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# The Genocide of the christian populations in the Ottoman Empire and its Aftermath (1908 - 1923)

Thessaloniki, May 10-12, 2019

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located in the Old Building of the Faculty of Philosophy

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM



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## FRIDAY 10 MAY 2019

**9.00 - 9.20** Arrivals - Registration

### MORNING SESSIONS

1st session (9:20 - 11:00)

**CHAIR:**

**PROFESSOR TANER AKCAM**

**9:20 - 9:40** EDIP GOLBASI, A Culture of Impunity and Anti-Armenian Violence at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.

**9:40 - 10:00** UĞUR PEÇE, Against Assimilation: Assessing Late Ottoman Violence through Conscription Debates, 1908-1912.

**10:00 - 10:20** REGINA GALUSTYAN, Step towards Identity Construction or Genocide? Ideological Transformations in the Ottoman Empire in 1911-1913.

**10:20 - 10:40** ÜMIT KURT, The Balkan Wars and the Rise of the Reactionary Modernist Utopia in Young Turk Thought and the Journal Türk Yurdu [Turkish Homeland].

**10:40 - 11:00** Discussion

**11:00 - 11:20** Coffee break

2nd session (11:20 - 13:00)

**CHAIR:**

**PROFESSOR EMERITUS RICHARD HOVANNISIAN**

**11:20 - 11:40** ANUSH HOVHANNISYAN, The 1914 Cleansing of Aegean Greeks as a Trial Run for the Deportation of Armenians.

**11:40 - 12:00** EMRE CAN DAGLIOGLU-SERDAR KORUCU, The Unweaving of Greeks from Black Sea: The Pontic Genocide, 1919-1922.

**12:00 - 12:20** ELISABETH HOPE MURRAY - AMY GRUBB, British Perspectives on Atrocities Against the Christian Populations of the Ottoman Empire following the Balkan Wars and World War I.

**12:20 - 12:40** ZEYNEP TURKYILMAZ, When Disaster and Calamity of Misery become their Inseparable Companion: "Pontus between Two Deportations (1916-1921)".

**12:40 - 13:00** Discussion

**13:00 - 14:00** Buffet-Lunch

## EVENING SESSIONS

**18:00 - 18:30** Official opening - Greetings

**18:30 - 19:00** Keynote speaker

**PROFESSOR TANER AKCAM**

**"The Anatomy of Ottoman Genocide"**

3rd session (19:00 - 21:00)

**CHAIR:**

**ASSOCIATE PROF. DIONYSIOS VALAIS**

**19:00 - 19:20** EURIPIDES GEORGANOPOULOS, Οι μαρτυρίες της γαλλικής αρμοστείας στον Πόντο για τις ανθελληνικές διώξεις μετά τη λήξη του Α΄ Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου, 1919-1920 (The Evidence of the French Commission in Pontus on the Anti-hellenic Persecutions after the End of the First World War, 1919-1920).

**19:20 - 19:40** MARINA BANTIOU, Η Γενοκτονία χριστιανικών πληθυσμών της οθωμανικής αυτοκρατορίας μέσα από τον ελλαδικό και διεθνή τύπο (The Genocide of the Christian Populations of the Ottoman Empire through the Greek and the International Press).

**19:40 - 20:00** KYRIAKOS CHATZIKYRIAKIDIS, Η Γενοκτονία των Ελλήνων του Πόντου μέσα από το Πολιτικό Αρχείο του Εθνικού Συμβουλίου του Πόντου (The Pontic Greek Genocide documented by Political Archive of the Pontus National Council).

**20:00 - 20:20** THEODOSIOS KYRIAKIDIS, Μαρτυρίες των Αμερικανικών Φιλανθρωπικών και Ιεραποστολικών Οργανώσεων για τη Γενοκτονία των Ελλήνων του Πόντου (Testimonies of the American Humanitarian and Missionary Organizations regarding the Greek Pontic Genocide).

**20:20 - 20:40** PANDORA DIMANOPOULOU, The Persecutions of the Greek Orthodox Populations in Asia Minor through the Eyes of Chrysostom of Smyrna.

**20:40 - 21:00** Discussion



**MORNING SESSIONS**

4th session (9:00- 10:40)

**CHAIR: PROFESSOR IOANNIS MOURELOS**

- 9:00 - 9:20** VAIOS KALOGRIAS – STRATOS DORDANAS, Ο Liman von Sanders και τα γερμανικά σχέδια για τους χριστιανικούς πληθυσμούς στη Μικρά Ασία κατά τον Α΄ Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο (Liman von Sanders and the German Plans for the Christians in Asia Minor during World War I).
- 9:20 - 9:40** CHRYSOULA KARAMATSIU, Το δίκτυο των τοπικών Νεότουρκων ηγετών και οι στρατηγικές γενοκτονίας κατά των Ρωμίων στην Ανατολική Θράκη, 1913-1920 (The Network of Local Young Turks in East Thrace and their Genocide Strategies Against Greeks, 1913-1920).
- 9:40 - 10:00** ANAHIT KHOSROEVA, Official Genocidal Policy of the Young Turks' State: The Assyrian Case.
- 10:00 - 10:20** MARILENA PAPADAKI, Το σχέδιο συστηματικής εξολόθρευσης του χριστιανικού στοιχείου όπως παρουσιάστηκε στα πρακτικά της Επιτροπής Υπευθύνων Πολέμου και Ποινών κατά τη Συνδιάσκεψη της Ειρήνης στο Παρίσι το 1919 (The Systematic Elimination of the Christian Element as presented in the Minutes of the Commission on the Responsibility of the Authors of the War and on the Enforcement of Penalties, 1919).
- 10:20 - 10:40** Discussion
- 10:40 - 11:00** Coffee break

5th session (11:00 - 12:40)

**CHAIR:****ASSISTANT PROF. STRATOS DORDANAS**

- 11:00 - 11:20** MICHAEL J. KELLY, Shared Intent in a Collapsing Empire: Pan-Turkism as Mens Rea Evidence under the Akayesu Standard for Genocide against Christian Populations in the Late Ottoman Period.
- 11:20 - 11:40** DOMINIKA M. MACIOS, The Poles in the Ottoman Empire and their Opinion about Extermination of Greeks and Armenians, 1908-1923.
- 11:40 - 12:00** STOYAN SHIVAROV, Bulgarians of Asia Minor – the 1914 Exodus.
- 12:00 - 12:20** LUCA CASTIGLIONI, The Greek Genocide and the Italian Dodecanese: Refugees and Fascism in the Aegean.

**EVENING SESSIONS**

**17:00 - 17:10** Interim Session dedicated to the Memory of Speros Vryonis, Jr. (1928- 2019). Brief obituary by Professor Emeritus I. K. Hassiotis.

**17:10 - 17:40** Keynote speaker

**PROFESSOR EMERITUS RICHARD HOVANNISIAN**  
**"Evolving Approaches to the Study of Genocide The Armenian Case"**

6th session (17:40 - 19:20)

**CHAIR:****PROFESSOR EMERITUS IOANNIS K. HASSIOTIS**

- 17:40 - 18:00** OHANNES KILIÇDAĞI, Time and Space Problematics in Studying Genocides: The Armenian Case
- 18:00 - 18:20** ANNA ALEKSANYAN, Mass Rape and Body Destruction of the Armenian Women during the Genocide.
- 18:20 - 18:40** DORIS MELKONIAN, Tattooed: Boundaries of Inclusion and Exclusion.
- 18:40 - 19:00** KHATCHIG MOURADIAN, Unarmed and Dangerous: Humanitarian Resistance during the Ottoman Genocides.
- 19:00 - 19:20** Discussion
- 19:20 - 19:40** Coffee break

7th session (19:40 - 21:10)

**CHAIR:****ASSISTANT PROF. MILTOS SARIGIANNIDIS**

- 19:40 - 20:00** DIMITRIOS A. KOURTIS, The Legal Conundrum of the Concept of Genocide before 1948: Definitional Challenges and the Identification of the Core Crime under Customary International Law.
- 20:00 - 20:20** HANNIBAL TRAVIS, National Security Justifications for Ottoman Greek Expulsions and Killings: Reading Denialist Accounts in Light of International Law.
- 20:20 - 20:40** KHUSHBOO CHAUHAN, The Armenian Genocide: A Victim of the Discrepancy between International Law and International Politics?
- 20:40 - 21:10** Discussion



**MORNING SESSIONS**

8th Session (9:00- 10:40)

**CHAIR:****PROFESSOR DAVID GAUNT**

- 9:00 - 9:20** ARDA MELKONIAN, Genocide Narratives of Separation, Reunion and Recovery.
- 9:20 - 9:40** EDITA GZOYAN, Reclamation of Armenian and Greek Women and Children after the Genocide: the Efforts of the League of Nations.
- 9:40 - 10:00** ARMINE BADALYAN, The Necessity of Civilizational Protection of Cultural Monuments in the Context of Current Developments in the Middle East.
- 10:00 - 10:20** MARK A. WOLFGAM, Why does Turkish Denialism of Genocide against Christians Persist?: An Examination of the Political and Cultural Factors.
- 10:20 - 10:40** Discussion
- 10:40 - 11:00** Coffee break

9th Session (11:00 - 12:20)

**CHAIR:****PROFESSOR EMERITUS  
ARTEMIS XANTHOPOULOU KYRIAKOU**

- 11:00 - 11:20** MARY STYLIDI, Lost in Commemoration: The Emblematic Cases of the Armenian, Greek and Assyrian Genocides.
- 11:20 - 11:40** GEORGIA KARELA, Προσεγγίζοντας τη Γενοκτονία μέσω της λογοτεχνίας και της τέχνης: ένα εκπαιδευτικό πρόγραμμα για το Δημοτικό Σχολείο (Approaching the Genocide through Literature and Art: An Educational Program for Primary School).
- 11:40 - 12:00** POLYXENI ELEFTHERIOU, Διδάσκοντας τη Μικρασιατική καταστροφή με διδασκαλία και μάθηση βασισμένη στην επίλυση προβλημάτων και τη λήψη αποφάσεων (Teaching the Asia Minor Disaster with Teaching and Learning Based on Problem Solving and Decision Making).
- 12:00 - 12:20** Discussion
- 12:20 - 12:40** Coffee break

**CHAIR:****ASSISTANT PROF. GEORGE ANTONIOU**

- 12:40 - 13:00** DAVID GAUNT, Flawed Cultural Trauma and the Late Recognition of the Assyrian Genocide.
- 13:00 - 13:20** MARY AKDEMIR, Big Secrets, Small Villages: The Collective Memory of the Assyrian Genocide.
- 13:20 - 13:40** ELENI IOANNIDOU, Διαδρομές φυγής, εξορίας και εξόντωσης του Ποντιακού Ελληνισμού μέσα από προφορικές αφηγήσεις (Routes of Escape, Exile and Extermination of Pontic Hellenism through Oral Narratives).
- 13:40 - 14:00** Discussion
- 14:00 - 15:00** Buffet-Lunch

**EVENING SESSIONS**

11th Session (17:00 - 18:40)

**CHAIR:****PROFESSOR VASILIS GOUNARIS**

- 17:00 - 17:20** AGNI KOLIADIMOU, Περιμένοντας τα καράβια της σωτηρίας: σκηνές από την εγκατάλειψη των πατρογονικών εστιών του Ελληνισμού της Ανατολής, 1922-1923 (Waiting for the Ships of Salvation: Scenes from the Abandonment of the Fatherland of Anatolian Hellenism, 1922-1923).
- 17:20 - 17:40** IORDANA CHATZIISAIAK, Συλλογική δράση προσφυγικής ταυτότητας στον Ν. Θεσσαλονίκης. Αντίσταση στην ιστορική λήθη (Collective Action in Refugee Identity of Prefecture Thessaloniki. Resistance to Historical Oblivion).
- 17:40 - 18:00** ATHANASIOS GRAMMENOS, Between Memory and 'Amnesia': the Greek State and the Political Handling of the Ottoman Greeks' Genocide.
- 18:00 - 18:20** Discussion
- 18:20 - 18:40** Closing remarks
- End of Conference**

- 19:00** Opening Ceremony of the Research Center of Pontic Studies & the Black Sea Archive. Central Library of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki