

Opening speech **Dr. Harutyun Marutyan**, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute Foundation (AGMI) and Chairman of the organising committee

Welcoming speeches **Professor Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis**, Chair of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece
Rev. Paul Haidostian, Rector, Haigazian University

Keynote speech 9:40 - 10:10

Professor Albert Kharatyan PhD (History)
RA NAS Corresponding Member

The Armenian colony of Smyrna (1st half of XI-XIX centuries)

Visit to the Armenian Genocide Memorial 10:10 - 10:40

10:40-11:40

SMYRNA IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ARMENIAN AND GREEK GENOCIDES: ANNIHILATION, ARSON AND DEPORTATION (SEPTEMBER 1922)

OPENING OF THE TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

Coffee break 11:40 - 12:00

SESSION I: 12:00 - 13:15

SMYRNA COMMUNITY LIFE: LITERATURE, WRITING AND PUBLISHING CULTURE

Session Chairperson **Dr. Edita Gzoyan PhD (History)**
AGMI Deputy Scientific Director

Maya Grigoryan
Scientific Secretary, “Vache and Tamar Manukyan” Matenadaran, Mother See of Holy Etchmadzin, ASPU Lecturer

Smyrna’s Armenian printing house activity in the second half of the 19th century

Kristine Najaryan
Junior researcher, responsible for AGMI educational programmes

The enlightenment activities of the Mesropyan School, Smyrna

George Poulimenos
Analyst, author of dictionaries and maps of Smyrna and Asia Minor, Greece

Amenians at the Quay of Smyrna

Hovsep Kassesian
Historian, writer, public speaker, founder of the Armenian Research Centre, Greece

The Apollon-Armenian club: Smyrna’s last football game, February 1922

Dr. Khachatur Stepanyan PhD (History)
ASPU Chair of World History and its teaching methods

ARF activities in Smyrna, 1918-1922

Q&A

Lunch break: 13:15 - 13:50

SESSION II: 13:50 - 15:10

SMYRNA'S PERIODICAL PRESS

Session Chairperson **Suren Manukyan, PhD (History)** head of AGMI Vahagn Dadrian Comparative Genocide Studies Department

Professor Felix Movsisyan PhD (History)
Chair of History, VSU

The “Arshaluys Araratyan” Armenian newspaper, Smyrna: concerning “The Hamazgeats Association”

Mariam Hovsepyan PhD (Philology)
Senior researcher, RA NAS History Institute

The problem of preserving the national image in the pages of the Smyrna periodical “Ashkhatank” (1910-1915)

Mariya Brutyan PhD (History)
Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, VSU

Smyrna 1922-1923, according to the Smyrna Greek newspaper “Amalthea” (January-August 1923)

Suzanna Abrahamyan
Teacher, Armenian language and literature, Ghevond Alishan Secondary School No. 95, Yerevan

Smyrna’s publishing culture. The role of the press in the spread of modern Armenian

Armine Avanesyan,
Applicant, ASPU

Explanations concerning the state of the emigration and of the orphans in Smyrna in the newspaper “Arevelyan Mamul” (Eastern Press)

Q&A

SESSION III: 15:10 - 16:05

SMYRNA'S RELIGIOUS LIFE AND INTER-FAITH RELATIONS

Session chairperson **Dr. Hervé Georgelin PhD (History)**
Lecturer in History, Department of Modern Turkish and Asian Studies, National and Kapodistrian University, Athens

Deacon Haroutiun Harboian
Venice Mekhitarist Congregation, Lebanon

St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Patriarch of Smyrna

Shushan Khachatryan PhD (History) Senior researcher, head of AGMI Victims’ Documentation and Data Collection Department

The messiah of Smyrna, who converted to islam: Overviews on Sabbatai (Shabtay) Zwi and Sabbatianism

Q&A

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Honorary Speaker 9:30 - 10:00

Professor Dora Sakayan
Linguist, Germanist, Armenologist, McGill University, Canada

A document or literary work? My grandfather's, Dr. Karapet Hatcherian's diary about the Smyrna disaster

10:00 - 10:30

ARMENIAN HISTORY: SMYRNA PRESENTATION OF A POSTCARD

Honorary Speaker: 10:30 - 11:00

Dr. Verjiné Svazlyan Ph.D (Philology)
Leading researcher, RA NAS Archaeology & Ethnography Institute

The Smyrna disaster and the people’s historical memory

SESSION I: 11:00 - 12:10

CULTURE OF MEMORY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL OUTLINES

Session chairperson **Artsvi Bakhchinyan PhD (Philology)** Senior researcher, the RA NSA History Institute

Inga Avagyan PhD (History)
Associate Professor, Director of Gyumri Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve, Shirak State University

George of Merdigyoz’s memoirs concerning his father Garabed and the massacres in Asia Minor

Christine Lamson
Descendant of a survivor, USA

A Smyrna survivor: Sophia Varjabedian Tashjian’s story

Marina Mavian
Descendant of a survivor, Director of the Armenian House (Hay Doon), Milan, Italy

Old family memories from Smyrna.

Armine Vahanyan
Lecturer, State Academy for Crisis Management, psychologist at “Dialogue” NGO

The diary method as an internal mechanism for reflecting terrifying reality (based on Dr. Karapet Hatcherian’s diary)

Naira Poghosyan PhD (Philology) Lecturer, YSU Turkish Studies Department

Lambs in wolf skins: the demonisation of the Greeks in Turkish propaganda (“You are my homeland” TV series as an example)

Q&A

Coffee break: 12:10 - 12:25

Keynote speech 12:25-12:55

Dr. Hervé Georgelin PhD (History)
Lecturer in History, Department of Modern Turkish and Asian Studies, National and Kapodistrian University, Athens

The conquest of Smyrna by the Kemalists (September, 1922): targeting and blaming the Armenians first

SESSION II: 12:55 - 13:50

CRIME, CAMPAIGN AND URBAN CULTURE

Session chairperson **Tehmine Martoyan PhD (History)** Senior Researcher, AGMI Armenian Genocide Victims & Survivors’ Documentation & Research Department

Professor Armen Marukyan PhD (History)
RA NSA History Institute, head of the Department of Armenian Issues and the History of the Armenian Genocide

Comparative analysis of Mets Eghern and the massacre of Smyrna’s Armenian and Greek populations

Elina Mirzoyan PhD (Philology) Researcher, AGMI Department of Memoirs, Documents and Press Studies, YSU lecturer

Involvement of Turkish women in rallies concerning the Turkish struggle for Smyrna

Professor Theofanis Malkidis PhD (History)
International Hellenic University, Greece

The Greek Genocide and Smyrna’s catastrophe

Robert Tatoyan PhD (History)
Senior researcher, AGMI Department of Memoirs, Documents and Press Studies

The number of Armenian survivors and dead in the 1922 Smyrna catastrophe

Lunch break: 13:50-14:30

SESSION III: 14:30 - 15:40

CULTURAL IDENTITY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EXTERMINATION OF SMYRNA'S ARMENIANS AND GREEKS: THE DESTRUCTION OF ITS CHRISTIAN HERITAGE

Session chairperson **Professor Armen Marukyan**
RA NSA History Institute, head of the Department of Armenian Issues and the History of the Armenian Genocide

Seda Parsamyan
Researcher, responsible for AGMI Museum Exhibitions

Christos Vattis
Theologian, Sant' Anselmo University of Rome, Italy

Narine Petrosyan
Teacher of history and social sciences Yerevan Ghevond Alishan School No. 95, Yerevan

Anahit Astoyan
Researcher, Mesrop Mashtots Matenadaran Department of Archives and Archival Studies

The adoption of the policy against Armenian cultural heritage by the Kemalist-nationalists

The destruction of Smyrna's Christian heritage: a wound in world Christian culture

The destruction of Smyrna's Christian heritage

The Smyrna Armenians' economic situation before the First World War and the 1922 dispossession

Q&A

September 16, Friday

Keynote speech: 9:30 - 10:00

Rev. Paul Haidostian Rector, Haigazian University, Lebanon
A forgotten soul in the Aegean Sea: the life and death of Rev. Hakob Yeranian

SESSION I: 10:00 - 10:45

ACTS OF SALVATION: WITNESSES AND HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS - 1

Session chairperson **Edgar Hovhannisyan PhD (History)** Dean of the faculty of History and Social Sciences, Armenian National Pedagogical University

Dirk Roodzant PhD (History)
Researcher, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

The fall of Christian Smyrna seen through Dutch eyes

Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis
Professor of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece

Turkish atrocities against the Armenians of Smyrna according to the documents of the diplomatic and historical archives of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Gohar Khanumyan
Junior researcher, head curator of collections, AGMI

Esther Pohl Lovejoy: An American woman physician's experiences during the Smyrna disaster

Anna Karapetyan
Doctorant, Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University, Prague

Pre and Post periods of Smyrna disaster in the documents of the Czech writer Karel Hansa

Coffee break: 10:55 - 11:10

SESSION II: 11:10 - 12:20

ACTS OF SALVATION: WITNESSES AND HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS - 2

Artsvi Bakhchinyan PhD (Philology) Senior researcher, the RA NSA History Institute

The Smyrna disaster in Armenian actors' memoirs

Vardan Hambardzumyan
Executive secretary, YMCA European Alliance

YMCA humanitarian heroes

Zachos Samoladas
Animator/director, Greece

TOKEI MARU, A ship in the shadows of time

Anna Vardanyan PhD (Economics)
Senior lecturer, ASUE, President of "Armenia-Nippon Scientific-Cultural Union"

The Japanese ship Tokei Maru and the Japanese Armenian Relief Fund: a humanitarian step for Armenian refugees

Q&A

SESSION III: 12:20 - 13:30

HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, LEGAL EVALUATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES: MIGRATION AND SURVIVORS' IMMIGRATION TO SOVIET ARMENIA

Session chairperson **Professor Kyriakos Chatzikyriakidis** Professor of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece

Mariam Topakyan
PhD student, YSU International Relations Faculty

The Smyrna disaster and human rights violations: opportunities and challenges in the context of legal assessments and perspectives

Theodosios Kyriakidis
Professor of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece

Greek orphans and their fate after Smyrna's destruction

Astghik Stepanyan
Curator, AGMI collections

Berta Morley, mother to Armenian orphans

Tehmine Martoyan PhD (History)
Senior Researcher, AGMI Armenian Genocide Victims & Survivors' Documentation & Research Department

Smyrna Armenians at the crossroads of emigration and repatriation

Q&A

Conference closure: 13:30 - 14:00

Conference participants visit to Nubarashen for the New Smyrna Street naming ceremony

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PONTIC STUDIES DEPARTMENT, ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY, THESSALONIKI (GREECE)

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SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2022

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:

REGISTRATION: 9:00 - 9:30

CONFERENCE OPENS: 9:30 - 9:40

ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MUSEUM-INSTITUTE CONFERENCE HALL

