

Layers of Diasporic Belonging: (Re)Evaluating Armenianness in Historical, Contemporary and Comparative Perspectives

PROGRAM | October 1-2, 2021



Friday, October 1

15:00 – 15:30

Welcome

Stefan Troebst (Berlin/Leipzig)

Opening Remarks

Hakob Matevosyan (Leipzig)

Vahe Sahakyan (Ann Arbor)

15:30 – 17:00

Panel I. Diasporic Belongings, Discourses and Practices

Chair: Bálint Kovács

Nelli Sargsyan (Boston)

Diasporic Armenian Belonging as Always Already Queer and Multiple

Nanor Karageozian (Beirut)

Armenians in Lebanon: Nuancing Diasporic Identities and Belongings

Alexandr Osipian (Berlin)

Discourses and Practices of Belonging in Armenian Communities in Pre-Modern East-Central Europe

Discussion

17:00 – 17:15 Break

17:15 – 18:15

Panel II. Literary Expressions and Dynamics within Diaspora

Chair: Nare Galstyan

Karen Jallatyan (Budapest/Leipzig)

Armenian Literary, Intellectual Life in East-Central and Eastern Europe

Rubina Peroomian (Los Angeles)

Armenian-American or American with Armenian Roots? The Post-Genocide Conditions and Circumstances in America and the Dynamics of Identity

Discussion

18:15 – 19:00 Break

19:00 – 20:30

Panel III. (Re)Evaluating Dispersion and Diaspora

Chair: Sirarpi Movsisyan

Konrad Siekierski (London)

Living in Homeland, Being in Diaspora: Ergirian Community in Armenia

Tsypylma Darieva (Berlin)

“Get Rooted!” A Second and Later Generation Transnationalism among Global Armenians

Juergen Heyde (Leipzig)

Diaspora or Dispersion? Armenian Narratives of History and Belonging in Early Modern Poland

Discussion

Saturday, October 2

15:00 – 16:30.

Panel IV. Armenian Diversities: Roots, Migration Routes, and Practices

Chair: Vahe Sahakyan

Sirarpi Movsisyan (Leipzig)

Similar but Dangerously Different: Unpacking Belonging among the Armenians in Germany

Nare Galstyan (Yerevan/Los Angeles)

Diversity and Unity in Diaspora: “Newcomers” and “Diasporic Armenians” in the Netherland

Viktorya Abrahamyan (Neuchâtel)

Defining Armenianness, Overcoming Diversity: The Case of Armenian Refugees in Syria, 1918-1932

Discussion

16:30 – 16:45 Break

16:45 – 18:15

Panel V. Diaspora Identities within and beyond Ethnicity

Chair: Hakob Matevosyan

Anahit Kartashyan (Saint Petersburg)

Between Home and Homeland: Construction of Armenian Identity in the 19th Century Polis (Istanbul)

Bálint Kovács (Budapest/Halle)

The Multiple Role of Armenian (Diasporic) Organisations in Transylvania and Budapest until 1950

Bhaswati Bhattacharya (Göttingen)

Lost in the Diaspora? Armenian Indian Identity in Late Colonial and Post-Colonial India

Discussion

18:45 – 19:15 Break

19:15 – 20:45

Panel VI. Profiling Diasporas

Chair: Uta Koschmieder

Alla Manukyan (Des Moines)

The Armenian Diaspora in the US: The Demographic and Socioeconomic Profile

René Bekius (Amsterdam)

The Armenian Diaspora in 17th and 18th Century Amsterdam: Hostland Links, Waterways to Heartlands, Shaping Past and Future

Nelida Boulgourdjian and Khatchik DerGhougassian (Buenos Aires)

“El Sur (Armenio) También Existe”: Being an (Argentine) Armenian in the (Southern) Periphery of the Diaspora

Discussion

20:45 – 21:00

Closing Remarks

Hakob Matevosyan (Leipzig)

Vahe Sahakyan (Ann Arbor)

Stefan Troebst (Berlin/Leipzig)

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*Armenian travelling chest / Rebeka Issekutz's trousseau chest. 18th century.
Budapest, Museum of Ethnography.*