



# ARMENO-IRANICA: A SHARED HISTORY

A Conference in Honor of Nina Garsoïan

Saturday, Jan. 26th – UCI (Ancient & Modern)

10:00AM – 8:30PM – Humanities Gateway 1030



**UCI** Meghrouni Family Presidential  
Chair in Armenian Studies

**UCI** Jordan Center for  
Persian Studies





## 10:00 - 10:15

Touraj Daryaee (UC Irvine) & Houri Berberian (UC Irvine)

### Welcoming Remarks

## 10:15 - 10:30

Levon Avdoyan (Library of Congress, Washington DC)

### NINA GARSOIAN'S CONTRIBUTION TO ARMENO-IRANIAN STUDIES

## PANEL 1 ♦ 10:30 - 12:15

### PERSARMENIA: CULTURE, RELIGION, AND KINSHIP

Chair: Touraj Daryaee (UC Irvine)

Shervin Farridnejad (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften)  
**Zoroastrianism and Pre-Christian Religion in Persarmenia: The Armenian Way**

Omar Coloru (Maison de l'Archéologie et de l'Ethnologie René Ginouvès)  
**The City of Brotherly Love: The Language of Family Affection in the Artaxiad Dynasty between the Hellenistic and the Parthian Worlds**

Matthew Canepa (UC Irvine)

**Perso-Macedonian, Armeno-Iranian: Shared Dynastic Histories and Intertwined Cultures of Kingship after the Achaemenids**

Tim Greenwood (University of St Andrews)

**Armenia and Iran in Late Antiquity: New perspectives**

## LUNCH FOR PARTICIPANTS ♦ 12:15 - 1:15

## PANEL 2 ♦ 1:15 - 3:00

### SHARED AND CONTESTED HISTORIES AND REALITIES: FROM POLITICS TO MUSIC

Chair: Simcha Gross (UC Irvine)

Touraj Daryaee (UC Irvine)

**Armenia and Ērānšahar: The Politics of Identity in Late Antique Iran and the Caucasus**

Arnold Alahverdian (UC Irvine)

**Heroism in the East: Nomadic Invasions and Prospects for the Armenian Elite's Political Mobility in the Later Sasanian Empire**

Khodadad Rezakhani (Princeton University)

**The Northern Barrier: Armenians and Dailamites in the Early Medieval Iranian World**

Lilit Yernjakyan (Komitas Museum)

**Armenian-Iranian Interrelations in Traditional Art Music**

## BREAK ♦ 3:00 - 3:15

## PANEL 3 ♦ 3:15 - 5:30

### MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES OF RESEARCH AND BELONGING

Chair: Nasrin Rahimieh (UC Irvine)

Eliz Sanasarian (University of Southern California)

**Complexities of Objective Research on Armenians in Iran**

Houri Berberian (UC Irvine)

**A Shared World of Revolution: Belonging, Socialism, and the National Question**

Talinn Grigor (UC Davis)

**Reza Shah's Cosmopolitan Architects**

Claudia Yaghoubi (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**Diasporic Transnational Iranian Armenians in Zoya Pirzad's Works**

James Barry (Deakin University, Victoria)

**Iranian Armenian Perceptions of Proximity and Distance**

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS ♦ 5:45 - 6:30

Stephen Rapp (Sam Houston State University)

**Medieval Caucasia and the Byzantine Turn: The Fate of a Christianized Persianate Society**

## MUSIC SIBARG ENSEMBLE ♦ 6:40 - 7:10

## RECEPTION ♦ 7:10 - 8:30

**Meghrouni Family Presidential Chair in Armenian Studies**

**Richard Hovannisian Endowed Chair in Modern Armenian History**

**Maseeh Chair in Persian Studies & Culture**