Organized by the UCLA Richard Hovannisian Endowed Chair in Modern Armenian History

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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 Mattas Mattosian (University of Nebraska, Lincoln):
“The Armenian Genocide Historiography on the Eve of the Centennial: From Continuity to Contingency.”
Üğur Ümit Ungör (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 Davdadian (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 Dzodkanian (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

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 (Vilanovo 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):
“A Armenian Past in a Kurdish Present: The Politics of Remembering and Forgetting”
Hagop Gulludjian (UCLA):
“Supression of the Witness, Testimony, from Individual Angst to Political Device”
Harutyun Marutyun (National Academy of Sciences of Armenia):
“The 1915 Genocide in the Context of Armenian Collective and Historical Memory”
Rüken Şengül (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor):
“Traversals: Time, History, and Justice in a Kurdish Diyarbakır”

Coffee Break (3:30-3:45)

Panel 6: Armenian-Turkish Relations, c.1990-2015 (3:45PM-5:30PM)
Chair: Houri Berberian (CSULB)
Discussant: Suzette Kasbarian (University of Akron)
Sossie Kasbarian (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor):
“‘There Is No Pity in the World’: The Wilson Administration and the Armenian Genocide”
Bülent Bilmez (University of Edinburgh):
“Egalophobia, the Armenian Genocide, and ‘Confronting the Past to Political Device’”
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