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**“HÔTEL LAMBERT” AND THE CONVERSION OF THE POLITICAL  
AGENT MICHAŁ CZAJKOWSKI**

(Summary)

The article presents the political activities and views of Michał Czajkowski at the end of the 1840s and the beginning of 1850s as a top agent and head of the so-called Eastern Agency in Istanbul. The Eastern Agency, supported by France, is a permanent residence in the East of Adam Czartoryski's Polish political émigré camp Hôtel Lambert. The change of the geopolitical tides in the East in the 1840s forced Czajkowski's pragmatic Slavophilism towards a pragmatic Turkophilism. When the top agent of Hôtel Lambert found himself without French protection after exerted influence by Petersburg, he found shelter as a subject to the Sultan in 1850, converted to Islam, and accepted the name Mehmed Sadyk. That decision opened a completely new chapter and prospective career options in the Ottoman state for the Polish renegade.