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**BETWEEN REALISM AND MYTHOLOGY:
MODERN IDENTITY AND MEMORY POLITICS
OF THE ARMENIAN WORLD
by Dr. Hayk Demoyan**

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Monday, March 12, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

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In this presentation Dr. Hayk Demoyan will analyze and discuss modern aspects of identity and memory politics in Post-Soviet Armenia and the Armenian Diaspora, taking particular note of the manipulation and instrumentalization of history and historical markers—old and new symbols, heroes, historical events, etc.—as well as their reinterpretation and (mis)representation.

For a long time such questions were considered as taboo within the official rhetoric of both the Armenian state and some diasporan circles, which tended to downplay existing antagonistic and opposing attitudes and to assert a kind of Armenia-Artsakh-Diaspora triple unity. In fact, in different diasporan circles there are contradictory views towards Armenia and its status as 'Homeland.' At the same time, the institutionalization of Artsakh as a separate political entity, contrary to the initial policies of unification and merging, as well as the development of parallel diasporas, create further challenges.

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