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10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Conference Opening (10:00 a.m.)

Welcome on behalf of the Columbia University Armenian Center and
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PROF. CHARLES KING, Georgetown University
A General Overview

Panel I (10:30 a.m.)

FOREIGN POLICY AND SECURITY ISSUES

DR. RICHARD GIRAGOSIAN, Washington, D.C.
*Repositioning Armenian Security and Foreign Policy
within a Region at Risk*

ARMAN GRIGORIAN, Columbia University/Wesleyan University
*The Karabakh Conflict and Competing Perspectives
on Armenia's Grand Strategy*

TALINE PAPAIZIAN, Ph.D. student
Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
Foreign Policy and Political Elites

Panel Chair:

PROF. PETER SINNOTT, Columbia University

Lunch Break (12:00 noon)

Panel II (1:30 p.m.)

DOMESTIC AND POLITICAL POLICY

PROF. GERARD J. LIBARIDIAN

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Tracking State, Nation, and Democracy-Building

ARUS HARUTYUNYAN, Ph.D. student

Western Michigan State University

Dual Citizenship Debates in Armenia: In Pursuit of National Identity Since Independence

DR. MARINA KURKCHIYAN

Wolfson College, Oxford, United Kingdom

Investing in Human Capital as an Aspect of Security

Panel Chair:

ARAM ARKUN, Armenian Center at Columbia University

Coffee Break (3:00 p.m.)

Panel III (3:30 p.m.)

ECONOMIC POLICY

HRAND BAGRATYAN

Prime Minister, Republic of Armenia (1993-1996)

Armenia in Transition: Adaptation to the New Economic Values

ARMAND SARIAN, Economist, Paris, France;

Economic Advisor to the Armenian Government (1993-1996)

Economic Challenges to Armenia's Independence

ARMEN MARTIROSYAN, Permanent Representative of the

Republic of Armenia to the United Nations (2004-present)

Economic Performance, Institution-Building, and the State

SAUMYA MITRA, Lead Economist, World Bank

The Roar of the South Caucasian Tiger

Panel Chair:

GERARD LIBARIDIAN, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

ROSTER OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Hrand Bagratyan served as Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia from 1993 to 1996, and held various positions in prior governments. The author of six monographs and many articles on economic theory and transformation, Bagratyan's contributions have been recognized by numerous international organizations. In 2005,

he was awarded doctorates in economics in Armenia and Russia. He is currently vice president of the Yerevan Brandy Factory.



Richard Giragosian is a Washington-based analyst specializing in international relations, with a focus on economics, security, and political developments in the former Soviet Union, Middle East, and Asia-Pacific region. He is a regular contributor to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) publications, and is a contributing analyst for

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Arman Grigorian is a visiting instructor of Government at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, and a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at Columbia University. His dissertation focuses on third-party intervention in internal conflicts. He has authored a number of articles on the politics of Armenia and the Caucasus.



Arus Harutyunyan is a candidate for a Ph.D. in Political Science at Western Michigan University. Her primary fields of interest are national identity, trust, and democratization. Currently, she is working on a dissertation titled, *Contesting National Identities in an Ethnically Homogeneous State: The Case of Armenian Democratization*.



Charles King is the Ion Ratiu Associate Professor in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he also holds a joint appointment in the Department of Government, and serves as chair of the faculty. A former Marshall Scholar, he has worked as a research fellow at New College, Oxford, and as a research associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. His books include *The Black Sea: A History* (2004) and *The Moldovans: Romania, Russia, and the Politics of Culture* (2000). His articles on Eastern Europe and Eurasia have appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *World Politics*, *International Security*, *Slavic Review*, and other journals, and he has contributed opinion pieces to the *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Christian Science Monitor*. He is currently writing a modern history of the Caucasus.



Marina Kurkchyan is the Paul Dodyk Fellow in Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford, and a Fellow of Wolfson College. She specializes in the post-communist transition in Armenia, Russia, and the Ukraine, with a focus on legal culture and institution-building. She has also worked as a consultant to the World Bank, the U.K.

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Gerard Jirair Libaridian currently holds the Alex Manoogian Chair in Modern Armenian History at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He specializes in Armenia, the Caucasus, and the Near East. From 1991 to 1997, Dr. Libaridian served as adviser, and later senior adviser, to the President of Armenia, Levon Ter-Petrossian, and as First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (1993-1994). His most recent works are *Modern Armenia: People, Nation, State* (2004); and *The Challenge of Statehood: Armenian Political Thinking Since Independence* (1999).



Armen Martirosyan has been involved in Armenian politics from the establishment of the independent Republic. He was elected as the youngest member of the Armenian National Assembly in its first period (1990-1995), and was an advisor to two of Armenia's Prime Ministers (1991-1993), before being re-elected to a second National Assembly term (1995-1999). From 1999 to 2003, he served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and in 2003 he was appointed as the Republic of Armenia's Permanent Representative, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United Nations, in which position he currently serves. In addition to leading Armenia's U.N. Mission in New York City, Ambassador Martirosyan also takes graduate courses in international relations at Columbia University.



Saumya Mitra is a lead economist in the Europe and Central Asia Department of the World Bank. His work focuses on economic reforms in Armenia and the south Caucasus region. He has previously worked on economies in the Balkans and in South America, principally Brazil. His main fields of interest are the political economy of reforms, reconstructing post-conflict societies, macro-economics, and structural economic reforms. Educated at Oxford, he has also worked at the International Monetary Fund and the Bank of England.



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Gerard Jirair Libaridian: (See notes under "Speakers")

MAPS OF ARMENIA AND THE CAUCASUS REGION

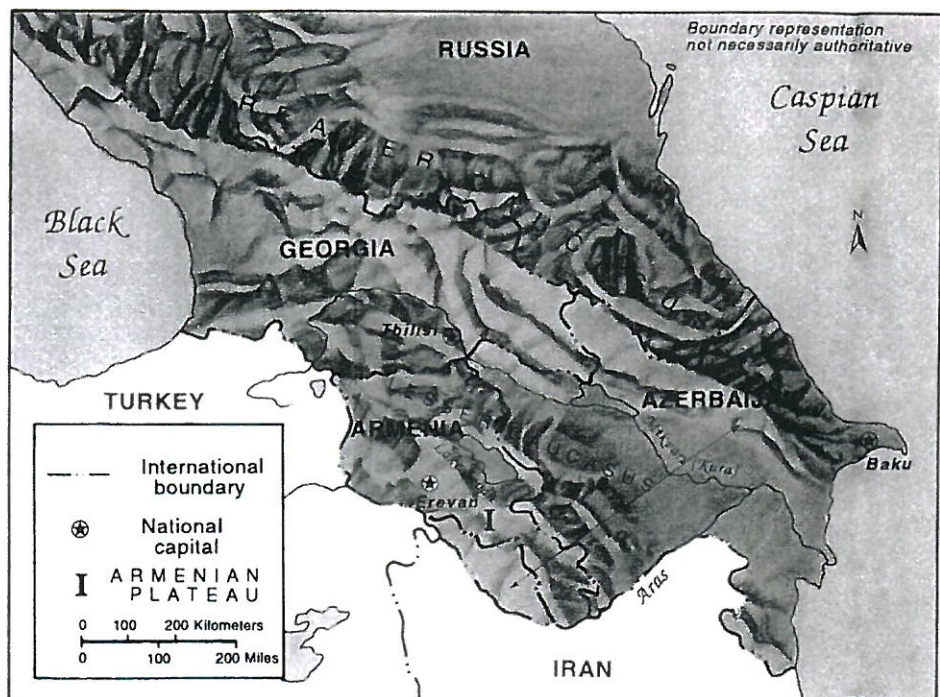


Figure 1.

Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia:
Topography and Drainage.



Figure 2.
 Republic of Armenia, 1994.



Figure 3.
Nagorno Karabakh, 1994.

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