



Support to the Armenia-Turkey
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Armenia-Turkey: Paving the Way for Dialogue and Reconciliation

18-19 May 2017

Yerevan State University

(Academic Council Meeting room, Central Building, 5th floor)

AGENDA

The conference takes place within the framework of the [Support to the Armenia-Turkey Normalisation Process](#) (ATNP) programme, funded by the European Union.

The aim of the conference is to facilitate academic and policy dialogue, as well as contribute to the improved information flow, communication exchange and networking between researchers, experts, media representatives and institutions particularly in Armenia and Turkey. Around 40 participants of the conference come from Armenia, Turkey, Europe and US.

DAY 1: 18 May, Thursday

9:30 - 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 - 10:30 **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Welcome speeches:

H.E. Mr. **Piotr Antoni Świtalski**, Ambassador, Head of the European Union
Delegation to the Republic of Armenia

Gevorg Ter-Gabrielyan, CEO, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Moderator: Haghine Manasyan, CEO, Caucasus Research Resource Center-
Armenia

10:30 - 11:00 **COFFEE BREAK/Time for media**

11:00 - 12:45 **Keynote Speeches**

11:00 - 11:30 Keynote Speech: **Ugur Umit Üngör**, University of Utrecht (The Netherlands)
*"Armenia and Turkey: Changing Social and Political Boundaries after the
Genocide"*

Some of the major issues between Armenia and Turkey in the post-genocide era,
including recognition, mutual perceptions, political borders, changing roles, and
identity boundaries will be discussed.

11:30 - 12:00 Keynote Speech: **Vicken Cheterian**, University of Geneva (Switzerland)
*"No Armenian can be our friend after what we have done to them':
Oblivion, silence, and (re)writing history"*

How scholars and public intellectuals were engaged with the 1915 exterminations, what we still face as research questions, and more broadly why this event is still relevant to our generation.

Moderator: **Artak Ayunts**, Program Manager, Eurasia Partnership Foundation Armenia

12:45 - 14:00 **LUNCH** (*will be served at the venue of the conference*)

14:00 - 15:30 **Session 1: Economic Realities and Prospects behind Turkish-Armenian Relations**

Heghine Manasyan

Towards a Shared Vision of Normalization of Armenia-Turkey Relations: Presentation of Findings Based on Survey (2014-2015) Data

Nathaniel Ferraro

Assessment of Potential Armenian-Turkish trade flows: Analysis of forgone returns due to current trade policies

Knar Khachatryan and Aleksandr Grigoryan

Armenia-Turkey border opening: What determines the attitude of Armenians?

Artak Manukyan and Armenuhi Burnazyan: Tourism for peace: The Concept of Cittaslow in Tourism as a way of collaboration between Armenia and Turkey

Q&A, discussions

Moderator: **Tevan Poghosyan**, International Center for Human Development

15:30 - 16:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:00 - 17:30 **Session 2: Actors, Society and Geopolitics**

Okan Doğan

Can intellectuals give history a push? Challenges of a low-autonomy intellectual field in 21st century Turkey

Mehmet Karasu

Evaluations of Turkish people related to 'The Armenian Issue': A Q methodology study

Andranik Israyelyan

Consequences of local and global developments in Armenian-Turkish relations

Q&A, discussions

Moderator: **Varuzhan Geghamyan**, PhD candidate, St. Petersburg State University

17:30 - 17:45 Closing of the Day 1

17:45 - 19:00 **Reception**

DAY 2: 19 May, Friday

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 - 11:00 **Session 3: Post-historic Perceptions in Armenian-Turkish Relations**

Önder Çelik

The Post-Genocide landscape and imaginaries of return

Maria Karapetyan and Pinar Sayan

Analysis of the historical narrative in the Armenian and Turkish history textbooks

Aptin Khanbaghi

Revisiting history for addressing Armenian-Turkish relations

Q&A, discussions

Moderator: **Ugur Umit Üngör** University of Utrecht (The Netherlands)

11:00 - 11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30 - 13:00 **Session 4: Civil Society Engagement**

Nichali Michael Ciaccio, Ihsan Karayazi

Food based dialogue building on the Armenian-Turkish borderlands: Applying intergroup contact theory to reconciliation initiatives

Nil Delahaye

Using Capoeira as a tool for women empowerment in the Armenian-Turkish trans-national context

Eleni Diker, Nil Delahaye

Reconciliation games in South Caucasus: Children play for peace (findings of a game program for children living at Armenian-Georgian border in Turkey)

Q&A, Discussions

Moderator: **Aline Ozinian**, Regional Analyst, Armenian Assembly of America

13:00 - 14:00 **LUNCH**

14:00 - 15:00 **Armenia-Turkey dialogue: contribution of major stakeholders**

- **Diana Sitt**, Cultural Affairs Officer, Public Affairs Section, U.S Embassy in Armenia
“Encouraging Dialogue between the Two Nations”
The presentation will highlight various Armenia-Turkey projects implemented through US Embassy grants.

- **Avetis Keshishyan**, Program Coordinator, DVV International
Acting Together Armenian-Turkish Reconciliation Project
- **João Saavedra**, Evaluations and Armenian-Turkish relations, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
- **Vazgen Karapetyan**, Presentation of Support to the Armenia-Turkey Normalisation Process Program

Moderator: **Davit Hovhannisyan**, Director of Center for Civilization and Cultural Studies, Member of Turkish-Armenian Reconciliation Commission (2004-2008)

15:00 - 15:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

15:30 - 16:40 **Film Screening and Discussion with Film Director**

Tigran Paskevichyan

“Closed border dialogue”, a [documentary film](#) (55 min), authored by Versus Studio in the framework of Support to the Armenia-Turkey Normalisation Process program

16:40 - 17:00 **Conference wrap-up**