

The purpose of this conference is to explore Armenian identity from the remote past to the present. This conference will touch upon issues that have faced the Armenians, and how they have affected Armenian identity through the ages - how a small kingdom and people have been able to keep their cultural independence and survive. Armenian identity has gone through many changes, and our discussions will touch upon not only elements of continuity, but also rupture.

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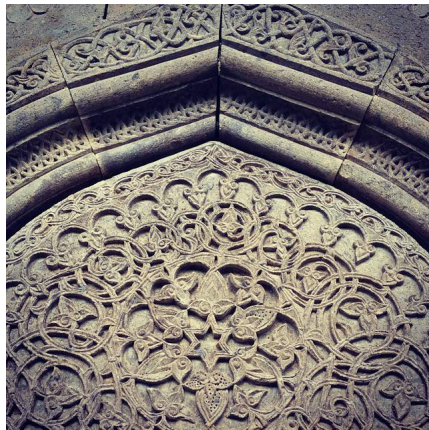


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Monday, April 6 - Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Day 1: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Day 2: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, April 6, 2015

OPENING REMARKS - Touraj Daryaei, Howard C. Baskerville Professor in the History of Iran & the Persianate World

DEAN'S WELCOME - Georges Van Den Abbeele, Dean, UCI School of Humanities

PANEL I: ANCIENT ARMENIA

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Chair: Roman Smbatyan

Touraj Daryaei, UCI

“Urashtu and Armina: Two Narratives through the Behistun Inscription”

Giusto Traina, Sorbonne

“Ethnicity and Dynasticity: Identity in Pre-Christian Armenia”

Ani Honarchian, UCLA

“And Moses became *hayakhos*: Literacy and Orality in Late Antique Armenia”

Gregory Areshian, UCLA

“Transformations of Armenian Identity from Late Antiquity to the Modern Age: A Contextualized Analysis”

LUNCH BREAK

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

PANEL II: MEDIEVAL ARMENIA

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Chair: Levon Petrosyan

Tamar Boyadjian, Michigan State

“Idem et oþer: Intersecting Representations of Armenians in Medieval Literature”

Khodadad Rezakhani, Free University Berlin

“From Shamiran to Arran: Caspian and Armenian Identities in the Early Islamic Period”

Robert Hewsen

TBA

COFFEE BREAK

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Sebough Aslanian, UCLA

“A Life Lived Across Continents: A Global Microhistory of Marcara Avachintz, the First Director of Colbert's Compagnie des Indes Orientales, 1666-1688”

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

PANEL III: EARLY MODERN ARMENIA

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Chair: Touraj Daryaei

Peter Cowe, UCLA

“Armenia in the 16th Century: Dark Age or Era of Transition?”

Edmund Herzig, Oxford University

“Go-betweeners or In-betweeners?: Questions of Trade and Identity among Early Modern Armenian Merchants”

Roman Smbatyan, UCI

“Some remarks on the identity of Meliks of Artsakh (Karabagh) in 17-18 centuries AD”

LUNCH BREAK

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

PANEL IV: MODERN ARMENIA

12:30 PM - 2:40 PM

Chair: Sebough Aslanian

Houri Berberian, CSULB

“Fin de Siècle Time-Space Compression, Armenian Identity, and Revolutionary Caucasus”

Shushan Karapetian, UCLA

“The Evolving Role of Language in the Construction of Armenian Identity in the Diaspora”

Myrna Douzjian, UCLA & CSU Fresno

“Transnational Identities in Atom Egoyan's Ararat”

Rubina Peroomian, UCLA

“Effects of the Genocide, second generation voices”

CONCLUDING REMARKS

