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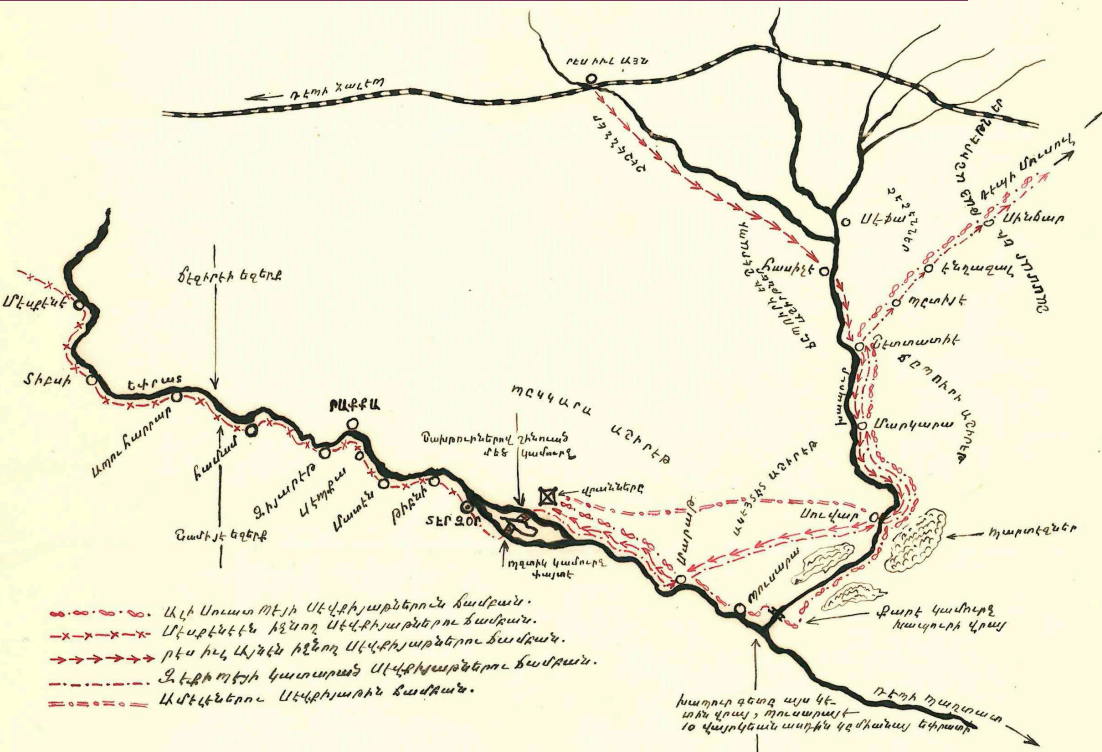
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# The Armenian Genocide:

## New Interpretations & Cross-Disciplinary Conversations

JUNE 30-JULY 2, 2025

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**Venue**

Room Q-801  
The American University of Paris  
6, rue du colonel Combes  
75007 Paris  
France

## SCHEDULE

# Monday, June 30

9h30-10h00	Welcome and registration
10h00-10h15	Introduction
10h15-11h15	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> Raymond Kévorkian <i>Université Paris 8</i>   "Researching the Armenian Genocide from the 1980s to the Present: A Look Back at a Personal Experience" ( <i>in French, with simultaneous translation</i> )
11h15-11h30	Break
11h30-13h00	<b>Aram Andonian, Survivor, Witness, Archivist and Writer</b> Discussant   Judith Lyon-Caen <i>EHESS</i> Mihran Minassian <i>Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute</i>   "The Work of Collecting Testimonies of Armenian Genocide Survivors by Aram Andonian in Aleppo (1916-1919)" ( <i>in Armenian, translated text on screen</i> ) Krikor Beledian <i>INALCO</i>   "L'écriture d'Aram Andonian à l'épreuve du génocide" Boris Adjemian <i>AGBU Nubar Library, CRH (EHESS)</i>   "Writer and Witness: Aram Andonian in the Desert"
13h00-14h30	Lunch Break
14h30-16h00	<b>Re-Reading Victims' Narratives</b> Discussant   Caroline D. Laurent <i>AUP</i> Eray Erkoca <i>Binghampton University</i>   "Canonizing the Armenian Genocide through Eyewitness Accounts: Trauma, Historical Knowledge, and Memory Politics" Ayşe Parla <i>Boston University</i>   "In His Measured Steps: Hostage Writing and Surviving Genocide in Hagop Minztouri's Istanbul Memories (1897-1940)" Tatevik Galstyan <i>American University of Armenia</i>   "Unearthing Narratives: Exploring Women's Experiences and Reflections on the Armenian Genocide Through Memoirs of Two Women Survivors"

16h00-16h20

Coffee Break

16h20-17h50

**Challenging Main Narratives**

Discussant | Hamit Bozarslan *EHESS*

Mustafa Aksakal *Georgetown University* | "Revolution and the Colonial State in the Ottoman Empire and the Republic of Turkey"

Hilmar Kaiser *Yerevan State University* | "The Pitfalls of Governing Narratives: The Armenian Genocide and Evolving Interpretations"

Alexandra Garbarini *Williams College* | "Beyond Comparison: Rethinking Armenian and Jewish Early Twentieth Century Experience of Mass Violence"

18h00

Cocktail

## SCHEDULE

# Tuesday, July 1

10h00-12h00

**Perpetrating Genocide: Actors, Motives and Careers**

Discussant | Florent Brayard *CNRS*

Ümit Kurt *University of Newcastle* | "Republic of Perpetrators: Talat Pasha's Genocide Technocraft Mustafa Resat Mimaroglu"

Mehmet Polatel *Hrant Dink Foundation* | "The Consequences of Impunity: Personal Continuities from the Massacres of 1894-7 to the Armenian Genocide"

Edita Gzoyan, Regina Galustyan & Elina Mirzoyan *Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute* | "Women Perpetrators of the Armenian Genocide"

Zeynep Ertuğrul *Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne-CHS* | "Perpetrator Careers in Early Republican Turkey"

12h00-13h30

Lunch Break

13h30-15h00

**(Un)Expressibility and (Un)Representability**

Discussant | Ophir Lévy *Université Paris 8*

Thomas Richard *Université Clermont-Auvergne* | "La mémoire filmée du génocide arménien : transnationalité, contraintes, et recherche d'identité"

Vazken Davidian *University of Oxford* | "Images of Suffering and Despair: Sarkis Katchadourian's Armenian Genocide Paintings and Their Circulation in 1920s Europe and Beyond"

Émilie Garrigou-Kempton *Pasadena City College* | "Remembering the Unknown: How Family Stories Stand the Test of Time & History"

15h00-15h20

Coffee Break

15h20-16h50

**To Collect & Remember: Stakes, Stakeholders & Cultural Practices**

Discussant | Aurélia Kalisky *Centre Marc Bloch/KHK Cure*

Heghnar Zeitlian Watenpaugh *UC Davis* | "To Rescue and To Collect: Armenian Cultural Heritage After the Genocide"

Vahé Tachjian *Houshamadyan.org* | "To Remember and Write: When Restoring the Past Becomes the Meaning of Life"

Nathalie Moine *CNRS* | "Preserving the Voices of the Survivors of the Armenian Genocide: The Collection of Testimonies Collected by Verzhine Svazlian in Soviet Armenia, 1950s-1990s"

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# Wednesday, July 2

### 10h30-12h00

#### Forgotten Voices and Silenced Experiences

Discussant | Constance Pâris de Bollardi re *AUP*

Anna Aleksanyan *UCLA* | "The Commodification of Women's Sexuality: Sexual Barter During the Armenian Genocide"

Hasmik Khalapyan *American University of Armenia* | "Resilience and Reclamation: Ottoman Armenian Women's Narratives of Atrocity and Genocide"

Gayane Aghabalyan *American University of Armenia* | "The Educational Objectives of the Near East Relief Orphanages in Alexandropol and How They Changed After the Sovietization of the Republic of Armenia"

### 12h00-13h30

#### Lunch Break

### 13h30-15h30

#### Post-Genocide Victim Erasure and Appropriation

Discussant | Hakan Seckinelgin *LSE*

Alice von Bieberstein *Humboldt Universit t* | "Settler Colonialism, Indigenous Dispossession and Racial Capitalism: The Case of the Armenian Genocide"

Hakem Al-Rustom *University of Michigan* | "Denativization, Or, On How We Study the Afterlives of the Armenian Genocide in Turkey"

Laurent Dissard *Universit  de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour* | "Heritage Witnessing in Post-Genocidal Elaz  /Harput"

Emmanuel Szurek *EHESS* | "Learned Denial. French Turkology and the Armenian Genocide (20th century)"

### 15h30-15h50

#### Coffee Break

### 15h50-16h30

#### Concluding Remarks

Boris Adjemian *AGBU Nubar Library, CRH (EHESS)*

Claire Mouradian *EHESS*



#### Organizers

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