

International Consortium for Research on Antisemitism and Racism

Gender, Memory and Genocide: An International Conference Marking 100 Years Since the Armenian Genocide

June 4 – 6, 2015

The Center for Research on Antisemitism, Berlin Institute of Technology, Germany

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Sabancı University, Gender and Women's Studies Forum, Istanbul,
Central European University, Department of Gender Studies, Budapest

PROGRAMME

4. June

17.00 Opening Remarks

Stefanie Schüler-Springorum , Berlin

17.00

Key note speech 1

Donald Bloxham, Edinburgh

Genocide, the First World War, and the Wider Context, 1875-1945.

17.30 Key note speech 2

Fatma Müge Göcek, Michigan

Transgenerational Impact of the Armenian Genocide on the Victims and the Perpetrators.

5. June

Chair: Ayse Gül Altınay , Istanbul

10.00-12.00

Women, Children and the Genocidal Process

Nazan Maksudyan, Berlin

Survival Strategies of Armenian Children during Genocide as Agency, Empowerment, and 'Growing up'.

Zeynep Kutluata, Istanbul

'My Son is Innocent' Petitions Written by Armenian Women of the Ottoman State during WWI.

Yektan Türkyilmaz , Durham

'Biopolitical Weapons': War, Exodus and the Ordeal of Women and Children in Van, March-August 1915.

Marta Ansilewska, Berlin

Strong Mothers, Weak Fathers? How Jewish Child Survivors Remember Their Parents' Roles Prior to and after Ghettoization.

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.30

Chair: Andrea Petö, Budapest

Sexual Violence and Survival

Elke Hartman, Darmstadt

Gülizar and Her Sisters: Girl Abduction in the Armenian Provinces of the Ottoman Empire in the 19th Century.

Vahe Tachjiyan , Berlin

Mixed Marriage, Prostitution, Survival, Reintegrating Armenian Woman into Post-Ottoman Cities.

Verena Schneider, Berlin

The negation of Suffering: Forced Sex Labor in Concentration Camp Brothels in Remembrance and Research.

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-18.00

Chair: Shabo Talay, Berlin

Breaking the Silence

Wolf Gruner, Los Angeles

What did Jews and Germans in the Third Reich Know about the Armenian Genocide?

Helin Anahit, London

Gendered Narratives of Trauma and Survival: Overcoming the Patterns of Cultural Silencing.

Ayşe Gül Altınay Istanbul and Arlene Avakian Massachusetts

Bridging Divides: Conversations on the Armenian Genocide through the Prism of Gender, Race and Class.

David Kazanjian, Philadelphia

The Scent of a Single Weathered Threshold': *Flânerie* Among the Ruins in Aikatarini Gegisian's *My Pink City*.

18.30 Dinner

6. June

Saturday

Chair: Kristin Platt, Bochum

10.00-12.00

The Past in the Gender: Gender and Memory

Bengi Bezirgan , London

The Remains of the Past: The Genocidal Memory of Armenians in Turkey.

Alice von Bieberstein, Cambridge

Questioning the Voices: Gender and Contemporary Articulations of Armenianness.

Hülya Adak, Istanbul

Gendered Memories of Sexual Violence in Contemporary Armenian-American Literature.

Sossie Kasbarian, Lancaster

From Genocide Recognition to Gendered Silences: The Disparities within Armenian Diasporic Discourses on Remembering and Memorialisation in 2015.

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.30

Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide

Chair: David Feldman, London

Andrea Petö, Budapest

Armenian Genocide/Holocaust

Lerna Ekmekcioglu, Massachusetts

A Gendered Comparison of the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust

Alina Bothe, Berlin

Genocide Online : Memory , Gender and the Digital Archive

15.30 Break

16.00 **Key note speech 3**

Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Berlin

Gender and the Holocaust

16.30 **Key note speech 4**

Arlene Avakian, Massachusetts

Gender and Denial of the Armenian Genocide: An Intersectional
Feminist Analysis