



# DISPOSSESSION AND ITS LEGACIES

## Comparisons, Intersections, and Connections

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022

🕒 All times are in Eastern Standard Time (EST)

5 – 7 PM

### KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Opening Remarks and Introductions: **Melanie Tanielian**, University of Michigan and **Matthew Ghazarian**, University of Michigan

**Robert Nichols**, University of Minnesota  
*"Dispossession in Global Comparative Context"*

**Dirk Moses**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*"Settlers and Security: Structures and Subjectivity in State-Formation"*

Moderator: **Helen Makhdoumian**, University of Michigan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

10 AM – 12 PM

### DISPLACEMENT AND DISPOSSESSION IN THE LATE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Opening Remarks: **Matthew Ghazarian**, University of Michigan

**Nora Barakat**, Stanford University  
*"Building an Ottoman National Economy: Land, Religious Identity and Capital Expansion in the Syrian Interior, 1850-1915"*

**Ella Fratantuono**, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
*"Failing Upward: Critique, Contestation, and State Consolidation through Ottoman Immigrant Settlement"*

**Matthew Ghazarian**, University of Michigan  
*"Precarities of Plenty: Famine and Sovereign Debt in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1881-94"*

**Mehmet Polatel**, Hrant Dink Foundation  
*"Land and Violence: Tracing the Links between the Hamidian Massacres and the Armenian Genocide"*

Discussant: **Robert Nichols**, University of Minnesota

12 – 12:30 PM

**Break**

12:30 – 2:30 PM

### MEMORY, NARRATIVE, AND AESTHETIC FORM

Opening Remarks: **Helen Makhdoumian**, University of Michigan

**Jacob Caponi**, University of Michigan and **Fatma Müge Göçek**, University of Michigan  
*"How Difficult Pasts Complicate the Present: Comparative Analysis of the 1915 Armenian Genocide and 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda"*

**Elyse Semerdjian**, Whitman College  
*"If These Bones Could Speak: The Genesis of Armenian Pilgrimage to Dayr al-Zur"*

**Claire Baytas**, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
*"Patterns of Marginalization in Yeşim Ustaoglu's Waiting for the Clouds"*

**Helen Makhdoumian**, University of Michigan  
*"When the Study of 'Settler Mnemonics' Meets the Study of Literature"*

Discussant: **Dirk Moses**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2:30 – 2:45 PM

**Break**

2:45 – 4:45 PM

### DISPOSSESSION, MEMORY, AND INDIGENEITY IN OTTOMAN AND ARMENIAN STUDIES: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**Melissa Bilal**, University of California, Los Angeles; **Keith David Watenpaugh**, University of California, Davis; **Ruken Şengül**, University of California, Los Angeles; **Kabir Tambar**, Stanford University.

Moderator: **Hakem Al-Rustom**, University of Michigan

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