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INFORMATION

CENTRE DES COLLOQUES - CAMPUS CONDORCET

1 place du Front Populaire

93300 Aubervilliers

Metro 12 : Front Populaire (exit/sortie 2)

The conference is open to the public and free of charge.

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ARMENIAN DIASPORA(S) IN MOTION

**SPACES, STAKEHOLDERS
AND PRACTICES IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

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TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM
CENTRE DES COLLOQUES, CAMPUS CONDORCET, AUBERVILLIERS (M° FRONT POPULAIRE)

DAY 1: MARCH 14, 2024

10:00 AM WELCOME COFFEE

10:30 AM OPENING REMARKS BY ORGANIZERS

10:45 AM **PANEL 1**

ARMENIAN DIASPORA(S): FROM MODELS TO DYNAMICS

Simon PAYASLIAN

BOSTON UNIVERSITY, USA

“Nationalism and the Pathologization of Diasporic Existence: The Thanatology of the Armenian Diaspora”

Aleksandr V. GEVORKYAN

ST JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, USA

“Diaspora’s Uneasy Social and Economic Relationship with Armenia Since Independence or Why History, Culture, Trust, and Engagement Infrastructure Matter: A Survey-Based Analysis”

Vahe SAHAKYAN

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN, USA

“Transcultural Armenianness: Diasporic Localism and Impersonal Transnationalism”

DISCUSSANT(S)

Khachig TÖLÖLYAN

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Talar CHAHINIAN

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, USA

12:15 PM LUNCH BREAK

2:00 PM **PANEL 2**

OLD CENTERS & NEW TRENDS: DIASPORAS IN THE (UN)MAKING

Gohar ISKANDERYAN

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ARMENIA

“Shrinking Iranian Armenian Community and Its Reasons”

Arman KHACHATRYAN

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV, ISRAEL
& INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ETHNOGRAPHY, ARMENIA

“The Armenians of Israel:
New Actors in the Old Diaspora”

Carlos ANTARAMIAN

EL COLEGIO DE MICHOACÁN, MEXICO

“The Revitalization of the Armenian Community in Mexico”

Annika TÖRNE

BASEL UNIVERSITY, SWITZERLAND

Zadig TISSERAND

IEP PARIS, FRANCE

“Brothers in Arms, Brothers in Spirit: The Diasporization of the Armenians in Karabakh on the Example of the Hamshen Armenians in Abkhazia”

DISCUSSANT

Stéphane DE TAPIA

UNIVERSITY OF STRASBOURG, FRANCE

4:00 PM COFFEE BREAK

4:30 AM **PANEL 3**

RETURNING DIASPORAS AND FORMS OF DIASPORIC RETURNS

Nvard MELKONYAN

YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY, ARMENIA

“Pull-Push Factors for the Return of Armenians from Russia and Ukraine to Their Homeland: Relocation or a New Wave of Repatriation”

Konrad SIEKIERSKI

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON, UK

“En Route to the Roots: Armenian Pilgrimage to the Lost Homeland”

Cécile LEFÈVRE

UNIVERSITÉ PARIS CITÉ, FRANCE

Sophie HOHMANN

INSTITUT NATIONAL DES LANGUES ET CIVILISATIONS ORIENTALES, FRANCE

Alice BOCCARA

RENNES 2 UNIVERSITY, FRANCE

“Jeunesses des diasporas arméniennes :
entre Arménie réelle, rêvée, rejetée”

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DAY 2: MARCH 15, 2024

10:00 AM **PANEL 4**

(IN)VISIBLE DIASPORA AGENTS

Talinn GRIGOR

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, USA

“Of Feminist Interventions in Irano-Armenian Diaspora-in-Motion: Suitcase Objects as Depository”

Houri BERBERIAN

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, USA

“Of Feminist Interventions in Irano-Armenian Diaspora-in-Motion: Informality of Oral Histories”

Janice OKOOMIAN

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE, USA

“‘Come, Dear Sister: Let’s Unite’: Feminist Cohorts and Interventions in the Armenian American Diaspora”

DISCUSSANT

Alain NAVARRA

HYESTART, SWITZERLAND & UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, ITALY

11:30 AM **PANEL 5**

NEGOTIATING BELONGINGS IN CHANGING DIASPORAS

Irena GRIGORYAN

KOÇ UNIVERSITY, TURKEY

“Negotiating Place and Identity in a Forced Journey: Syrian-Armenians Between Homelands”

Natalya KOSMARSKAYA

RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, MOSCOW, RUSSIA

“‘I am Drifting Between the Two Poles’: Identity Construction of Armenians of Mixed Parentage in the Big Cities of Russia”

Yulia ANTONYAN

YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY, ARMENIA

“‘We Could Not Find Enough Spirituality in the Armenian Church Anymore’: the Identity Trap and the Search for New Patterns of Religiosity (the Case of the Armenian Community of Beirut)”

DISCUSSANT

Taline TER MINASSIAN

INSTITUT NATIONAL DES LANGUES ET CIVILISATIONS ORIENTALES, FRANCE

1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2:30 PM **PANEL 6**

NEW PLATFORMS FOR DIASPORIC AGENCY

Houry PILIBBOSSIAN

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA, ARMENIA

“*Hi Haleb*: Community Digital Archive”

Karen JALLATYAN

LEIBNIZ INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF EASTERN EUROPE (GWZO), GERMANY

“Vahé Oshagan, or On Diasporic Education”

Svante LUNDGREN

LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

“Young Swedish Armenians in a Time of Digital and Transnational Activism”

DISCUSSANT

Shushan KARAPETIAN

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, USA

4:00 PM COFFEE BREAK

4:30 AM **PANEL 7**

THE ARMENIAN DIASPORA AND “STATELESS POWER”

Roundtable about the publication of *The Armenian Diaspora and “Stateless Power”: Collective Identity in the Transnational 20th Century* with co-editors Talar Chahinian (University of California, Irvine, USA), Sossie Kasbarian (University of Stirling, UK) and Tsolin Nalbantian (Leiden University, Netherlands), as well as contributors Boris Adjemian, Karen Jallatyan, Vahe Sahakyan and Khachig Tölölyan.

DISCUSSANT

Sossie KASBARIAN

UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING, UK

5:30 PM CONCLUDING REMARKS

Khachig TÖLÖLYAN

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