

“ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MUSEUM-INSTITUTE” FOUNDATION
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY
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**AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE,
ARMENIAN CLAIMS AND THE ARTSAKH ISSUE:
RETROSPECTIVE EVALUATIONS AND PROSPECTS**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2021

September 16, Thursday

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30

Opening of the Conference: 9:30 – 10:00

Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute Conference Hall

Opening Speech

- **Harutyun Marutyan** Co-chair of the Organizing Committee, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute Foundation (AGMI)

Welcoming Speech

- **Yuri Suvaryan** Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (NAS RA), Academic Secretary of the Department of Armenology and Social Sciences of the NAS RA
- **Ashot Melkonyan** Co-chair of the Organizing Committee, Academician of the NAS RA, Director of the Institute of History, NAS RA
- **Bedross Der Matossian** Professor at the Lincoln Branch of the University of Nebraska, USA, President of the Society for Armenian Studies

Keynote speech: 10:00 – 10:30

Keynote Speaker: Harutyun Marutyan (AGMI)

The Slogan “I Remember and Demand” and the Challenges of Transmitting the Memory of the Armenian Genocide in the 21st Century

10:30 – 11:30

Opening of the Temporary Exhibition

“Tracing the Armenian Claims: Ownership Certificates Relating to Individual and Community-Owned Armenian Assets”

Coffee break: 11:30 – 11:45

SESSION I: 11:45 – 13:00

**The Study of the Armenian Genocide in the 21st Century:
Marking the Field of Problems**

Chairperson	Harutyun Marutyan (AGMI)
Shushan Khachatryan	(AGMI) On the Further Study of the Armenian Genocide: Some Analytical Questions and Suggestions
Suren Manukyan	(AGMI) Modern Trends in Genocide Studies and the Study of the Armenian Genocide
Regina Galustyan	(AGMI) Turkish Nationalism as the Cause of the Armenian Genocide: Ideology Analysis and Emphasis
Aram Mirzoyan	(AGMI) The Use of Modern Information Technologies in the Study of the Armenian Genocide and Memory Transfer

Questions and answers, discussion

SESSION II: 13:00 – 14:10

**Problems Concerning Source Studies of the Armenian Genocide:
Re-evaluations and New Discoveries (Part I)**

Chairperson	Aram Simonyan (Yerevan State University, Center for Armenian Studies)
Ara Stepan Melkonian	(UK, independent researcher) The Armenian Genocide: An Almost Ignored Part of the Destroyed Armenian Community
Arpine Bablumyan	(Institute of History, NAS RA) The Main Trends of Demographic Changes in Western Armenia at the End of 19th and the Beginning of 20th Century Using the Kharberd and Diarbekir Provinces’ Example: Retrospective Analysis

Robert Tatoyan (AGMI) Creating Statistics of the Human and Material Losses Suffered by Western Armenians Resulting from the Armenian Genocide: The Activities Carried Out by the Armenian Patriarchate of Constantinople's Information Office During 1919-1921

Karine Aleksanyan (Shirak Centre for Armenological Studies of the NAS RA) The Significance of Studying the Sources of Archival-Historical Recollections in Revealing the Continuity of the Armenian Genocide in Eastern Armenia

Questions and answers, discussion

Lunch break: 14:10 – 14:45

Visit to the Armenian Genocide Memorial: 14:45 – 15:00

SESSION III: 15:00 – 16:30

**Problems of Source Studies of the Armenian Genocide:
Re-evaluations and New Discoveries (Part II)**

Chairperson **Edik Minasyan** (Yerevan State University)

Anna Ohanjanyan (Matenadaran) Gevorg Halajyan's "Towards the Gallows" Diary as a Primary Source Concerning Turkified Armenians During the Armenian Genocide

Tehmine Martoyan (AGMI) On the Eve of the Centennial of the Smyrna Massacres: Tracing Unpublished Memoirs and Archival Documents

Hayk Hakobyan (Matenadaran, Institute of Archeology and Ethnography, NAS RA) Artsakh Letters: Tracing Letters Addressed to Archbishop Tirayr Ter-Hovannisyan

Mihran Minassian (AGMI) Armenian Genocide Bulletin-indictments Compiled on the Initiative of the Aleppo Inter-Provincial Patriotic Union

Karine Bazeyan (Shirak Centre for Armenological Studies, NAS RA) Memories of the Former Chairman of the Batumi City and Regional Governing Council Maslov About the Situation in Transcaucasia in 1915-1920

Edik Minasyan (YSU) On the Issue of the Kurdish Participation in the Armenian Genocide in Sasun According to Simon Hakobyan's Memoirs

Questions and answers, discussion

Coffee break: 16:30 – 16:50

SESSION IV: 16:50 – 18:00

Destruction of Historical-Cultural Values

Chairperson	Ararat Aghasyan (Institute of Oriental Studies, NAS RA)
<i>Seda Parsamyan</i>	(AGMI) Confiscation and Misappropriation of Armenian National Estates (1915-1918)
<i>Lusine Tumanyan</i>	(Matenadaran, YSU) The Salvation of the Manuscripts Held in the St. Karapet Monastery, Mush
<i>Hayastan Martirosyan</i>	(AGMI) Azerbaijan's Policy of Cultural Appropriation after the 44-day Artsakh War: The Case of Dadivank

Questions and answers, discussion

17 September, Friday

Circular hall of the Presidium of NAS RA

SESSION I: 10:00 – 11:50

Deprivation of the Homeland and Demand: Historical-Legal Assessments

Chairperson	Yuri Suvaryan
<i>Armen Mikaelyan</i>	(Independent Researcher, France) Armenian Claims Project
<i>Armen Marukyan</i>	(Institute of History, NAS RA) Historical and Legal Assessment of the Process of Occupation of Armenian Territories in Accordance with the Treaties of Moscow and Kars
<i>Lilit Hovhannisyan</i>	(Institute of History, NAS RA) The Evaluation of the Kars treaty October 13, 1921, According to Historical Science of the Republic of Armenia (1991-2020)
<i>Ara Papyan</i>	(Modus Vivendi) Legal Assessment of the Treaties of Moscow (16.03.1921) and Kars (13.10.1921) Under International Law
<i>Edita Gzoyan</i>	(AGMI) Opportunities for Compensation for the Armenian Genocide: Legal Analysis

Questions and answers, discussion

Coffee break: 11:50 – 12:10

Keynote speech: 12:10 – 12:40

Keynote Speaker: Ashot Melkonyan (Institute of History, NAS RA)

The Issue of the Armenian Genocide in the Sphere of Republic of Armenia’s Foreign Policy

SESSION II: 12:40 – 13:30

Ideology, Memory, Identity

Chairperson Suren Manukyan (AGMI)

Lance Levenson (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) “Everything is connected to the Genocide.” Intergenerational Memory, Diaspora Mobilization and Armenian Youth Identity in Jerusalem

Narine Movsisyan (Institute of History, NAS RA) The 1920 Turkish-Armenian War, as a Goal of the Realization of Pan-Turkism (According to Contemporary Armenian Historiography)

Questions and answers, discussion

Lunch break: 13:30 – 14:30

SESSION III: 14:30 – 16:00

Armenian Hatred and Denial in Turkey and Azerbaijan

Chairperson Edita Gzoyan (AGMI)

Anush Hovhannisyan (Institute of Oriental Studies, NAS RA) Planting Seeds for a New Genocide Harvest? A Triggering Effect of Hate Speech for Turkish Military Intervention in the Karabakh Conflict in 2020

Armen T. Marsoobian (Southern Connecticut State University, USA) Genocide Denial and Its Consequences for Victims and Perpetrators

Narek Poghosyan (AGMI) False Turkish Theses Concerning the Denial of the Armenian Genocide in the Context of Rafael Lemkin’s Scientific Activity

Naira Sahakyan (AGMI) Constructing the Enemy-Other: the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict and the Dehumanizing Discursive Practices of the Armenian and Azerbaijani Political Leaders

Arsen Hakobyan, (Institute of Archaeology NAS RA, University of Messina, Italy) The
Marcello Mollica Second Karabakh War and Turkish Denialism: Space and Transnationalism

Questions and answers, discussion

Coffee break: 16:00 – 16:20

SESSION IV: 16:20 – 17:40

Recognition and Prevention

Chairperson **Gevorg Poghosyan** (Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Law, NAS RA)

Svante Lundgren (Lund University, Sweden) Antisemitism and anti-Armenianism:
Similarities, Differences and Historical Connections

Juan Pablo Artinian (Torcuato Di Tella University and University of Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Between the Local and Global South: The Diaspora's Politics for the
Recognition of the Armenian Genocide in Argentina 1965-2015

Mariam Topakyan (Postgraduate student, Faculty of International Relations, YSU) French-
Armenian Organizations' Activities on the Issue of Recognizing the
Armenian Genocide

Kyfork Aghobjian (University of Vienna, Austria) Recognizing or Preventing Armenian
Genocide?

Questions and answers, discussion

September 18, Saturday

SESSION I: 10:00 – 11:15

Institute of History NAS RA

The Hatred and Genocidal Policy of the Azerbaijani Authorities

Against the Armenians of Azerbaijan and of Artsakh

Chairperson **Armen Marukyan** (Institute of History NAS RA)

Hayk Melik-Adamyán (Institute of Geology, NAS RA) The Contribution Made by Armenians in
the Construction of the Oil and Gas Complex of Soviet Azerbaijan in the
Context of Deliberate Distortion of that Country's Post-soviet
Historiography

- Mariam Avagyan* (Yerevan State University of Architecture and Construction) Concerning the Number of Sumgait and Baku Genocide Victims
- Gevorg Stepanyan* (Institute of History, NAS RA) The Pan-Turkish Concept of “Great Azerbaijan”: History and Modernity
- Gayane Hovhannisyanyan* (AGMI) Sumgait: About Assessments and Definitions

Questions and answers, discussion

Coffee break: 11:15 – 11:30

SESSION II: 11:30 – 12:30

The Study of the Armenian Genocide in the Interdisciplinary Domain (Part I)

- Chairperson** **Shushan Khachatryan** (AGMI)
- Stepan Stepanyants* (Yerevan branches of Moscow State University, St. Petersburg Institute of Foreign Economic Relations, Economics and Law) Coverage of Genocide Issues in Religious Studies
- Gevorg Kazaryan* (National University of Athens, Greece) Armenian Horrors in the Whirlpool of the Massacres of Christians in the Late 19th – Early 20th Centuries
- Serafim Seppälä* (University of Eastern Finland) Where was God in 1915? Armenian Genocide as a Religious Problem

Questions and answers, discussion

Lunch break: 12:30 – 13:15

SESSION III: 13:15 – 15:20

The Study of the Armenian Genocide in the Interdisciplinary Domain (Part II)

- Chairperson** **Robert Tatoyan** (AGMI)
- Armen Sh. Sargsyan* (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, NAS RA) Echoes of the Armenian Genocide in the Popular Calendar
- David Gasparyan* (Institute of History, NAS RA) Literary References to Armenian History (Centennial Experience)
- Anna Asatryan* (Institute of Art, NAS RA) Echoes of the Armenian Genocide in the Works of Composer Aram Satyan

- Tehmina Marutyán*** (Goris State University) The Issue of the Occupied Territories Captured from Armenia in “Spyurk” (Diaspora) Weekly (1958-1978)
- Silva Karavartanian*** (“Aztag” daily, Beirut) Various Masks of Anti-Armenian Policy
- Narine Margaryan*** (AGMI) The Armenian Orphanage Network in the Middle East During the Armenian Genocide: the Problems and Peculiarities of the Preservation of Armenian Identity
- Sevak Artsruni*** (“Build Armenia” Project Coordinator) The Fact of the Abolition of Entrepreneurship of Armenians and Other Indigenous Peoples in Asia Minor, and Its Consequences

Questions and answers, discussion

Coffee break: 15:20 – 15:40

Round Table: 15:40 – 17:10

The Process of Recognizing and Compensating for the Armenian Genocide: Achievements, Problems, Expectations

(Chairpersons: Armen Marukyan, Edik Minasyan)

Round Table: 17:15 – 18:45

Manifestations of Genocide Policy During the Second Artsakh War

(Chairpersons: Ashot Melkonyan, Yeghishe Kirakosyan)

Closing of the Conference

(Harutyun Marutyán, Ashot Melkonyan, Yuri Suvaryan)