Armenians a Century after the Genocide: What Next?
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Location: Colloquium Room, Global Center for Academic and Spiritual Life,
238 Thompson Street, New York, NY 10012

Program

9:00 am to 9:30 am: Continental Breakfast

9:30 am: Prof. Paul Boghossian (Director of the Global Institute for Advanced Study and Silver Professor of Philosophy, NYU): Opening Remarks.

9:45 am to 1:00 pm: Past and Present: Scholarly Explorations
Chair: Prof. Anthony Appiah (Professor of Philosophy and Law, NYU)

- Prof. Ben Kiernan (A. Whitney Griswold Professor of History, Yale):
  - “A Global History of Genocide Since Earliest Times”
- Prof. Zvi Ben-Dor Benite (Chair, Middle East Studies and Professor of History, NYU):
  - “The Armenian Genocide and the Birth of Denial: Some Historical Reflections”

15 minute Coffee Break

- Prof. Fatma Muge Gocek (Professor of Sociology and Women’s Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor):
  - “The Layered Denial of Violence against the Armenians from the Ottoman Empire to Contemporary Turkey”
- Prof. Lerna Ekmekcioglu (Associate Professor of History, MIT):
  - “Minority Rights as Cursed Blessing: Armenians in Post-Genocide Turkey”

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm: Lunch Break

2:00 to 6:00 pm: A Conversation about the Future
Chair: Prof. Paul Boghossian

First Session

- Prof. Michael Ambühl (ETH-Zurich, former State Secretary for Foreign Affairs):
  - “Armenia-Turkey: The History of the Zurich-Protocols”
- Prof. Dogu Ergil (Fatih University, Istanbul):
  - “Turkish Attitudes Concerning the Armenian Issue: Debate on De-Armenization of Turkey”
- Mr. Etyen Mahcupyan (Chief Adviser to the Prime Minister of Turkey):
  - “What Do We Want? And How Can We Get It?”
Discussion

4 to 4:30 Coffee Break

Second Session

- Dr. Garo Armen (CEO, Agenus; Founder, COAF):
  - “Can Neighboring Citizens Live in Peace and Friendship Without Government Mediation?”
- Ms. Sarah Leah Whitson (Executive Director, Middle East and North Africa Division, Human Rights Watch):
  - “Commemorating the Armenian Genocide in Turkey”
- Prof. David Phillips (Director, Peace-building and Rights Program, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University):
  - “Reconciliation Lessons”

Discussion

6:30–8:00 Reception