



Armenian Manuscripts, Archives and Early Prints in Gherla/Armenopolis

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Programme

JUNE 11 – THURSDAY

09:00-09:30 Opening

Dr. Gergely Kovács, Archbishop of Alba Iulia

Dr. Szabolcs András, Vice-Dean, Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology

Rev. Attila Küsmődi, Vicar General of the Ordinariate for Armenian Catholics in Romania

09:30-10:00 Keynote Lecture

Bálint Kovács (Budapest / Leipzig): Reading a Diaspora through Its Books: Confessional, National, and Modern Layers in the Armenian Manuscript and Print Heritage of Gherla/Armenopolis

10:00-10:20 Distinguished Lecture

Peter Cowe (Los Angeles): Armenian Confraternities of Transylvania Contextualized

10:20-11:00 Coffee Break

Section I - Confessionalization and Armenian Catholicism in Transylvania

Chair: Karen Jallatyan

11:00-11:20 Kornél Nagy (Budapest): "Cardinalis et Armeni Transylvaniae": A Pro-Viennese Hungarian Cardinal and the Armenians in Transylvania

11:20-11:40 Karola Kovács (Cluj-Napoca): Armenian Catholic Initiatives in the Documents of Bárány Lukács

11:40-12:00 Emese Pál (Cluj-Napoca): Special Pieces in the Collection of the Armenian Catholic Church in Dumbrăveni

12:00-12:30 Discussion

12:30-14:30 Lunch Break

Section II - Urban, Liturgical and Visual Heritage

Chair: András Szabolcs

14:30-14:50 Virgil Pop (Cluj-Napoca): The Construction of Armenopolis and the Baroque Castles in the Someş Valley

14:50-15:10 Karen Jallatyan (Leipzig): Enriching the Future while Looking into the Past: Photographic Legacies of the Transylvanian Armenian Community of Gherla/Armenopolis

15:10-15:30 Ágnes Gombocz (Cluj-Napoca): Armenian Church Music in Transylvania: Something New, Something Old, Something Borrowed

15:30-16:00 Discussion

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

Section III - Historical Memory, Migration and Twentieth-Century Armenian Life

Chair: Peter Cowe

16:30-16:50 Alina Zaripova (Vienna): Uses of the Past in the Hungarian-Armenian Community at the End of the 19th Century

16:50-17:10 András Szabolcs (Cluj-Napoca): Armenians in Romania in the First Half of the Twentieth Century

17:10-17:30 Zsanett Vákár (Cluj-Napoca): Reflection of Migration after the Armenian Genocide in the Romanian and Hungarian Press

17:30-18:00 Discussion



JUNE 12 – FRIDAY

09:00-09:30 British Library Project Presentation

Inessa Arustamyan (Budapest) and Lilit Mnatsakanyan (Budapest / Leipzig): Digitizing Armenian Manuscripts and Archival Materials in Gherla (Armenopolis), Transylvania: Preservation, Description, and Cultural Significance

Section IV - Print, Translation and Global Armenian Networks

Chair: Bálint Kovács

09:30-09:50 George Antabi (Budapest): About India in the Armenian Book Collection in Gherla: A Study Based on Poghos Petros Lazarovich's Description of the City of Calcutta

09:50-10:10 Laura Bazyan (Budapest): The Mekhitarist Congregation in Trieste (1773-1810) and their Books in the Armenian Library in Gherla

10:10-10:30 Dianna Mlhamyan (Budapest): From Gherla to Vienna and Back: The French-Armenian Epistolary Guide and Mekhitarist Cultural Mediation

10:30-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

Section V - Manuscript Knowledge, Language and Cartographic Imagination

Chair: Emese Pál

11:30-11:50 Damján Pál Anca (Budapest): The Shaping of Myths and the Construction of Historical Narratives: A Nineteenth-Century Hungarian-Language Manuscript on Armenian History in the Armenian Library of Gherla

11:50-12:10 Kincső Felszegi (Cluj Napoca): About a 19th-century scrapbook. An analysis of the manuscript collection of Gábor Görög

12:10-12:30 Inessa Arustamyan (Budapest): Manuscript Dictionaries and Linguistic Memory: Armenian-Latin Lexicography among Transylvanian Armenians

12:30-12:50 Lilit Mnatsakanyan (Budapest / Leipzig): Functional Hierarchies of Space: Eastern Europe in Armenian Cartographic and Geographic Projects: The Geographies of Stepanos Agnts

12:50-13:20 Discussion

13:20-14:00 Final Discussion and Closing Remarks