



Oxford Armenian Studies

Michaelmas Term 2012

Contemporary Armenian Culture, Society, Politics Seminar

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6:30 - 8:00 PM, Oriental Institute, Lecture Room 1

- Tuesday, 16 October (Week 2)

Caught between Two Fires - Armenians in Syria Today

An assessment of the current situation of the community, the security and institutional challenges facing the Armenians in particular and Christian communities in general, assistance and humanitarian efforts and future prospects.

- Tuesday, 30 October (Week 4)

Armenian Schools in the Middle East: The Case of Lebanon

An overview of Armenian schools in the Middle East with a particular focus on the schools in Lebanon, one of the largest and significant communities in the region. The seminar will highlight some of the internal and external problems facing the schools and "Armenian education" in the Middle East in general.

- Friday, 16 November (Week 6)

Cultural Production and Preservation in the Diaspora: Methodological Problems and Conceptual Issues.

In addition to language, preservation of culture is a significant component in the discourse of *hayapahpanum* ['preservation of Armenianness'] in the Diaspora. The seminar will raise some methodological and conceptual questions for further exploration and discussion.

Hilary Term 2013

Cultural Production and Preservation in the Diaspora II: What is "Armenian" about Armenian Culture?

The session will build on the key points of the last seminar in the Michaelmas Term and expand the discussion particularly on the "Armenian" aspect of "culture".