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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TO GIVE  
NAASR LECTURE ON ARMENIAN WORLD TRADE

"Armenia in World Trade" will be the subject of a lecture to be given by Prof. Nina G. Garsoian of Columbia University under the auspices of the Greater Boston Chapter of the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research on Friday evening, December 7, 1973, at 8:00 p.m. at the Holy Trinity Armenian Church Auditorium, 145 Brattle St., Cambridge, Mass.

First of Lectures at Armenian Churches

Dr. Garsoian's lecture will be the first in a series of public lectures and receptions to be presented by noted authorities under NAASR auspices at the various Armenian churches in the Greater Boston area. Miss Garsoian is Professor of History and Armenian Studies and Chairman of the Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures at Columbia University in New York City.

Dr. Garsoian will deal with the foreign trade of Armenia and the commercial importance of Armenia during various periods in Armenian history. Having translated H. A. Manandian's authoritative work, "The Trade and Cities of Armenia in Relation to Ancient World Trade," Dr. Garsoian will draw upon this work and her own researches in lecturing on this fascinating aspect of Armenian history.

Armenia Important in World Trade

Armenia occupied an important position in world trade through the centuries. At the crossroads of trade routes between Europe and Asia, Armenian cities became important commercial centers and were exposed to various foreign influences. Armenian merchants and traders in turn travelled throughout Europe and Asia and established numerous foreign colonies.

An industrious scholar, Dr. Garsoian has authored "The Paulician Heresy" and has translated two other important historical works: "Armenia in the Period of Justinian" by N. Adontz and "The Arab Emirates in Bagratid Armenia" by A. Ter Ghevondyan.

Formerly Professor of History at Smith College, Dr. Garsoian since 1965 has been primarily responsible for developing Armenian Studies at Columbia University

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as a full-time program through the financial support of NAASR and has thereby helped to give Armenian Studies greater recognition and importance in the academic world. She is a member of NAASR's Academic Committee, serving her second 3-year term, and has participated in all of NAASR's conferences on various aspects of Armenian Studies.

#### Display and Sale of Recent Books on Armenia

Best sellers and recent books on Armenian history, art, architecture, folk lore, literature, and language, as well as maps and posters, will be on display and sale. Many of the books make excellent Christmas gifts.

A question-and-answer period after the lecture will be followed by a reception and refreshments. A donation of \$1.00 per person will be asked.

Further information on this or other NAASR programs is available from the NAASR Headquarters at 175 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge, Mass. (Telephone: 876-7630), or from the chapter officers.

#### NAASR Chapter Officers

Chairman of the Greater Boston NAASR Chapter for the 1973-74 season of activity is Aram Johnson of Lexington. The other officers are Prof. Aram Karakashian, Lowell Technological Institute, first vice-chairman; Marguerite Maserian, Arlington, second vice-chairman; Lucy Bedirian, Watertown, corresponding secretary; Barbara Soghigian, Lynn, recording secretary; and Ardashes Shelemian, Watertown, treasurer. Manoog S. Young, Belmont, Chairman of the National Board of Directors, is ex-officio member of the chapter executive committee.

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