

# Feminist Interventions in Armenian Studies, Armenian Interventions in Feminist Studies

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A workshop organized by Melissa Bilal and Lerna Ekmekcioglu,  
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Free and open to the public. For questions: lerna@mit.edu

**APRIL 7, 2018 MIT Building 4, Room 237**

- 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:30-11:00 **Feminist Armenian Studies: From Margin to Center**  
Chair: Anna Aleksanyan (Clark University)  
Panelists: Melissa Bilal (University of Chicago)  
Lerna Ekmekcioglu (MIT)
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-1:00 PM **Across the Linguistic Divide: Translating a Century of Armenian Feminist Thought**  
Chair: Lisa Gulesserian (Harvard University)  
Panelists: Shushan Avagyan (American University of Armenia)  
Maral Aktokmakyan (University of Michigan)  
Jennifer Manoukian (UCLA)  
Deanna Cachoian-Schanz (U Penn)
- 1:00-2:00 PM LUNCH – everyone is invited
- 2:00-3:30 PM **Unblocking Memory: How to Rewrite Armenian History**  
Chair: Lerna Ekmekcioglu  
Panelists: Isabel Kaprielian-Churchill (Fresno State University)  
Barbara Merguerian (AIWA)  
Eliz Sanasarian (University of Southern California)  
Houri Berberian (University of California Irvine)  
Christina Maranci (Tufts University)
- 3:30-4:00 PM Coffee Break
- 4:00-5:30 PM **Voicing out the Critique: How to Generate Countering Expressions**  
Chair: Melissa Bilal  
Panelists: Susan Pattie (University College London)  
Hourig Attarian (American University of Armenia)  
Talar Chahinian (California State University Long Beach)  
Arpi Hamalian (Concordia University - Montreal)  
Mary Papazian (San Jose State University)

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