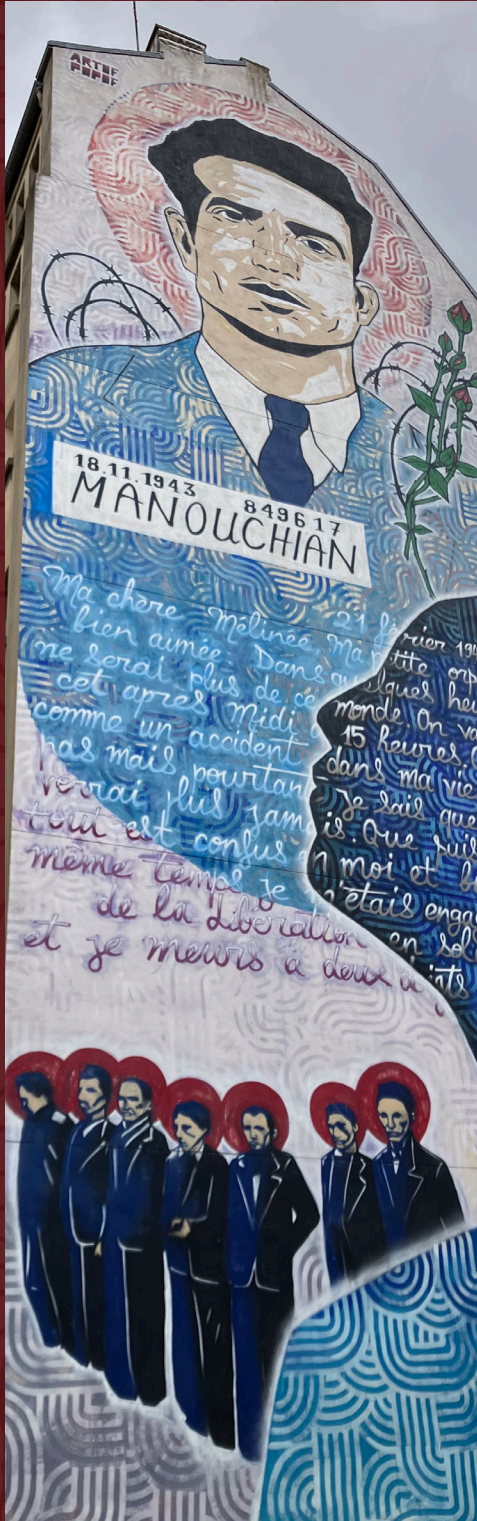


# IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MISSAK MANOUCHIAN: ARMENIAN POET IN THE FRENCH RESISTANCE



Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
6:00 Reception  
6:30 Program  
Humanities Gateway 1030

Missak Manouchian (1906-1944) was an Armenian Genocide survivor, poet, communist activist, and defender of liberty who joined the French Resistance during World War II, resolutely leading a group of fighters against occupying Nazi forces. Manouchian, along with many members of his group, was sentenced to death by a German military court and shot by firing squad on 21 February 1944. In honor of his sacrifice, he entered France's Pantheon mausoleum, along with his wife Mélinée Assadourian - also part of the Resistance - thus becoming both the first foreign and communist members of the Resistance to be honored in the Pantheon.

The program will include a reading of his last letter to his widow and a talk by Professor Daniel Brunstetter (UCI Political Science Department), followed by a Q&A.

Complimentary parking will be available in Lot 7 at the intersection of Mesa Road and West Peltason Drive. A parking attendant will be present to assist you from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Questions? Email [mhkanda@uci.edu](mailto:mhkanda@uci.edu) or call (949)824-6521

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