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**SMYRNA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
ARMENIAN AND GREEK GENOCIDES:
ANNIHILATION, ARSON AND DEPORTATION
(SEPTEMBER, 1922)**

SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2022

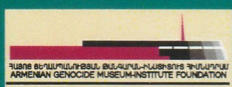
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

REGISTRATION: 9:00 - 9:30

CONFERENCE OPENS: 9:30 - 9:40

**ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MUSEUM-INSTITUTE
CONFERENCE HALL**



Opening speech **Dr. Harutyun Marutyun**, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute Foundation (AGMI) and Chairman of the organising committee

Welcoming speeches **Professor Kyriakos Chatzikiyriakidis**, Chair of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece
Rev. Paul Haidostian, Rector, Haigazian University

Keynote speech 9:40 - 10:10

Professor Albert Kharatyan
PhD (History)
RA NAS Corresponding Member
The Armenian colony of Smyrna (1st half of XI-XIX centuries)

Visit to the Armenian Genocide Memorial 10:10 - 10:40

10:40-11:40

SMYRNA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ARMENIAN AND GREEK GENOCIDES: ANNIHILATION, ARSON AND DEPORTATION (SEPTEMBER 1922)

OPENING OF THE TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

Coffee break 11:40 - 12:00

SESSION I: 12:00 - 13:15

SMYRNA COMMUNITY LIFE: LITERATURE, WRITING AND PUBLISHING CULTURE

Session Chairperson **Dr. Edita Gzoyan PhD (History)**
AGMI Deputy Scientific Director

Maya Grigoryan
Scientific Secretary, "Vache and Tamar Manukyan" Matenadaran, Mother See of Holy Etchmadzin, ASPU Lecturer
Smyrna's Armenian printing house activity in the second half of the 19th century

Kristine Najaryan
Junior researcher, responsible for AGMI educational programmes
The enlightenment activities of the Mesropyan School, Smyrna

George Poulimenos
Analyst, author of dictionaries and maps of Smyrna and Asia Minor, Greece
Amenians at the Quay of Smyrna

Hovsep Kasseian
Historian, writer, public speaker, founder of the Armenian Research Centre, Greece

Dr. Khachatur Stepanyan
PhD (History)
ASPU Chair of World History and its teaching methods

The Apollon-Armenian club: Smyrna's last football game, February 1922

ARF activities in Smyrna, 1918-1922

Q&A

Lunch break: 13:15 - 13:50

SESSION II: 13:50 - 15:10

SMYRNA'S PERIODICAL PRESS

Session Chairperson **Suren Manukyan, PhD (History)** head of AGMI Vahagn Dadrian Comparative Genocide Studies Department

Professor Felix Movsisyan
PhD (History)
Chair of History, VSU

The "Arshaluys Araratyan" Armenian newspaper, Smyrna: concerning "The Hamazgeats Association"

Mariam Hovsepyan
PhD (Philology)
Senior researcher, RA NAS History Institute

The problem of preserving the national image in the pages of the Smyrna periodical "Ashkhatank" (1910-1915)

Mariya Brutyan
PhD (History)
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, VSU

Smyrna 1922-1923, according to the Smyrna Greek newspaper "Amalthea" (January-August 1923)

Suzanna Abrahamyan
Teacher, Armenian language and literature, Ghevond Alishan Secondary School No. 95, Yerevan

Smyrna's publishing culture. The role of the press in the spread of modern Armenian

Armine Avanesyan,
Applicant, ASPU

Explanations concerning the state of the emigration and of the orphans in Smyrna in the newspaper "Arevelyan Mamul" (Eastern Press)

Q&A

SESSION III: 15:10 - 16:05

SMYRNA'S RELIGIOUS LIFE AND INTER-FAITH RELATIONS

Session chairperson **Dr. Hervé Georgelin PhD (History)**
Lecturer in History, Department of Modern Turkish and Asian Studies, National and Kapodistrian University, Athens

Deacon Haroutiun Harboian
Venice Mekhitarist Congregation, Lebanon

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Patriarch of Smyrna

Shushan Khachatryan PhD (History) Senior researcher, head of AGMI Victims' Documentation and Data Collection Department

The messiah of Smyrna, who converted to islam: Overviews on Sabbatai (Shabtay) Zwi and Sabbatianism

Q&A

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Honorary Speaker 9:30 - 10:00

Professor Dora Sakayan Linguist, Germanologist, Armenologist, McGill University, Canada

Document or literary work? My grandfather Dr. Karapet Hatcherian's diary about the Smyrna disaster

10:00 - 10:30

ARMENIAN HISTORY: SMYRNA PRESENTATION OF A POSTCARD

Honorary Speaker: 10:30 - 11:00

Dr. Verjiné Svazlyan Ph.D (Philology) Leading researcher, RA NAS Archaeology & Ethnography Institute

The Smyrna disaster and the people's historical memory

SESSION I: 11:00 - 12:10

CULTURE OF MEMORY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL OUTLINES

Session chairperson

Artsvi Bakhchinyan PhD (Philology) Senior researcher, the RA NSA History Institute

Inga Avagyan PhD (History) Associate Professor, Director of Gyumri Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve, Shirak State University

George of Merdigyoz's memoirs concerning his father Garabed and the massacres in Asia Minor

Christine Lamson Descendant of a survivor, USA

A Smyrna survivor: Sophia Varjabedian Tashjian's story

Marina Mavian Descendant of a survivor, Director of the Armenian House (Hay Doon), Milan, Italy

Old family memories from Smyrna.

Armine Vahanyan Lecturer, State Academy for Crisis Management, psychologist at "Dialogue" NGO

The diary method as an internal mechanism for reflecting terrifying reality (based on Dr. Karapet Hatcherian's diary)

Naira Poghosyan PhD (Philology) Lecturer, YSU Turkish Studies Department

Lambs in wolf skins: the demonisation of the Greeks in Turkish propaganda ("You are my homeland" TV series as an example)

Q&A

Coffee break: 12:10 - 12:25

Keynote speech 12:25-12:55

Dr. Hervé Georgelin PhD (History) Lecturer in History, Department of Modern Turkish and Asian Studies, National and Kapodistrian University, Athens

The conquest of Smyrna by the Kemalists (September, 1922): targeting and blaming the Armenians first

SESSION II: 12:55 - 13:50

CRIME, CAMPAIGN AND URBAN CULTURE

Session chairperson

Tehmine Martoyan PhD (History) Senior Researcher, AGMI Armenian Genocide Victims & Survivors' Documentation & Research Department

Professor Armen Marukyan PhD (History) RA NSA History Institute, head of the Department of Armenian Issues and the History of the Armenian Genocide

Comparative analysis of Mets Eghern and the massacre of Smyrna's Armenian and Greek populations

Elina Mirzoyan PhD (Philology) Researcher, AGMI Department of Memoirs, Documents and Press Studies, YSU lecturer

Involvement of Turkish women in rallies concerning the Turkish struggle for Smyrna

Professor Theofanis Malkidis PhD (History) International Hellenic University, Greece

The Greek Genocide and Smyrna's catastrophe

Robert Tatoyan PhD (History) Senior researcher, AGMI Department of Memoirs, Documents and Press Studies

The number of Armenian survivors and dead in the 1922 Smyrna catastrophe

Lunch break: 13:50-14:30

SESSION III: 14:30 - 15:40

CULTURAL IDENTITY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EXTERMINATION OF SMYRNA'S ARMENIANS AND GREEKS: THE DESTRUCTION OF ITS CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Session chairperson

Professor Armen Marukyan
RA NSA History Institute, head
of the Department of Armenian
Issues and the History of the
Armenian Genocide

Coffee break: 10:55 - 11:10

SESSION II: 11:10 - 12:20

**ACTS OF SALVATION: WITNESSES AND
HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS – 2**

Seda Parsamyan

Researcher, responsible
for AGMI Museum
Exhibitions

**The adoption of the policy
against Armenian cultural
heritage by the Kemalist-na-
tionalists**

Artsvi Bakhchinyan
PhD (Philology) Senior
researcher, the RA NSA
History Institute

**The Smyrna disaster in
Armenian actors' memoirs**

Christos Vattis

Theologian, Sant' Anselmo
University of Rome, Italy

**The destruction of Smyrna's
Christian heritage: a wound
in world Christian culture**

Vardan Hambardzumyan
Executive secretary, YMCA
European Alliance

YMCA humanitarian heroes

Narine Petrosyan

Teacher of history and
social sciences Yerevan
Ghevond Alishan School
No. 95, Yerevan

**The destruction of Smyrna's
Christian heritage**

Zachos Samoladas
Animator/director, Greece

**TOKEI MARU, A ship in the
shadows of time**

Anahit Astoyan

Researcher, Mesrop
Mashtots Matenadaran
Department of Archives
and Archival Studies

**The Smyrna Armenians'
economic situation before the
First World War and the 1922
dispossession**

Anna Vardanyan
PhD (Economics)
Senior lecturer, ASUE,
President of "Armenia-Nippon
Scientific-Cultural Union"

**The Japanese ship Tokei Maru
and the Japanese Armenian
Relief Fund: a humanitarian
step for Armenian refugees**

Q&A

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September 16, Friday

SESSION III: 12:20 - 13:30

Keynote speech: 9:30 - 10:00

**HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, LEGAL EVALUATIONS
AND PERSPECTIVES: MIGRATION AND SURVIVORS'
IMMIGRATION TO SOVIET ARMENIA**

Rev. Paul Haidostian

Rector, Haigazian
University, Lebanon

**A forgotten soul in the
Aegean Sea: the life and death
of Rev. Hakob Yeranian**

Session chairperson

Professor Kyriakos
Chatzikyriakidis Professor of
Pontic Studies, Aristotle
University, Thessaloniki, Greece

SESSION I: 10:00 - 10:45

**ACTS OF SALVATION: WITNESSES AND HUMANITARIAN
OPERATIONS - 1**

Session chairperson

Edgar Hovhannisyan PhD
(History) Dean of the faculty of
History and Social Sciences,
Armenian National Pedagogical
University

Mariam Topakyan
PhD student, YSU
International Relations
Faculty

**The Smyrna disaster and
human rights violations:
opportunities and challenges
in the context of legal assess-
ments and perspectives**

Dirk Roodzant
PhD (History)

Researcher, University
of Amsterdam, Netherlands

**The fall of Christian Smyrna
seen through Dutch eyes**

Theodosios Kyriakidis
Professor of Pontic Studies,
Aristotle University,
Thessaloniki, Greece

**Greek orphans and their fate
after Smyrna's destruction**

Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis

Professor of Pontic Studies,
Aristotle University,
Thessaloniki, Greece

**Turkish atrocities against the
Armenians of Smyrna accord-
ing to the documents of the
diplomatic and historical
archives of the Hellenic
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Astghik Stepanyan
Curator, AGMI collections

**Berta Morley, mother to
Armenian orphans**

Gohar Khanumyan

Junior researcher, head
curator of collections, AGMI

**Esther Pohl Lovejoy: An
American woman physician's
experiences during the
Smyrna disaster**

Tehmine Martoyan
PhD (History)
Senior Researcher, AGMI
Armenian Genocide Victims
& Survivors' Documentation
& Research Department

**Smyrna Armenians at the
crossroads of emigration and
repatriation**

Q&A

Conference closure: 13:30 - 14:00

Anna Karapetyan

Doctorant, Faculty of
Philosophy, Charles
University, Prague

**Pre and Post periods of
Smyrna disaster in the
documents of the Czech
writer Karel Hansa**

**Conference participants visit to Nubarashen for the
New Smyrna Street naming ceremony**