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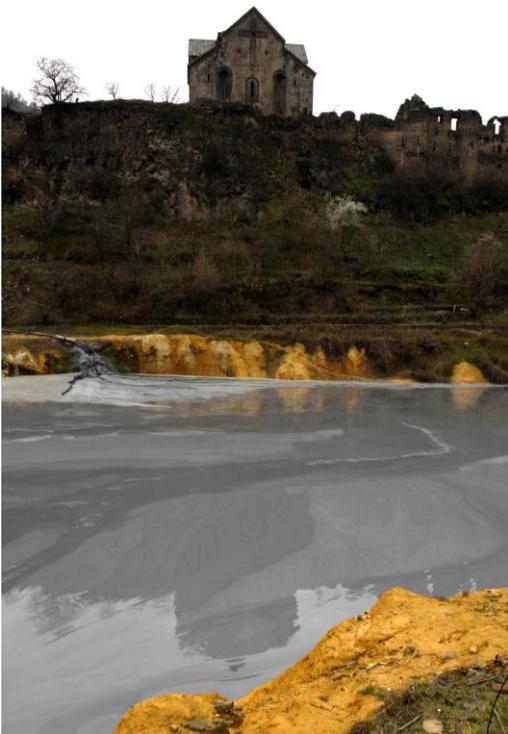
Present a Panel Discussion

**ENVIRONMENTAL
SECURITY AND
STATECRAFT IN ARMENIA**

Thursday, December 7, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

**220 Shillman Hall, Northeastern Univ.
115 Forsyth St., Boston, MA**

Free and open to the public.



Environmental security has been emerging as a key component of statecraft around the world. Depletion and pollution of fresh water supplies, degradation and disappearance of biodiversity, projected loss of agriculture lands, and the costs imposed on food security and public health, are some of the global concerns that also affect the Armenian state and society.

Around the world, countries differ in terms of their capacity and will to respond to environmental problems and opportunities with innovative institutional and technological solutions. Some are transitioning away from defensive approaches to proactive strategies of “green growth” that are sustainable and economically profitable.

How does Armenia fare in its environmental statecraft? What are the key issues of environmental security of the Armenian state? Does it face a choice between economic development and environmental protection? How is Armenia’s environmental security related to its national security? What can be done to strengthen Armenia’s environmental statecraft and security?

The photo shows pollution at the site of the medieval monastery at Akhtala in the Lori region.

Featuring the Participation of Panelists:

Alen Amirkhanian, Director, AUA Acopian Center for the Environment

Ursula Kazarian, Founder and ex-President, Armenian Environmental Network

Jason Sohigian, Deputy Director, Armenia Tree Project

Emma McBride, Law Student, Boston College, and Peace Corps volunteer in Armenia 2014-16

Moderated by **Dr. Anna Ohanyan**, Richard B. Finnegan Distinguished Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Stonehill College

**Reception and refreshments immediately following the program
and question-and-answer session.**

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