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CONFERENCE ON ISLAMIZED ARMENIANS
Saturday, November 2

**OPENING**
10:00-11:30

**WELCOME REMARKS**
Rakel Dink
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Ayşe Gül Altınay
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SABANCI UNIVERSITY

**OPENING CONVERSATION**
Fethiye Çetin
Nebahat Akkoç
Sibel Asna

**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
11:30-11:50

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**Panel 1**
11:50-13:20

**Chair**
Ayfer Bartu Candan

**Zeynep Türkyılmaz**
Researching and Conceptualizing Religious Conversion: Reflections on Ottoman and Republican History and Historiography

**Avedis Hadjian**
Patriarch Shnork’s Four Categories of Anatolian Armenians and Today’s Muslim Armenians

**Ayşe Gül Altınay**
The Historical and Historiographical Silence on Islamized Armenians and New Memory Work along the Axis of Ethnicity, Nation, and Gender

**LUNCH**
13:20-14:30

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**Panel 2**
14:30-16:30

**Chair**
Meltem Toksöz

**Sergey Vardanian**
Islamized Hemshin Armenians: Victims and Witnesses

**Serap Demir**
Islamized Armenians: A Historical Approach to Hemshin and Its Environments

**Mahir Özkan**
The Hemşinli Identity: Culture, Language and Religion

**Uğur Bahadır Bayraktar**
Abduction, Marriage and Islamization in the Tanzimat Era

**Selim Deringil**
Mass Conversion during the Hamidian Massacres 1894-1897

**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
16:30-17:00

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**Panel 3**
17:00-18:50

**Chair**
Raymond Kevorkian

**Taner Akçam**
Assimilation as a Structural Element in the Conversion of the Armenians

**Armen Marsoobian**

**Anna Aleksanyan**
Ruben Heryan: Liberator of Armenian Women and Children from Muslim Families after the Armenian Genocide

**Gayane Çobanyan**
The Question of Arabized Armenians
### Sunday, November 3

#### IV
**Islamized in 1915: History and Bearing Witness II**

**Panel 4**
9:30-11:40

**CHAIR**
Ronald Grigor Suny

- **Vahe Tachjian**
  Mixed Marriage, Prostitution, Survival: *Reintegrating Survivor Women into Post-Ottoman Armenian Communities*

- **Arda Melkonian**
  Gender and Survival Options during the Armenian Genocide

- **Doris Melkonian**
  Taken into Muslim Households: *Experiences of Armenian Children during the Genocide*

- **Ishkhan Chiftjian**
  Islamization as an Instrument for Surviving and/or Disappearing: *Theories and Practices of Islamization of Armenians during the 1915 Genocide*

- **Hilmar Kaiser**
  Assimilation of Armenian Deportees, 1915-1917

**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
11:40-12:00

#### V
**Traces of Memory: Music, Food and Stories**

**Panel 5**
12:00-13:50

**CHAIR**
Ferhunde Özbay

- **Wendy Hamelink**
  Musical Memories of Sasun Armenians

- **Cafer Sarkaya**
  Only Lokum Remains: *The Islamized Armenians in the Black Sea Region and the Resistance Story of a Flavour*

- **Nevin Yıldız Tahincioğlu**
  A Story of Existence: *What Remains from Sara…*

- **Rubina Peroomian**
  Muslim Armenians, a Paradox?

**LUNCH**
13:50-15:00

#### VI
**Memory, Ethnicity, Religion: Kurdish Identity**

**Panel 6**
15:00-16:50

**CHAIR**
Yektan Türkyılmaz

- **Adnan Çelik**
  Survival Strategies of the Islamized Armenian Families: *The Case of Diyarbakır Pasûr (Kulp)*

- **Davut Yeşilmen**
  The Perception of Armenians in the Modern Kurdish Novel and Representation of Collective Memory

- **Ramazan Aras**
  Misilmeni: *An Analysis of Perceptions of Muslim Armenians among Muslim Kurds*

**Ümit Kurt & Murad Uçaner**
A Facet of the Stories of Besni Armenian Orphans, who were Islamized during the 1915 Armenian Genocide

**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
16:50-17:10

#### VII
**Memory, Ethnicity, Religion: Dersim**

**Panel 7**
17:10-18:40

**CHAIR**
Murat Yüksel

- **Nezahat Gündoğan & Kazım Gündoğan**
  Armenians in 1937-38 Dersim’s Tertele

- **Hranush Kharatyan**
  “I am from Dersim”: Avoiding Identity among Dersim Population and Alevized Armenians of Dersim

- **Gökçen B. Dinç**
  Protected but Discriminated: *Dersim Armenians*
Monday, November 4

Workshops
10:00-12:00

WORKSHOP I: ÖZGER ARNAS HALL
Jülide Aral
Meeting of Children and Grandchildren of Islamized Armenians (in Turkish)

WORKSHOP II: PSB 102
(PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY BUILDING)
Ufuk Sezgin
Islamized Armenians: Perception and Experiences Outside of Turkey (in English)

LUNCH
12:00-13:00

Panel 8
13:00-14:50

CHAIR
Müge Gürsoy Sökmen

Helin Anahit
The Rivers of Memory: Exploring Collective Memory and Cultural Assumptions through the Voice of the Islamized Armenians in Turkey

Alice von Bieberstein
The Self as Lacuna

Laurence Ritter
Reconstructing Identity: The Importance of Family Structure among Hidden and Islamized Armenians - A case-study

Anoush Suni
Displacement and the Production of Difference: Islamized Armenians and Imagined Geographies

TEA/COFFEE BREAK
14:50-15:10

Monday, November 4

VIII
Memory and Identity

Round Table
15:10-17:00

CHAIR
Rober Koptaş

Boghos Levon Zekiyan
Krikor Ağabaloğlu
Cemal Uşşak
Hidayet Şefkatli Tuksal

TEA/COFFEE BREAK
17:00-17:20

Forum
17:20-19:30

CHAIR
Ayşe Gül Altınay

Fethiye Çetin
Workshop I (spokesperson)
Workshop II (spokesperson)

Emine Kolivar & Ferda Balancar
HRANT DINK FOUNDATION ORAL HISTORY GROUP

Miran Pirgiç Gültekin
ASSOCIATION OF DERSİM ARMENIANS

Hikmet Akçiçek
HEMSHIN ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION
Movie Screenings

PLACE: NATUK BİRKAN BUILDING
IBRAHIM BODUR AUDITORIUM

Berke Baş
Hush! (2009)

Mehmet Binay
Whispering Memories
Talking Pictures (2009)

Suzanne Khardalian
Grandma’s Tatoos (2011)

Nezahat Gündoğan
Two Locks of Hair: The Missing
Girls of Dersim (2012)

Dilek Aydın
Habap Fountains: The Story of a
Restoration (2012)

Uğur Egemen İres
Pure State of the Soul (2013)

Armen Aroyan
Hidden Armenians (2006)

Gülgül Altıntaş
Don’t Get Lost Children (2011)

Saturday, November 2
10:00-17:00

Sunday, November 3
10:00-17:15

Monday, November 4
10:00-17:00