



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



**08-09** DECEMBER, 2025

## "GENOCIDE: MEMORY, RECOGNITION, PREVENTION" AGENDA

Monday, December 08	
Conference Opening	
09:40	Registration (YSU Central building 1st floor foyer)
09:40-12:00	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> (YSU Central building 1st floor foyer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening of the Genocide Memory Tree</li><li>• Opening of an Exhibition Dedicated to the History of Genocides,</li><li>• Book Presentation</li><li>• Presentation of Genocide Research Organizations</li></ul>
Opening speech	
Hovhannes Hovhannisyan-YSU Rector, Doctor of History, Armenia	
Greeting speech	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr. Vahram Petrosyan</b>- Director of YSU Institute for Armenian Studies, PhD in History, Associate Professor, Armenia</li><li>• <b>Lilit Martirosyan</b>- President of the Centre for Human Rights and Genocide Studies NGO, Armenia</li><li>• <b>Prof. Arman Yeghiazaryan</b>- Director of the All Armenian Foundation Financing Armenological Studies, Armenia</li></ul>	
• Awarding of certificates/medals	
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch</b> (YSU Academic Council Hall, Central building, 5th floor)

<b>Panel 1 13:00–15:20</b>	<b>Prevention, recognition and condemnation of genocide in the context of international law</b> (YSU Academic Council Hall, Central building, 5th floor)
<b>Chair: Prof. Dr. Otto Luchterhandt, Dr.Vahram Petrosyan</b>	
<b>13:00</b>	Prof. Dr. Hans Lukas-Kieser (Historian, Switzerland)- <b>Public Truth – Core Of Historical Justice: The Challenge Of Remembering The Armenian Genocide Since The Conference Of Lausanne / Switzerland</b>
<b>13:15</b>	Prof. Gevorg Danielyan – (Doctor of Law, Professor, Head of the Department of Theory and History of State and Law, Faculty of Law, Yerevan State University) <b>Legal Basis for Condemning and Reparations for the Armenian Genocide, Armenia</b>
<b>13:30</b>	Dr. Eran Gündüz (Sociologist, board member of the Association of Genocide Opponents in Frankfurt am Main, Germany) <b>The Armenian Genocide: What Role Does The Time Factor Play In Recognition? / Germany</b>
<b>13:45</b>	Larisa Alaverdyan- The First Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia, Executive Director " Against the Violation of Law" Foundation, <b>The unpunished crime committed by Azerbaijan in Artsakh, Armenia</b>
<b>14:00</b>	Prof. Dr. Otto Luchterhandt- <b>Legal Possibilities And Ways For Armenians To Obtain Compensation For Their Property Left In Nagorno-Karabakh / Germany</b>
<b>14:15</b>	Prof. Artur Ghambaryan (Chairman of the Department of Theory of Law and Constitutional Law of Russian-Armenian University, Full Professor of the State Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia, Doctor of Law, Full Professor, Honored lawyer of the RA, <b>Refutation of the constitutional demand for recognition of the Armenian Genocide under the guise of recognition: the paradox of the actions of the Armenian authorities/ Armenia</b>
<b>14:30</b>	Mari Hovhannisyan (Executive Director of the Zoryan Institute Armenia International Foundation for Research and Development) <b>Theoretical Perspectives on Genocide Denial: From Reaction to Structural Mechanism /Armenia</b>
<b>14:45</b>	Dr. Svante Lundgren (Theologian, Lund University) <b>The Scandinavian Countries And The Armenian Genocide: A Humanitarian Legacy Betrayed / Sweden</b>
<b>15:00</b>	Dr Jakob Zollmann (Specialist in the History of Law): <b>International Law During Genocide. Armenia 1918–1920/ Germany / Zoom</b>
<b>15:15</b>	<b>Discussion</b>

<b>Panel 2 15:30-18:45</b>	<b>Genocide in the context of memory studies, identity, and psychology (YSU Academic Council Hall, Central building, 5th floor)</b>
<b>Chair: Dr. Jeanine Ntahirageza, Lilit Martirosyan</b>	
<b>15:30</b>	Erik Hellsborn- (Member of the Swedish parliament) <b>Following in the foot-steps of Alma Johansson/ Sweden</b>
<b>15:45</b>	Dr. Nkurunziza Joseph Ryarasa- Executive Director, Never Again Rwanda <b>"Memory and Memorialization. Commemorative Practices in Healing Communities &amp; Combating Denialism/ Rwanda</b>
<b>16:00</b>	Dr. Jürgen Gispertis (German ethnographer, Armenologist and journalist). <b>"If you have one identity, I have three!" Remembering, recognizing and preventing genocide with Hrant Dink/ Germany</b>
<b>16:15</b>	Krikor A. Alozian (Director Of Armenian Genocide Orphans Aram Bezikian Museum, Lebanon) <b>Birds' Nest - Maria Jacobsen " Where Echoes Of Trauma Transformed Into Songs Of Survival" Lebanon Zoom</b>
<b>16:30</b>	Naira Poghosyan- YSU Department of Genocide Studies at the Institute of Armenology, <b>The memory of the Armenian Genocide in Armenian-letter Turkish songs based on the memoirs of Manuk Perperyan, Armenia</b>
<b>16:45- 17:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>17:15</b>	Dr. Jeanine Ntahirageza-Director, Center for Genocide and Human Rights Research in Africa and the Diaspora at Northeastern Illinois University, <b>Memory and Identity Paradox in Burundi and Rwanda Pre-, During, and Post-1972 and 1994 Genocides, Burundi</b>
<b>17:30</b>	Viktor Gerasimovski, Photographer of "Echoes of Silence" <b>From Silence to Social Change: The Transformative Relationship in "Echoes of Silence" USA</b>
<b>17:45</b>	Dr. Meline Anumyan (Research Center on Western Armenian Studies, Turkologist, Lecturer at the Brusov State Universit) <b>Manifestations Of Armenian Identity and Daily Life Of The Forcibly Islamized Armenians/ Armenia</b>
<b>18:00</b>	Prof. Levon Chugaszyan, Professor, Department of History and Theory of Armenian Art, Faculty of History, Yerevan State University, <b>The Reflection of the Armenian Genocide in Armenian Painters / Armenia</b>
<b>18:15</b>	Colette Ruscheinsky-(The Digital Oral History archivist at GHRAD (The Genocide and Human Rights Research Center in Africa and the Diaspora) <b>Breaking Silence: Storytelling and Portraiture as Pathways to Healing and Genocide Prevention, USA</b>
<b>18:30</b>	Youk Chhang Executive Director Documentation Center Of Cambodia Memory And Justice <b>'Although Two Million Were Killed, Five Million Survived To Tell Their Story.' Cambodia/ Zoom</b>
<b>18:45</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>19:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b>

## Tuesday, December 09

<b>Panel 3</b> <b>10:00–12:50</b>	<b>Genocide in the context of source studies, history and political science</b> (YSU Academic Council Hall, Central building, 5th floor)
	<b>Chair: Moritz Florin, Ashot Hayruni</b>
	"To honor the memory of the victims of genocides with a minute of silence."
<b>10:10</b>	Dr. Ellen J. Kennedy, Executive Director, World Without Genocide, Margery Amundson, Researcher, World Without Genocide, Starvation And Ecocide: Nagorno-Karabakh/Artsakh And Ukraine- <b>USA</b>
<b>10:25</b>	Prof. Dr. Ruben Safrastyan (Counselor of the Director, Institute of Oriental Studies, Armenian National Academy of Sciences Member of Public Council of Armenia) Theorizing Genocide Prevention: The Concept of Pre-Genocide/ <b>Armenia</b>
<b>10:40</b>	Dr. Roy Knocke- (Director of the Lepsiushaus Potsdam) Documentarist and Agitator: New Insights On Johannes Lepsius' Writings On The Armenian Question- <b>Germany / Zoom</b>
<b>10:55</b>	Ara Ketibian (Scientific researcher, genocide scholar) Coverage of the Armenian, Greek and Assyrians Genocides in the American press/ <b>Australia</b>
<b>11:10</b>	Lusine Sahakyan- Head of the Section of Armenian-Ottoman Relations, the Institute of Armenological Studies, YSU, Bulletins of the Fact-Finding Branch of the Information Divan as Evidence of the Reality of the Armenian Genocide., <b>Armenia</b>
<b>11:25</b>	Ani Voskanyan- Department Armenian-Ottoman relations Junior Researcher, Conscription and Extermination Orders: Armenian Soldiers During the Years of the Armenian Genocide, <b>Armenia</b>
<b>11:40– 12:10</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>12:10</b>	Prof. Dr. phil. Tessa Hofmann- Independent scholar of Armenian and genocide studies; formerly Freie Universität Berlin, Armenia: A Case Of Repetitive Genocide, <b>Germany / Zoom</b>
<b>12:25</b>	Dr. h.c. Michael Hesemann-(German historian, Vatican journalist and author) Was it really a genocide? What documents from the Vatican Archives reveal. <b>Germany</b>
<b>12:40</b>	Dr. Ivan Gastañaga (Political Scientist, Spain) Documenting Atrocity: Traces Of The Armenian Genocide In Spanish Diplomatic Correspondence. <b>Spain, Zoom</b>
<b>12:55</b>	Manushak Markosyan- Hamburg University, Armin T. Wegner. Witness of the Armenian Genocide and Defender of the Armenian Cause, <b>Germany</b>
<b>13:10</b>	Prof. Ashot Hayruni- YSU Head of the Department of Genocide Studies at the Institute of Armenology, The imposition of silence on the Armenian Genocide during World War I, German policy and Johannes Lepsius; <b>Armenia</b>
<b>13:25</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>13:35– 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>Panel 4</b> <b>13:50 -15:05</b>	<b>Genocide in the context of information science and information warfare</b> (YSU Academic Council Hall, Central building, 5th floor)
<b>Chair: Dr. Eran Gündüz, Dr. Ellen J. Kennedy</b>	
<b>14:00</b>	Prof. Dr. Bernd Braun (Historian and political scientist, executive director of the Foundation for the Friedrich Ebert House Museum in Heidelberg, Germany) <b>Anti-Armenian Lobbying In Germany/Germany</b>
<b>14:15</b>	Dr. Raffi Kantian (President of the German-Armenian Society, Germany) <b>The Armenian Genocide And The Republic Of Turkey: Approaches To A Taboo Chapter Of Turkish History/ Germany Zoom</b>
<b>14:30</b>	Hemn Mamrash (Assistant Director of Media in the Ministry of martyrs and Anfal Affairs in Kurdistan Regional Government) <b>The Genocide of the Kurdish people in Kurdistan Region by Iraqi regims/ Iraq</b>
<b>14:45</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Closing Session</b>
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Cultural Program and Farewell</b>

