



The Feriköy Protestant Cemetery Initiative

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“The Feriköy Protestant Cemetery and Heritage of Monument Row”

A joint online lecture by Daniel-Joseph MacArthur-Seal and Brian Johnson

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Located in the center of European Istanbul, the Feriköy Protestant Cemetery has served as the city's main burial place for Protestants and others since its opening in 1859. It has tremendous historical value, with heritage from much earlier than the nineteenth century. Some of its monuments date as far back as the 1600s, having been moved to Feriköy from a former cemetery in Istanbul's famed Grand Champs des Morts, which had served the Protestant community for almost three hundred years before 1859.

This lecture, in celebration of the Association of Significant Cemeteries of Europe's 2023 Week of Discovering European Cemeteries, will summarize the origins and history of the Feriköy Protestant Cemetery and discuss in detail some of the oldest memorials in “Monument Row,” the cemetery's most iconic spot containing funerary monuments predating the cemetery itself. It will also describe the efforts under way to document this rich legacy and preserve the cemetery both as a heritage site and active burial ground.

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