

**Crossing the Centennial: The Historiography of the Armenian  
Genocide Re-Evaluated**

**University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

**March 19-20, 2014**

**Wick Alumni Center – Great Hall  
1520 R Street.**

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**Thursday, March 19, 2:00pm-6:00pm**

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

**William G. Thomas III, Chair of the Department of History** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

**OPENING REMARKS**

**Bedross Der Matossian** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

**SESSION I: HUMANITARIANISM AND HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION**

**2:00pm-4:00pm**

Chair: **David Forsythe** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

**Hilmar Kaiser** (Historian, Phnom Penh)

“Humanitarian Intervention and Ottoman Opposition to Extermination: A Neglected Aspect”

**Péter Pál Kránitz** (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)

“Armenian Refugees, Humanitarian Assistance and Hungary”

**Mark Toufayan** (University of Ottawa)

“Between Intimacy and Alienation: Armenian Property, Denationalization and the Passions of ‘Protection’ in French Mandated Cilicia, 1918-1923”

Q & A/Discussion

**SESSION II: FEATURED PANEL**

**4:00pm-6:00pm**

Chair: **Jean Cahan** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

**Richard G. Hovannisian** (University of California-Los Angeles)

“The Centenary of the Armenian Genocide: What Have We Learned?”

**Michelle Tusan** (University of Nevada-Las Vegas)

“Humanitarian Empire: Britain's Response to the Armenian Genocide,”

**Keith Watenpaugh** (University of California-Davis)

“Armenia, Armenians, The League of Nations and Modern Humanitarianism”

Q & A/Discussion

**Reception and Dinner: 6:00pm-8:00pm** (For invited participants)

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**SESSION III: WOMEN AND CHILDREN DURING THE GENOCIDE**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

Chair: **Patrice McMahon** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

**Benny Morris** (Ben-Gurion University)

“Women and Children in the Turkish Ethnic Cleansing of Armenians and Greeks, 1919-1923”

**Carina Karapetian Giorgi** (Pomona College)

“Critical Examination of the Historiography of Women during the Armenian Genocide”

**Anna Aleksanyan** (Clark University)

“Neutral home” and the Issue of Identity of the Surviving Armenian Women and Children”

**Tugce Kayaal** (University of Michigan-Ann Arbor)

“A Critique of the Concept of the “Genocide Survivor”: Armenian Orphans in Aleppo between the Years of 1915-1918”

Q & A/Discussion

**Lunch: 12:00pm-1:00pm** (For invited participants)

**SESSION IV: THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND THE HOLOCAUST**

**1:00pm-3:00pm**

Chair: **Ari Kohen** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

**Ümit Kurt** (Clark University)

“Legal' and 'Official' Plundering of Armenian and Jewish Properties during the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust within a comparative perspective”

**Stefan Ihrig** (Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem)

“From the Armenian Genocide to the Holocaust – A connected perspective”

**Harutyun Marutyan** (National Academy of Sciences of Armenia)

“The Institute of Righteous among the nations in the Armenian and the Jewish Cases”

Q & A/Discussion

## **SESSION V: AFTERMATH OF THE GENOCIDE: POLITICS, CULTURE, SOCIETY, AND LITERATURE**

**3:00pm-5:00pm**

Chair: **Chantal Kalisa** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

**Tsolin Nalbantian** (Leiden University)

“Armenian Nation Building through Sport: The Armenian Olympiad Before and After the Armenian Genocide”

**Heghnar Watenpaugh** (University of California-Davis)

“Art, Heritage, and the Armenian Genocide: Toros Roslin’s Zeytun Gospels between 1915 and 2015”

**Talar Chahinian** (California State University-Long Beach)

“Impossible Testimonies: Literature and Aesthetics in the Aftermath of the Armenian Genocide”

**Seyhan Bayraktar** (Historical Seminar of the University of Zurich)

“The Armenian Genocide and the Politics of Denial: on Turkey, Civil Society, and EU Recognition Politics”

Q & A/Discussion

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

**Lloyd Ambrosius** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)