AN INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ON THE "ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW"

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A number of scholars in genocide studies and experts in international law are invited for this two-day conference. They will be arriving from Armenia, Canada, Egypt, Ireland, Lebanon, England, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. The participants include professors and scholars Taner Akçam, Bilgin Ayata, Seyhan Bayraktar, Georges Charaf, Haik Demoyan, Richard Hovannissian, Khatchig Mouradian, Mohammad Rifaat, William Schabas, Roger Smith, Henry Theriault, Ugur Ungor, Ragip Zarakolu, and Alfred De Zayas.
The papers which will be presented during the four sessions of the Conference will cover:"The Problem of Minorities and Majorities: The Case of the Ottoman Empire", "Demographic Engineering in the Ottoman Empire and the Armenian Genocide", "The Armenian Question According to Arab Sources", "Genocide and International Law (60 Years after the Convention, Problems and Prospects)", "The Armenian Genocide: Issues of Justice and International Law", "The Armenians, Raphael Lemkin and the UN Genocide Convention", "Turkish Nationalism and the Armenian Genocide Issue in Turkey Today", "Genocide Denialism and Law in Turkey", "The Evolution of the Armenian Genocide Denial in Turkish Press", "Kurdish–Armenian Relations and the Armenian Genocide", "Professional Ethics and the Denial of Armenian Genocide", "Restorative Justice and Alleviating the Consequences of Genocide", "Universalizing the Legacy of the Armenian Genocide". The proceedings of the conference will be later published in a book.

Concurrently, on Thursday, September 3 and Friday, September 4, as well as on Tuesday, September 8 there will be evening public lectures. Details will be announced later.

Haigazian University & Armenian National Committee-Middle East, Beirut-Lebanon, August 24, 2009

The Armenian Genocide And International Law

(September 3 - 4 ,2009)
Beirut -Lebanon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
Formal Opening Session6:00 : p.m.
Guest Speaker: Marios Garoyian, President of the House of Representatives - Cyprus

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009
Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Session One: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Moderator: Dr. Arda Ekmekji
Discussant: Dr. Naila Kaidbey

- The Problem of Minorities and Majorities: The Case of the Ottoman Empire (in Arabic)
  Dr. Georges Charaf
- Demographic Engineering in the Ottoman Empire and the Armenian Genocide
  Dr.Ugur Ungor
- The Armenian Question According to Arab Sources (in Arabic)
  Dr. Mohammad Rifaat

Coffee Break: 10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
Discussion; 10:50 -11:30 a.m.

Session Two: 11:40 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.
Moderator: Giro Manoyan
Discussant: Dr. Rania Masri

- Genocide and International Law (60 Years after the Convention, Problems and Prospects)
  Dr. William Schabas
- The Armenian Genocide: Issues of Justice and International Law

Dr. Alfred De Zayas

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Discussion: 12:40 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Lunch: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Session Three: 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Moderator: Dr. Joseph Bayeh

Discussant: Dr. Ohannes Geokjian

Turkish Nationalism and the Armenian Genocide Issue in Turkey Today

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Coffee Break: 4:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Discussion: 4:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

Session Four: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Moderator: Antranig Dakessian

Discussant: Dr. Haig Demoyan

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Dr. Roger Smith

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Universalizing the Legacy of the Armenian Genocide

Dr. Richard Hovannissian

Coffee Break: 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.
Discussion: 10:50 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CLOSING SESSION: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.