

FORGOTTEN DEFIANCE: THE KARABAGH MOVEMENT AND ARMENIAN NATIONAL IDENTITY



PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION WITH HAYK DEMOYAN, PH.D.

30 years ago, this month, Armenians emboldened by the openness promoted by Gorbachev gave voice to their aspirations. They filled the streets of Yerevan and Stepanakert and captured the attention of Moscow, Washington, and Soviet pundits around the world.

What started with ecological concerns and a unification movement morphed to a reform and democratization movement, disobedience, and, finally, an independence movement. The main motto of the movement was “Mi-a-tsum!” (Unification), aimed at merging Armenia proper with the Armenian-populated enclave of Mountainous Karabagh/Artsakh.

HAYK DEMOYAN will explore the transformative power of the Karabagh Movement as it gave shape to a new national agenda and identity and how it further morphed when the fledgling republic confronted unforeseen challenges and obstacles to unification, democratization and state-building strategies.

Join us and meet scholar and author **HAYK DEMOYAN**. He is director of Yerevan’s Armenian Genocide Museum Institute, editor of the *International Journal of Armenian Genocide Studies* and a Fulbright scholar at Harvard University’s Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies.

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