

## Society for Armenian Studies (SAS) Zoom-Discussion



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## "No End in Sight? Lebanon in Renewed Turmoil"

A panel presentation via Zoom

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 12:00pm (noon) Eastern Time (9:00am Pacific Time)

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## **Panelists**



Ohaness Geukjian
(American University of Beirut)
"Lebanese politics from sectarian
power sharing to nepotism"



Tsolin Nalbantian
(Leiden University)
"Armenians in the Lebanese socio-political fabric"



Sara Anjargolian
(Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs, RoA)
"Armenia's helping hand to
Lebanon and to Lebanese-Armenians"



Antranig Dakessian (Haigazian University)
"Armenians in Lebanon:
A view from inside"



Moderated by Asbed Kotchikian (Bentley University)

On August 4th 2020, a massive explosion destroyed Beirut's port and many neighborhoods in that city. The death toll from the explosion has been marked at upwards of 180 and more than 6,000 casualties have been reported. This explosion hit the already shaky Lebanese socio-political and economic infrastructure which has been weakened by decades of political infighting and collapsing economy, compounded by Covid-19 triggered public health issues. This panel conversation will try to contextualize the recent developments in Lebanon by looking at the country's socio-political structure, the role of the Armenian community within that fabric as well as the possible futures of the country and the community.

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