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**PONTIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT, ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY, THESSALONIKI (GREECE)**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**SMYRNA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ARMENIAN AND GREEK GENOCIDES:**

**ANNIHILATION, ARSON AND DEPORTATION (SEPTEMBER 1922)**

**September 14-16, 2022**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

**Conference opens: 9:30 - 9:40**

**Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute**

**conference hall**

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

**Welcoming speeches Professor Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis,** Chair of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University,

Thessaloniki, Greece

**Rt. Rev. Paul Haidostian,** Rector, Haigazian University

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**Keynote speech 9:40 - 10:10**

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| **Professor Albert Kharatyan PhD (History)**  RA NAS Corresponding Member | **The Smyrna Armenian community from the 11th to the second half of the 18th centuries** |

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

10:40-11:40

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**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**

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

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| **George Poulimenos**  Analyst, author of dictionaries  and maps of Smyrna and Asia  Minor, Greece | **AArmenians in the port of Smyrna** |

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| **Hovsep Kassesian**  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 - 14:00*

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SESSION II: 14:00 - 15:10

**SMYRNA’S PERIODICAL PRESS**

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| **Session Chairperson** | **Dr. Suren Manukyan, (Historical Sciences)**, head of AGMI Vahagn Dadrian Comparative Genocide Studies Department |
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| **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)** |
| **Maria Brutyan PhD (History)**  Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, VSU   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  |   **Suzanna Abrahamyan**  Teacher, Armenian language and literature, Ghevond Alishan Secondary School No. 95, Yerevan | **Smyrna 1922-1923, according to the Smyrna Greek newspaper “Amalthea,” (January-August 1923)**  **Smyrna’s publishing culture. The role of the press in the spread of modern Armenian**  **Q&A** | |
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SESSION III: 15:10 - 16:05

**SMYRNA’S RELIGIOUS LIFE AND INTER-FAITH RELATIONS**

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| **Session chairperson**  **Deacon Haroutiun Harboian**  Venice Mekhitarist Congregation, Lebanon | **Dr. Hervé Georgelin** **PhD (History)** Lecturer in History, Department of Modern Turkish and Asian Studies, National and Kapodistrian University, Athens  **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Patriarch of Smyrna** | |
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| **Shushan Khachatryan**  **PhD (History)**  Senior researcher, head of AGMI Victims’ Documentation and Data Collection Department | **The messiah of Smyrna who converted to Islam: reviews of (Shabatay) Tsvi and Shabatism**  **Q&A** | |
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**Honorary Speaker 9:30 - 10:00**

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| **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 CANCELLATION CEREMONY**

**OF A POSTCARD**

**Honorary Speaker: 10:30 - 11:00**

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| **Dr. Verjiné Svazlyan** **PhD (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**

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| **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**  **Marina Mavian**  Descendant of a survivor,  Director of the ̎Armenian House ̎ (Hay Doon), Milan, Italy | **A Smyrna survivor: Sophia Varjabedian Tashjian’s story**  **Old family memories from Smyrna.** |
| **Armine Vahanyan**  Lecturer, State Academy for Crisis Management, psychologist at “Dialogue” NGO  **Naira Poghosyan**  **PhD (Philology)**  Lecturer, YSU Turkish Studies Department | **The diary method as an internal mechanism for reflecting terrifying reality (based on Dr. Karapet Hatcherian’s diary)**  **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**

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| **Dr. Hervé Georgelin**  **PhD (History)**  Lecturer in History, Department of Modern Turkish and Asian Studies, National and Kapodistrian University, Athens  **Session chairperson**  **Professor Armen Marukyan PhD (History)**  RA NSA History Institute, head of the Department of Armenian Issues and the History of the Armenian Genocide,  **Elina Mirzoyan PhD (Philology)**  Researcher, AGMI Department of Memoirs, Documents and Press Studies, YSU lecturer  **Professor Theofanis Malkidis PhD (History)**  International Hellenic University, Greece | **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**  **Tehmine Martoyan PhD (History)** Senior Researcher, AGMI Armenian Genocide Victims & Survivors’ Documentation & Research Department  **Comparative analysis of Mets Eghern [Great Catastrophe] and the massacre of Smyrna’s Armenian and Greek populations**  **Involvement of Turkish women in rallies concerning the Turkish struggle for Smyrna**  **The Greek Genocide and Smyrna’s catastrophe** |
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**Robert Tatoyan PhD (History) The number of Armenian survivors and dead in the 1922 Smyrna catastrophe**

Senior researcher, AGMI

Department of Memoirs, Documents

and Press Studies

*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**

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| **Session chairperson** | **Professor Armen Marukyan** (RA NSA History Institute, head of the Department of Armenian Issues and the History of the Armenian Genocide,) |
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| **Seda Parsamyan**  Researcher, responsible for AGMI  Museum Exhibitions | **The adoption of the policy against Armenian cultural heritage by the Kemalist-nationalists** |
| **Professor Christos Vattis**  Theologian, Sant’Anselmo University of Rome, Italy | **The destruction of Smyrna’s Christian heritage: a wound in world Christian culture** |
| **Narine Petrosyan**  Teacher of history and social sciences  Yerevan Ghevond Alishan School No. 95), Yerevan  **Anahit Astoyan**  Researcher, Mesrop Mashtots Matenadaran Department of Archives and Archival Studies | **The destruction of Smyrna’s Christian heritage**  **The Smyrna Armenians’ economic situation before the First World War and the 1922 dispossession** |
|  | **Q&A** |

September 16, Friday

**Keynote speech: 9:30 - 10:00**

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| **RT. Rev. Paul Haidostian**  Rector, Haigazian University**,** Lebanon | **A forgotten soul in the Aegean Sea: the life and death of Rt. Rev. Hakob Yeranyan** |

SESSION I 10:00 - 10:45

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

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| **Session chairperson** | **Edgar Hovhannisyan PhD (History)** Dean of the faculty of History and Social Sciences, Armenian National Pedagogical University |
| **Dirk Roodzant PhD (History)**  Researcher, University of Amsterdam,  Netherlands | **The fall of Christian Smyrna seen through Dutch eyes** |
| **Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis**  Professor of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece | **Turkish atrocities against Smyrna’s Christians according to documents in the diplomatic and historical archives of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs** |
| **Gohar Khanumyan**  Junior researcher, head curator of collections, AGMI | **Esther Pohl Lovejoy: An American woman doctor’s experiences during the Smyrna disaster**  *Coffee break: 10:45 - 11:10*  SESSION II: 11:10 - 12:20  **ACTS OF SALVATION: WITNESSES AND HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS – 2** |
| **Artsvi Bakhchinyan PhD (Philology)** Senior researcher, the RA NSA History Institute  **Vardan Hambardzumyan**  Executive secretary, YMCA European Alliance  **Zachos Samoladas**  Animator/director, Greece | **The Smyrna disaster in Armenian actors’ memoirs**  **YMCA humanitarian heroes**  **TOKEI MARU, A ship in the shadows of time** |
| **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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SESSION III 12:20 - 13:30

**HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, LEGAL EVALUATIONS AND**

**PERSPECTIVES: MIGRATION AND SURVIVORS’**

**IMMIGRATION TO SOVIET ARMENIA**

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| **Session chairperson**  **Mariam Topakyan**  PhD student, YSU International Relations Faculty  **Professor Thedosios Kyriakidis**  Professor of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece  **Astghik Stepanyan**  Curator, AGMI collections  **Tehmine Martoyan PhD (History)**  Senior Researcher, AGMI Armenian Genocide Victims & Survivors’ Documentation & Research Department | **Professor Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis** Professor of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece  **The Smyrna disaster and human rights violations: opportunities and challenges in the context of legal assessments and perspectives**  **Greek orphans and their fate after Smyrna’s destruction**  **Berta Morley, mother to Armenian orphans**  **Smyrna Armenians at the crossroads of emigration and repatriation**  **Q&A**    Conference closure: 13:30 - 14:00  Conference participants visit to Nubarashen for the  New Smyrna Street naming ceremony |