

THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN ISTANBUL AND CRISIS FACING THE PATRIARCHATE



A DISCUSSION WITH DR. OHANNES KILIÇDAĞI

Turkish authorities have canceled elections for the Armenian Patriarchate of Turkey effectively displacing the elected Locum Tenens-caretaker cleric or *deghabagh*-Archbishop Karekin Bekjdian of the Diocese of Germany. The move has drawn a fierce reaction from the Armenian community.

DR. OHANNES KILIÇDAĞI will examine the government's effort to usurp rights and erode the democratic governance of the community and its ties with the patriarchate. This is a rare opportunity to better understand challenges faced by Armenians in Turkey and their struggle to maintain institutions that are responsive and accountable to the community.

Join us and meet **DR. OHANNES KILIÇDAĞI**, postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies. He was raised in Istanbul and received his PhD from the history department of Boğaziçi University. He has taught at Istanbul's Bilgi University. He is a columnist for *Agos*.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018 @ 7:45 P.M.

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