplomatic activity proved to be, since the time of Osman I, the founder of the dynasty, a complementary instrument in the State construction, in both war and peace times. This reinterpretation of the Ottoman advance, aiming to focus on the political strategies whose purpose was to create an autonomous political and tax area – a condition for the reorganization and the economic development of the territory – allows us not only to reconsider the current debates on the nature of the Ottoman State, but also to study the principles, the techniques and the instruments of its foreign policies.

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