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THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND
ECONOMIC HISTORY OF
VAN AND THE REGION

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Friday 11 November

REGISTRATION

08.30-09.00

OPENING REMARKS

09.00-09.30

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KEYNOTE SPEECH

09.30-10.00

Yektan Türkyılmaz

Why Should We Rethink
the History and Memory of
Van/Vasburagan?

I

Revisiting Historiography of Van 1915

Panel 1

10.00-11.15

CHAIR

Raymond Kévorkian

Ronald Suny

Tsarist Russia and the
Armenians of Van, 1914-1915

Hilmar Kaiser

Van Province in 1915 and CUP
Decision Making

Mikael Nichanian

Van 1915 : A Reevaluation
of the Historiography

COFFEE BREAK

11.15-11.30

II

Survivors' Accounts and Material Remains

Panel 2

11.30-13.15

CHAIR

Ayhan Aktar

Richard Hovannisian

"Van in This World, Paradise in
the Next": A Personal Odyssey
and Oral History Narratives

David Leupold

Bridging Memories on a
Contested Geography:
The Lake Van Region in Oral
History Accounts from Eastern
Turkey and Armenia

Burçin Gerçek

Three Stories of Salvation
and Resistance from the
Testimonies of Genocide
Survivors from Muradiye,
Müküs and Erciş

Anoush Tamar Suni

Invisible Stones, Buried
Histories: The Ruins of the
Armenian Community of Van

LUNCH BREAK

13.15-14.30

III

Transformation and Conflicts

Panel 3

14.30-16.00

CHAIR

Hülya Adak

Suavi Aydın

Ethnic/Demographic Situation
of Van and the Region in 19th
Century and Tribal Movements

Şeyhmus Bingül

Efforts towards Resettling
and Bringing under Control
the Tribes During the
Implementation of the Tanzimat
Reforms in Van (1847-1900)

Mehmet Polatel

Demographic and
Socioeconomic Outcomes of
Hamidian Massacres in Van

COFFEE BREAK

16.00-16.15

IV

Intercommunal Relations: Armenians, Assyrians and Kurds

Panel 4

16.15-17.30

CHAIR

Kerem Öktem

David Gaunt

The Assyrians of Hakkari

Jelle Verheij

The Beys of Müküs/Moks
(Bahçesaray) (1830-1900)

Nicholas Al-Jeloo

Timar and Saray: The Lesser-
Known Assyrian Communities
to the East of Lake Van

Saturday 12 November

V

Missionaries in Van

Panel 5

09.30-10.30

CHAIR

Ayşe Soysal

Barbara J. Merguerian

Van in the Early 20th Century:
Perspectives from the American
Mission

Hayk Martirosyan

The Role of German Missioners'
Educational Activities in Van
Province, based on German
Sources (1902-1915)

COFFEE BREAK

10.30-10.45

VI

Calamities and Disasters

Panel 6

10.45-12.00

CHAIR

Ronald Suny

Özge Ertem

From Kadıköy to the Villages
of Van: Famine in Van and
the Central Relief Committee
(1880-1885)

Vazken Davidian

Representing Plunder, Famine
and Destitution: The Figure of
the Beggar from Van in Late
19th Century Constantinople
Painting

Emre Can Dağlıoğlu

The Consequences of 1895
Van Massacre: The Aghtamar
Patriarch Khatchadur III's
Report

LUNCH BREAK

12.00-13.15

VII

History, Memory, Place

Panel 7

13.15-15.00

CHAIR

Ayşe Gül Altınay

Birgül Açıkyıldız Şengül

Historiography, Material Culture
and Ideology: Representation of
Van-Bitlis Region's Architecture
in Turkish Historiography

Sedat Ulugana

"Filistan": An Ancient Armenian
Homeland in the North of Van
Lake Before the Armenian
Genocide

Mustafa Çelebi

Memory of Place and
An Irrigation Dam Story:
"Gola Fıraqa"

Marlene Schafers

The Limits of Empathy: Creating
Ties of Common Victimhood
Between Van and Yerevan

COFFEE BREAK

15.00-15.15

General Evaluation & Discussions

15.15-16.30*

Ayhan Aktar

* At the beginning of the session,
the results of the applications to
the 2016 History and Memory
Research Fund will be announced.