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THE ARMENIANS OF THE LEVANT

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Of the Levant's Armenians, it might well be said without risking exaggeration that no other of the region's many minorities has contributed so much to, and in so many departments of, Levantine life. Indeed, Armenians can claim credit for founding some of the Levant's first and most advanced hospitals, for designing some of its most iconic civic buildings, and for introducing photography—the technology and the industry alike—to the region. That these and many other productive contributions were made by a community more limited in number and influence than nearly all of the Levant's other minorities crowns the Armenians' achievements with still more glory. Yet, for all the Armenians' enrichment of Levantine experience, recognition of their contributions is lacking, not just in the regional consciousness, but in the relevant historiography too. This lecture, which profiles some of the modern Levant's unsung Armenian builders and modernizers, presents a modest corrective to this popular and scholarly oversight.

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The above image shows a commemorative plaque north of Beirut designed by the Lebanese Armenian Mardiros Altounian memorializing the French evacuation from the country in 1946.

Admission free (donations appreciated).

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