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**RUSSIA'S RESPONSE TO THE  
ARMENIAN GENOCIDE:  
*Refugee Crisis at the Caucasus  
Front and Russian Imperial  
Humanitarianism***

A LECTURE BY

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**Sunday, February 26, 2017, 4:00p.m.**

**Ararat-Eskijian Museum—Sheen Chapel  
15105 Mission Hills Road, Mission Hills, CA**

This lecture will analyze how the recognition of an emergency situation by Russian imperial authorities transformed political and public reaction to genocide into action—substantial Armenian relief work. “Russia” and “humanitarianism” are rarely coupled in the historical literature on the 20th century, but Darbinyan’s research emphasizes the importance of exploring imperial Russia’s response to the Armenian refugee crisis on the Caucasus battlefield during World War I. The Russian imperial government as well as a number of non-governmental organizations provided assistance to hundreds of thousands of Armenian refugees.

Drawing upon materials in military and historical archives in Moscow and St. Petersburg, as well as in the Armenian National Archives in Yerevan, for the first time, Darbinyan’s work offers new perspective on Russian policy towards Armenians during the genocide and elucidates complexity of Russian humanitarianism during the Great War.

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*Admission free (donations appreciated).*

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