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Historian **Taner Akçam** is the Inaugural Director of The Armenian Genocide Research Program at The Promise Armenian Institute at UCLA. Before he came to UCLA, Akçam held the Kaloosdian and Mugar Endowed Chair of Armenian Genocide Studies at Clark University.

Akçam is widely recognized as one of the first Turkish scholars to write extensively on the Ottoman-Turkish Genocide of the Armenians in the early 20th century. He is the author of more than ten scholarly works as well as numerous articles in Turkish, German, and English on the Armenian Genocide and Turkish nationalism. His best-known books are *A Shameful Act: The Armenian Genocide and the Question of Turkish Responsibility* (Metropolitan Books, 2006, received the 2007 Minnesota Book Award for General Nonfiction) and *The Young Turks' Crime Against Humanity: The Armenian Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the Ottoman Empire* (Princeton University Press, 2012), awarded in 2013 The Albert Hourani Book Prize of The Middle East Studies Association and selected as one of *Foreign Affairs'* Best Books on the Middle East for 2012. Akçam's latest book is *Killing Orders: Talat Pasha's Telegrams and the Armenian Genocide* (Palgrave, 2018).



With a career spanning over 20 years in the non-profit management sector, **Silva Sedrakian** joined NAASR as Executive Director in December 2021. She is experienced in program planning and evaluation in the humanitarian and international development sectors. Silva started her career at United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) working for adult literacy programs and worked for nearly

15 years at Oxfam America, an international organization addressing urgent humanitarian needs and striving to end poverty and injustice. She was also an adjunct faculty at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, VT, teaching monitoring, evaluation, and learning concepts and practices for sustainable development programs.

She received her Bachelor of Arts in Middle Eastern Civilization, Classical Arabic, Armenian, and Japanese Studies at the National Institute of Oriental Languages in France and earned a Master of Business Administration from Northeastern University.

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EXPANDING HORIZONS WEST COAST

Join us as we celebrate

Dr. Taner Akçam, Inaugural Director of
The Promise Armenian Institute's Genocide Research Program

60 years of partnership with UCLA in Armenian Studies

NAASR's new Executive Director, Silva Sedrakian

Sunday, January 29, 2023

THE JONATHAN CLUB

Florentine Lounge

545 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071

5:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

6:00 p.m. Seated Dinner

Cocktail Attire - Valet Parking

Kindly RSVP using the enclosed card. Space is limited.

Thank you for supporting us as we expand NAASR's horizons and deepen connections with the global community. Our engagement with researchers, scholars, students, and the next generation continues to grow as we foster, preserve, and enrich Armenian Studies worldwide.