



AFTERLIVES OF CATASTROPHES

“Western Armenia” in Comparative Perspective

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020

Hussey Room, Michigan League, 911 North University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

5 – 5:10 PM

OPENING REMARKS

Melanie Tanielian, University of Michigan

5:10 – 7 PM

ON THE AFTERLIVES OF CATASTROPHE

Ayşe Parla, Boston University

“A Ghost in the Courtroom: Genocide, Justice, and a Speculative Reading of the Trial of Soghomon Tehlirian”

David Marriott, Pennsylvania State University

“The Unhomely”

Moderator: David Kazanjian, University of Pennsylvania

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

Room 555, Weiser Hall, 500 Church Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

10 – 10:10 AM

OPENING REMARKS

Hakem Al-Rustom, University of Michigan

10:10 AM – 12 PM

REMNANTS

Anoush Suni, University of Michigan

“Echoes of the Past in Spaces of Ruin: Afterlives of Genocide in Van”

Özge Korkmaz, University of Michigan

“Historical Blame, Kurds, Armenians and the State”

Deanna Cachoian-Schanz, University of Pennsylvania

“Animating Archives and Tales of Hearsay: A Case Study in Historical Redaction”

Discussant: Helmut Puff, University of Michigan

12 – 1:30 PM

Break

1:30 – 3:10 PM

DIASPORAS

Karen Jallatyan, University of Michigan

“Of Stones of Haiti and Hayastan: Towards a Critically Comparative Discourse of Diasporic Becoming”

Arakel Minassian, University of Michigan

“The Complexity of Returning to Western Armenia in Anna Davt’yan’s “Diarbek’ir: k’ur”

Discussant: Marlon Sales, University of Michigan

3:10 – 3:30 PM

Break

3:30 – 5 PM

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

David Kazanjian, University of Pennsylvania and **Ayşe Parla**, Boston University

Cosponsors: College of Literature, Science, and the Arts; Departments of Anthropology, Comparative Literature, and History; Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies; Global Islamic Studies Center; Global Theories of Critique; and Institute for the Humanities.