

Seminar Series: *Armenian Lost Cities: Histories, Imageries, and Perceptions*

The Department of Armenian Studies at Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest is organising a series of public online seminars, *Armenian Lost Cities: Histories, Imageries, and Perceptions*.

From 23 September to 16 December 2026, we will host twelve contributors to the forthcoming volume *Armenian Lost Cities: Histories, Imageries, and Perceptions*, edited by Dr Karen Jallatyan and Dr Konrad Siekierski and scheduled for publication in 2027. **The volume and the seminar series are the outcomes of the *Lost-but-Found: Armenian Capital Ani at Contested Crossroads* research project, funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation from 2022 to 2026.**

The seminars will take place on Zoom on Wednesdays, from 18:00 to 19:30 (Central European Time) and will consist of 30–45-minute presentations followed by Q&A sessions.

We warmly invite everyone interested in Armenian history, diaspora studies, memory studies, urban studies, cultural anthropology and related fields to join us.

The seminars can be joined via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86308029406?pwd=vBkKHm1NVeSzGDt3tqIjJH0eCl8O2F.1>

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List of presentations:

23 September: Prof. Elke Hartmann (Free University of Berlin), *Kars: A Symbol of Turkey's Lost Heritage*

30 September: Dr Maria Gunko (Yerevan State University), *Three Decades of Multi-Layered Destruction in a Small Armenian Town*

07 October: Dr Carel Bertram (San Francisco State University), *Still Longing for Digranagerd*

14 October: Dr Nzhdeh Yeranyan (History Museum of Armenia), Dr Haykuhi Muradyan (Yerevan State University), and Dr Ruzanna Tsaturyan (Institute of Archaeology and

Ethnography NAS RA): *The Reconstruction of Hadrut City: Memory and Cultural Heritage After the 44-day Artsakh War and Forced Displacement*

21 October: Dr Nona Shahnazaryan (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS RA): *Shushi – a “Ghost City”: Continuity of Loss*

04 November: Kristine Baghdasaryan (Pázmány Péter Catholic University), *Contesting the lieu de mémoire: Ani, Heritage, and the Politics of Loss in the Armenian Khatabala periodical, Tiflis, 1906–1914*

11 November: Dr Bálint Kovács (Pázmány Péter Catholic University / GWZO Leipzig): *Minas Bzhkeants and Ani Armenians*

18 November: Dr Gayane Shagoyan (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS RA): *A City Lost Twice: Double Catastrophe and the Urban Identity of Leninakan – Gyumri*

25 November: Yana Lalayan (Pázmány Péter Catholic University): *What Moves Between the Lost Cities*

02 December: Dr Yulia Antonyan (Yerevan State University), *A City of the Curly-Haired Boy: The Imagination and Loss of Soviet Charentsavan*

09 December: Lilit Mnatsakanyan (Pázmány Péter Catholic University / GWZO Leipzig): *Losing a City That Was Never Gone: The Problem of "Loss" in the Armenian Town in Transylvania (Armenopolis)*

16 December: Prof. Peter Cowe (University of California, Los Angeles): *Ani's Protean Gestalt in Spatiotemporal Transition*