



Genocide and Global History: A Conference on the 100th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide

April 10-April 11, 2015

Organized by the UCLA Richard Hovannisian Endowed Chair in Modern Armenian History
[Established by the Armenian Educational Foundation]

Friday, April 10th

UCLA Faculty Center California Room 9:00AM-5:15PM
480 Charles E Young Drive North- Parking lot 2

Panel 1: Genocide as a problem for Comparative & Global History (9:00AM- 11:15PM)

Chair: Gail Kligman (UCLA)

Discussant: Donald Miller (USC)

Norman Naimark (Stanford University):

"The Armenian Genocide in Comparative Perspective"

Donald Bloxham (University of Edinburgh):

"The Armenian Genocide and the Wider Conjunction of Violence against Civilians in the World War"

Dirk Moses (European University Institute, Florence):

"Genocide and the Search for Permanent Security"

Jay Winter (Yale University)

"Languages of Suffering: Martyrdom in the Armenian Genocide and in the Holocaust"

Gary Bass (Princeton University)

"There Is No Pity in the World": The Wilson Administration and the Armenian Genocide"

Coffee Break (11:15-11:30)

Panel 2: Mapping a Historiographic Minefield (11:30AM-1:00PM)

Chair: Sebouh D. Aslanian (UCLA)

Discussant: Gerard Libaridian (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Bedross Der Matossian (University of Nebraska, Lincoln):

"The Armenian Genocide Historiography on the Eve of the Centennial: From Continuity to Contingency."

Uğur Ümit Üngör (University of Utrecht):

"Recent Trends in Mass Violence Research and the Armenian Genocide"

Fatma Müge Göçek (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor):

"Periodizing the Collective Violence against the Armenians, 1789 to 2009"

Lunch Break (1:00-2:30)

Panel 3: Writing Armeno-Turkish History before the Genocide (2:30PM-5:30PM)

Part I (2:30-3:30)

Chair: Richard Antaramian (USC)

Discussant: Ronald Grigor Suny (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Sebouh D. Aslanian (UCLA):

"Prepared in the Language of the Hagarites: Abbot Mkhitar's 1728 Armeno-Turkish Grammar of Vernacular Western Armenian"

Murat Yıldız (UCLA):

"Reassessing 'Shared' Practices in Early-Twentieth-Century Bolis: Ottoman Physical Culture Amongst Armenians and Turks"

Vazken Khatchig Davidian (Birkbeck College, University of London):

"In a Historiographic No Man's Land: Ottoman Armenian Artists and Art History"

Part II (3:30-5:15)

Dzovinar Derderian (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor):

"Rendering Singular Subjectivities through Shared Discourses"

Nora Cherishian Lessersohn (Harvard University):

"'Provincial Cosmopolitanism' in Late Ottoman Anatolia: An Armenian Shoemaker's Memoir"

Yasar Tolga Cora (University of Chicago):

"A Neglected History: Armenians in the Provinces and the Larger Ottoman Context in the Nineteenth Century"

Dinner (5:30-6:45)

Special Event Friday, April 10th

Schoenberg Hall, 7:00PM-10:00PM

Featured Speakers: Richard Hovannisian,

Ronald Grigor Suny, and Murat Belge

Musical Performance: Armenian Music

Ensemble of UCLA

445 Charles E Young Dr E

Saturday, April 11th

Faculty Center Main Dining Room 10:00AM-5:30PM

Panel 4: Genocide Denial in Global Context (10:00AM-12:00PM)

Chair: Norman Naimark (Stanford University)

Discussant: Wendy Lower (Claremont-McKenna College)

Jennifer M. Dixon (Villanova University)

"It's Not What You Think: Rhetorical Adaptation & International Norms"

Ara Sarafian (Gomidas Institute):

"Feeding the Line: The Story Behind Ambassador Morgenthau – Revisited"

Ben Madley (UCLA):

"The Polarized American Genocide Debate"

Deborah Lipstadt (Emory University):

"Holocaust Denial in the 21st Century: Flat Earth Theory or Clear and Present Danger?"

Lunch Break (12:00-1:30)

Panel 5: History, Memory, and Testimony (1:30PM-3:30PM)

Chair: Peter Cowe (UCLA)

Discussant: Janet Klein (University of Akron)

Anoush Suni (UCLA): "An Armenian Past in a Kurdish Present: The Politics of Remembering and Forgetting"

Hagop Gulludjian (UCLA):

"Suppression of the Witness. Testimony, from Individual Angst to Political Device"

Harutyun Marutyan (National Academy of Sciences of Armenia):

"The 1915 Genocide in the Context of Armenian Collective and Historical Memory"

Ruken Şengul (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor):

"Traversals: Time, History, and Justice in a Kurdish Diyarbakir"

Coffee Break (3:30-3:45)

Panel 6: Armenian-Turkish Relations, c.1990- 2015 (3:45PM-5:30PM)

Chair: Hourı Berberian (CSULB)

Discussant: Sossie Kasbarian (University of Lancaster, UK)

Bülent Bilmez (Tarih Vakfı and Bilgi University, Istanbul):

"Egalophobia, the Armenian Genocide, and 'Confronting the Past for a Peaceful Future'"

Gerard Libaridian (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

"Historical Agency, Eternal Victimhood, and Turkish Armenian Relations: Do Armenia and Armenians Matter in History?"

Razmik Panossian (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation):

"Going Beyond the 'Long Shadow' of 1915: Armenians in 2115"

Dinner (5:30-7:30)

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