



**Armenian-Turkish Studies Workshop
Sheffield Hallam University
June 9th 2014**

The primary aim of this workshop is to bring together scholars, researchers and activists from a range of disciplines in order to reflect upon the approaching centenary of the Armenian genocide and its wider implications for Armenian and Turkish histories, culture, politics and society. The workshop will not only address the complex and contested history of the fate of the Ottoman Armenians but will also consider its long-term aftermaths and the ways in which they relate to the key questions and priorities for scholars of contemporary Armenia, Turkey and their neighbours and their shared past, present and future.

The workshop is intended as the first stage in the development of an interdisciplinary research network and accompanying seminar series. This network is intended to foster dialogue between postgraduate, early career and senior scholars working in Armenian-Turkish studies and related areas, and facilitate the development of stronger connections between scholars working in the field, in the UK, and overseas, as well as providing an opportunity to encourage collaborative and comparative work with scholars working in other disciplines or on comparative cases. Following the preliminary workshop in Sheffield in June 2014, the conveners will apply for funding to enable the continuation of the network, with the long-term goal of setting up a UK Armenian-Turkish Studies Association.

In addition to the development of this network this workshop will also provide a forum in which to begin planning for ways in which academics, NGOs and diaspora organisations can collaborate to develop events to mark the centenary of the Armenian genocide in Britain.

Conveners:

Dr. Jo Laycock, History, Sheffield Hallam University

Dr. Sossie Kasbarian, Politics, Philosophy, Religion, Lancaster University

Workshop Programme

9.30 - 9.45	<p>Coffee and Welcomes <i>Welcome to Sheffield Hallam University</i> Chris Hopkins, Humanities Research Director, Sheffield Hallam University <i>Introduction to the Workshop</i> Dr. Jo Laycock, History, Sheffield Hallam</p>
9.45 - 10.45	<p>Keynote Address <i>Where do we go from here? Thinking of (and funding) Armenian-Turkish dialogue beyond 2015</i> Dr. Razmik Panossian, Director, Armenian Communities Department, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Lisbon</p>
10.45	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11 - 12.30	<p>Panel 1: States and nations: New developments in Armenian-Turkish relations</p> <p><i>'Denial light' as new state policy: Circumventing civil society to gain international reputation</i> Dr. Kerem Öktem, University of Oxford and Sabanci University Istanbul Policy Centre</p> <p><i>Disappointment and mistrust: Armenian-Turkish relations seen from Yerevan</i> Dr. Mark Grigoryan, ArmeniaTV, Yerevan</p> <p><i>Apologies for Historical Wrongs: When, How, Why?</i> Dr. Arman Sarvarian, Lecturer in Law, University of Surrey</p> <p><i>Armenian-Turkish relations, in theory and in practice</i> Chris Sisserian</p> <p><i>The involvement and perspective of EU institutions on the Armenian-Turkish issue</i> Nicholas Tavitian, Director, AGBU Europe</p>
12.30- 1.30	<p><i>Where are we beyond denial?</i> <i>Patterns of Prejudice special issue introduction</i> Dr. Sossie Kasbarian and Dr. Kerem Öktem <i>Buffet Lunch</i></p>
1.30-3	<p>Panel 2: People, society and identity: an expanding landscape</p> <p><i>Turkey's Residual Armenians and the Question of Indigeneity</i> Dr. Hakem Al-Rustom, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, American University in Cairo</p> <p><i>Diaspora's 'Natives' or Native 'Diaspora'? Research and methodological questions regarding the study of Islamized Armenians in Turkey</i> Dr. Hratch Tchilingirian, Associate Faculty, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford</p> <p><i>Islamized Armenians Conference: Breaking a Centennial Silence</i> Dr. Ayşe Gül Altınay, Social Anthropology, Sabanci University</p>

	<p><i>Civil Society and Armenian Turkish Relations</i> Dr. Armine Ishkanian, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics</p>
3.- 3.15	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
3.15 - 4.45	<p>Panel 3: Exploring shared memories and histories through art, culture and literature</p> <p><i>Widening the perspective. The literary parameter in relations between Armenians, Kurds, Alewi's, Turks and others in Anatolia and the Caucasus from the arrival of the Seljuks until today.</i> Professor Theo Van Lint, Calouste Gulbenkian Professor of Armenian Studies, University of Oxford</p> <p><i>A Historiographic Absence: Ottoman Armenian Artists and Art History</i> Vazken Davidian, PhD Candidate, History of Art, Birkbeck University</p> <p><i>Collective memory: encounters, testimonies and reverberations</i> Helin Anahit, PhD candidate & lecturer, Fine Arts and Transcultural studies, Middlesex University</p> <p><i>The Art of the Other, a bridge to understanding and reconciling</i> Nouritza Matossian, Director, Armenian Institute, London</p> <p><i>Resisting dispossession of history through film, inherited memories and trauma: visiting the ancestral home, city and land...Mersin</i> Ani King-Underwood, TV producer/director of factual programmes</p>
4.45 - 6	<p>Wrap Up Discussion and Future Plans</p>