

Society for Armenian Studies (SAS) 50th Anniversary Conference

September 14-16, 2024

Harvard University &
National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR)

Armenian Studies: Evolving Connections and Conversations

The Society for Armenian Studies (SAS) is pleased to announce that it will mark its Fiftieth Anniversary with a major in-person conference jointly hosted by Harvard University and the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR). Titled *Armenian Studies: Evolving Connections and Conversations*, the conference will take place on September 14-16, 2024.

We invite scholars of any discipline engaged in Armenian Studies to submit a paper proposal. Specialists at all career stages working in fields traditionally associated with Armenian Studies and those that connect Armenian Studies to, and are in conversation with, related areas of research are encouraged to apply. These points of connection and conversation include—but are not limited to—the study of diaspora, migration, and forced displacement; collective violence, trauma, memory, and genocide; race and ethnicity; women, gender, and sexuality; environment; transnational and global mobility of people and ideas; art, architecture, and material culture; print and other established and emerging foci. Innovative approaches that embrace cross-cultural and inter-regional perspectives encompassing the Republic of Armenia, Artsakh, and the global Armenian diaspora are particularly welcome.

Our goals include a reflection on the Society's fifty-year history, recognition of the contributions of eminent scholars who have recently passed away, an examination of the vibrant intellectual paths taken today by the diverse members of our interdisciplinary field, a consideration of the

connections and conversations that continue to shape our study of the Armenian experience, and an open-forum discussion of the future trajectories of Armenian Studies writ large.

Partial funding will be provided by SAS and selected participants will be invited to contribute to an edited volume.

The conference is co-sponsored by: Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno; Program in Armenian Studies, University of California, Irvine; Hovannisian Chair of Modern Armenian History, University of California, Los Angeles; Naregatsi Chair of Armenian Language and Literature, University of California, Los Angeles; Armenian Studies Program, University of California, Berkeley; Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Northridge; Gevork M. Avedissian Chair in Armenian History and Civilization, Columbia University, USC Institute of Armenian Studies, University of Southern California; Robert Aram and Marianne Kaloosdian and Stephen and Marian Mugar Chair of Armenian Genocide Studies at the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University; and Center for Armenian Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Chair of the Organizing Committee is Bedross Der Matossian. The committee members are Jesse Arlen, Sebouh Aslanian, Houri Berberian, Barlow Der Mugrdechian, Lisa Gulesserian, Sossie Kasbarian, Ümit Kurt, Helen Makhdoumian, Marc Mamigonian, Christina Maranci, Hazal Özdemir, Stephen Riegg, Hratch Tchilingirian

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