



Armenia, the United States, and Regional Transformations in Eurasia:

Advancing Transnational Understanding

Yerevan State University

Yerevan, Armenia

December 2-3, 2022

Friday, December 2

9:30 -10:00a.m. Registration, YSU, 4th floor, Vartkess and Rita Balian Conference Hall

10:00-10:10 Welcome: Dr. Hovhannes Hovhannisyan, Rector, Yerevan State University

10:10-10:20 Greeting: Representative of the U.S. Embassy in Armenia (TBC)

Keynote Address:

10:20 – 11:00: Dr. Craig Calhoun, Professor of Social Sciences, Arizona State University (ASU), “America in Itself, and America in the World”

Session I: 11:00-12:30 Dr. Alexander Markarov, Chair

Energy Infrastructure and Energy Security in the U.S. and Eurasia

Dr. Tigran Sargsyan, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Geology, YSU; Researcher, American Studies Center (ASC), YSU

“Regional Diversification of the European Energy Supply and the U.S.”

Dr. Vahe Davtyan, Professor of Political Science, UNESCO Chair of Human Rights, Democracy and Political Science, Brusov State University

“U.S. - Armenian Cooperation in the Field of Energy Security”

Dr. Shahin Berisha, Adjunct Professor, The Melikian Center, ASU

“Assessing the Impact of Electric Cars on Climate Change and the U.S. Electric Power Grid”

Discussant: Dr. Stephen Batalden, Research Professor, Melikian Center, ASU

--Lunch Break--

Session II: 13:30-15:00 Alexander Markarov, Chair

Comparative and Global Perspectives on History and Geopolitics

Dr. Tigran Yepremyan, ASC MA Program Lecturer, Department of History, YSU

“South Caucasus in Neo-Medieval Age: an Alternative Paradigm”

Dr. Keith Brown, Director, The Melikian Center, ASU

“Object-based Learning, and the Teaching of Geopolitics”

Dr. Stephen Batalden, Research Professor, Melikian Center, ASU

“Historical Revisionism in America and Eurasia: Reconceptualizing Study of America and Eurasia”

Discussant: Dr. Craig Calhoun, ASU

--Coffee Break--

Session III: 15:30-17:00 Dr. Alexander Markarov, Chair

Dealing with diversity: Case Studies in US Policy-Making

Henrik P. Minassians, Ph.D., Professor of Urban Studies and Planning/Director of MPA, California State University, Northridge

“The Role of Policy, and Administrative Governance Modes on Policy Convergence: A Conceptual Framework”

Dr. Anahit Manasyan, ASC MA Program Professor, Department of Law, YSU

“Constitutions as Symbols: Comparative Analysis of the U.S. and Armenian Constitutional Traditions”

Dr. Harutyun Aleksanyan, Department of International Relations, Public Administration Chair, YSU

“Implementing American Experience in Ethics and Diversity in Public Administration of Armenia”

Discussant: Dr. Tigran Sargsyan

Saturday, December 3 YSU, 5th floor, Academic Council Small Hall

Session IV: 10:00-11:30 Dr. Alexander Markarov, Chair

Dealing with Diversity: Case Studies in US Policy-Making (2)

Dr. Danko Sipka, Professor of Slavic Languages, Head of the Linguistics Faculty, ASU, via Zoom

“Understanding Linguistic Complexity in the United States”

Dr. Yuliana Melkumyan, Department of Sociology, YSU

“The American Dream as a Value System: Transformation and Challenges”

Dr. Robert Khachatryan, Abu Dhabi Department of Education and Knowledge, ADEK

“Strategic Management Models and Tools at the US University: Past and Future Perspectives”

Discussant: Dr. Robert Khachatryan

--Coffee Break--

Session V: 12:00-14:00 Dr. Alexander Markarov, Chair

Great Powers and Pivotal Places: Debating National and Regional Security

Dr. Ruben Elamiryan, Chair, World Politics and International Relations, Russian-Armenian Slavonic University, Armenia

“World Order and Shifting Regional Security Landscapes”

Dr. Nora Gevorgyan, Associate Professor of Political Science, Russian-Armenian Slavonic University, Armenia

“Small States in Great Power Geopolitics: Armenia in the U.S. Policies in the South Caucasus and Beyond”

Gor Petrosyan, Researcher, Caucasus Institute, Armenia & ASC MA Program Lecturer, YSU

“The Impact of the Anti-Russian Sanctions on Armenia”

Dr. Zhak Manukyan, Chair, International Relations and Diplomacy, YSU

“US - Armenia Relationships: Historical Perspective and Stages of Development”

Discussant: Dr. Alexander Markarov, YSU

Open Forum: “Symposium Summaries” (Alexander Markarov presiding)