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THE COMMEMORATION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

*Please join the Tufts community in honoring and recognizing the victims of the
Armenian Genocide.*

Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Goddard Chapel, Tufts University

FEATURING THE LECTURE

Soviet Birdcage for an Orphaned Nation: *Two Velvet Revolutions as a Second Chance*

by Dr. Rouben Shougarian

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Ambassador Shougarian examines the organic link connecting three key events in Armenia's Soviet and post-Soviet history: the 50th anniversary of the Genocide observed during student demonstrations behind the iron curtain in Yerevan in 1965; the Revolution of Mathematicians of 1988 and constitutional secession from the USSR; the Velvet Revolution of 2018. Armenia is on the way from "collective" survival to dignified living, to transformation from a geographical impasse into a geopolitical crossroads. Armenia is taking a second chance.

Rouben Shougarian received his PhD in world history and international relations from the Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Armenia. He served as Armenia's Deputy Foreign Minister (1999-2005), Ambassador to Italy, Spain, and Portugal (2005-2008), and Armenia's first Ambassador to the United States (1993-1999). He also served as a senior staffer for the Armenian Parliament's Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs (1991), and as foreign policy aide and spokesperson for President Ter-Petrosian (1992). Rouben Shougarian currently resides in Boston, MA. He is a scholar/lecturer at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.

**Reception immediately following the commemoration in the Coolidge
Room, Ballou Hall.**

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