ARMENIAN GENOCIDE MUSEUM-INSTITUTE FOUNDATION

THE CHALLENGES OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE EDUCATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

20 - 22 April 2022

April 20, Wednesday
Registration: 9:00 - 9:30
Opening of the Conference: 9:30 - 9:45
Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute
Conference Hall

Opening speech
Dr. Harutyun Marutyan
Chair of the Organizing Committee, Director of the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute Foundation (AGMI)

Welcoming Speech
Janna Andreasyan
Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia

Keynote speech: 9:45 - 10:15
Dr. Harutyun Marutyan
(The Problems of Teaching the Armenian Genocide in the Context of Value Orientations)
10:15 - 11:30
Opening of the Temporary Exhibition
“TRACING THE ARmenIAN schOOLS: AN enLIGHTeneD nation’S ceRtIFicates”

Coffee break: 11:30 - 12:00

SESSION I: 12:00 - 13:20

Genocide Teaching: Value and Ethical Issues

Chair Dr. Edita Gzoyan (Deputy Scientific Director, AGMI)

Dr., Assoc. Prof. Armine Yeprikyan
(Armenian State Pedagogical University after Kh. Abovyan (ASPU))

The Multifaceted Approach to the Teaching of the Armenian Genocide

Naira Yerkanyan
(Teacher at Hambardzum Galstyan High School No. 83, Yerevan)

Problems of Teaching the Armenian Genocide in High School

Yeghia Tashjian
(Associate Fellow at Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon)

Sectarianism and the Armenian Genocide: The Politics of the Absence of the Genocide Education in Lebanon
**Dr. Shushan Khachatryan**  
(Head of the Armenian Genocide Victims and Survivors Documentation and Research Department, AGMI)  

On the Methods of Presenting the Role of Religion in the Armenian Genocide

**Q&A**

**Lunch break: 13:20 - 14:20**

Visit to the Armenian Genocide Memorial: 14:20 - 15:00

**Keynote speech: 15:00 - 15:30**

**Dr. Yael Richler-Friedman**  
(Pedagogical Director of International School for Holocaust Education, Yad Vashem, Israel)

Social Emotional Holocaust Education in Israel: Challenges and Methodology

**SESSION II: 15:30 - 16:40**

Teaching the Genocide in Secondary Educational Institutions

**Chair**  
**Dr. Suren Manukyan** (AGMI)

**Dr., Prof. Khachatur Stepanyan**  
(Head of the Chair of the World History and its Teaching Methods, ASPU)  

On Some Features of Teaching the History of the Armenian Genocide in the High Schools of the Republic of Armenia
Dr. Yerazik Harutyunyan
(The Director of the School named after Hovh. Tumanyan of Krasnodar Krai Armenia National Cultural Autonomy, Russian Federation)

The Specific Features of Teaching Genocide in Armenian Schools of the Diaspora

Sara Cohan
(The Education Director of the Genocide Education Project, USA)

The Teaching of the Armenian Genocide in Secondary Level Education in U.S. Schools: Challenges and Achievements

Q&A

April 21, Thursday

Keynote speech: 10:00 - 10:30

Dr. Jean-Damascène Gasanabo
(Independent Researcher, Rwanda)

Teaching about Genocide in Rwanda

SESSION I: 10:30 - 12:10

Teaching the Genocide in Higher Education Institutions
Chair
Dr., Prof. Khachatur Stepanyan (ASPU)

Dr., Prof. Samvel Poghosyan
(Deputy Dean for Science and International Cooperation, ASPU)
Problems of Teaching the Armenian Genocide in Higher Education Institutions

Dr. Suren Manukyan
(Head of the Comparative Genocide Studies Department after Vahagn Dadrian, AGMI)
Teaching Genocide Studies in Armenian Universities: Some Observations

Dr., Assoc. Prof. Mariam Yeghyan
(ASPU)
On the Issue of Teaching the Topic “The Armenian Genocide” at the Higher Education Institutions

Dr., Assoc. Prof. Chris Kostov
(IE University, Spain)
The Challenge of Teaching the Armenian Genocide in a Multinational University

Dr. Tehmine Martoyan
(Senior Researcher at the Armenian Genocide Victims and Survivors Documentation and Research Department, AGMI)
Experience in Teaching the Topic of the Armenian Genocide: Development and Implementation of “Intergenerational Memory Transfer” Project

Q&A

Coffee break: 12:10 - 12:40
Keynote speech: 12:40 - 13:10

Dr. Kori Street
(USC Shoah Foundation, Interim Executive Director)

From Pedagogy to Action: Teaching about Genocide with Testimony

SESSION II: 13:10 - 14:30

The Role and Contribution of Museums to Genocide Education

Chair

Dr. Shushan Khachatryan (AGMI)

Anna Amiryan
(A+ Skill Educational Center, ESL instructor)

The Role of Visual Arts and Museums in Teaching Genocide Studies

Kristine Najaryan
(Junior Researcher at the Armenian Genocide Victims and Survivors Documentation and Research Department, AGMI)

Problems of Teaching the Topic of the Armenian Genocide in the RA Schools and the Experience of AGMI’s Educational Programs

Catherine Boyd, Mduduzi Ntuli
(Education Department, Johannesburg Holocaust & Genocide Centre, Republic of South Africa)

Genocide in the Curricula: How to Teach About it in a Museum Setting

Q&A
Lunch break: 14:30 - 15:10

Visit to the Museum of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin 15:10 - 18:00

Workshop for Armenian Schoolteachers, Moderator: Sedda Antekelian, Shoah Foundation, USA 15:10 - 17:10

April 22, Friday

Keynote speech: 10:00 - 10:30

Dr. Rubina Peroomian
(Genocide Scholar, Author of Books and Textbooks on Armenian Genocide)

Teaching about the Armenian Genocide in Armenian Educational Institutions in America, from Conception to Action and Beyond

SESSION I: 10:30 - 11:50

Teaching the Armenian Genocide through Individual Stories

Chair

Dr. Arman Maloyan (NCEDI Foundation, RA)

Dr. Narine Margaryan
(Scientific Secretary, AGMI)

Methodological Issues of Teaching Genocide through the Microstories of Survived Armenian Genocide Orphans

Lusine Abrahanyan
(AGMI Deputy Director for Museum Affairs)

Teaching the Genocide through Individual Stories: The Story of Aurora Mardiganian and “Ravished Armenia” memoir
Dr., Assoc. Prof. Lilit Mkrtchyan

A Family Story: The Great Ashchyan Family

(Head of Educational Innovations and Research Department, NCEDI Foundation)

Mihran Minassian

The Determination to Survive: The Example of Aram Antonyan

(AGMI, Advisor)

Q&A

Coffee break: 11:50 - 12:20

Keynote speech: 12:20 - 12:50

Pheng Pong-Rasy

Teaching about Genocide in Cambodia

(Prey Veng Documentation Center, Director, DC-Cam, Cambodia)

SESSION II: 12:50 - 14:00

Particular Emphasis on Teaching the Armenian Genocide

Chair

Dr. Samvel Poghosyan (ASPU)
Dr. Arman Maloyan  
Teaching the Genocide Using Remarkable Episodes of Armenian Martyrdom

(Head of Training Program Development and Training Effectiveness Evaluation Department, National Center for Education Development and Innovation Foundation (NCEDI))

Regina Galustyan  
Teaching about Perpetrators: Importance and Challenges

(Researcher at the Comparative Genocide Studies Department after V. Dadryan, AGMI)

Dr. Samvel Muradyan  
Some Aspects of Teaching the Poem “The Armenian Dantesque” by H. Shiraz

(YSU, Acad. Honorary Head of the Chair of History of Armenian Literature after H. Tamrazyan, Doctor of Philological Sciences)

Q&A

Round Table Discussion: 14:00-14:30
(Moderator Harutyun Marutyan)

Closing of the Conference: 14:30-15:00
(Harutyun Marutyan, Edita Gzoyan, Suren Manukyan, Khachatur Stepanyan, Shushan Khachatryan, Arman Maloyan, Samvel Poghosyan)