

Conference Organizers:

The Meghrouni Family Presidential Chair in Armenian Studies at UCI

The Richard Hovannisian Endowed Chair in Modern Armenian History at UCLA

The Maseeh Chair in Persian Studies and Culture at UCI

Conference Co-Sponsor:

The National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR)

ARMENO-IRANICA: A SHARED HISTORY

A Conference in Honor of Nina Garsoïan

Sunday, Jan. 27th – UCLA (Medieval/Early Modern)

9:30AM - 9:30PM – Royce Hall 314



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INTRODUCTIONS ♦ 9:30AM - 10:00AM

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David C. Schaberg, *Dean of Humanities, UCLA*

Welcoming Remarks

Sebouh David Aslanian (*UCLA*) and Bruce Roat (*NAASR*)

Introductory Remarks

9:40AM - 10:00AM

Levon Avdoyan (*Library of Congress--Retired*)

The Epic History of Nina G. Garsoïan: Armenia and Iran Restored

PANEL 1 ♦ 10:00AM - 12:00PM

A SHARED CULTURAL AND LITERARY COSMOS

Chair: Levon Avdoyan (*Library of Congress--Retired*)

Alison Vacca (*University of Tennessee, Knoxville*)

The Iranian Intermezzo and the Question of Parthianness

S. Peter Cowe (*UCLA*)

A Rose by Any Other Name... Armenian Romance?

Amy Landau (*Freer/Sackler, Smithsonian Institution*)

A World of Images: Evolving Armenian and Muslim Views in Safavid Iran

LUNCH FOR PARTICIPANTS ♦ 12:00PM - 1:30PM

PANEL 2 ♦ 1:30PM - 3:00PM

A PERSIANATE WORLD OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

Chair: Sanjay Subrahmanyam (*UCLA*)

Sebouh D. Aslanian (*UCLA*)

Across Persianate Waters: The Voyage of the Santa Catharina and its Floating Archive

Arash Khazeni (*Pomona College*)

Armenian Merchants, Southeast Asia, and the Ends of the Indo-Persian World: A View from Arakan c. 1728

PANEL 3 ♦ 3:00PM - 4:30PM

MERCHANT BIOGRAPHIES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Chair: Mary Momjian (*UCLA*)

Sona Tajiryan (*UCLA*)

Connecting the Armeno-Iranian and Mediterranean Worlds: A Seventeenth-Century Armenian Diamond Merchant in Action

Henry Shapiro (*The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Polonsky Academy*)

Ottoman Subject, Russian Prisoner, Servant of Persia: The Literary and Documentary Corpus of Eḡia Karnets'i

BREAK ♦ 3:00PM - 3:15PM

PANEL 4 ♦ 4:45PM - 6:15PM

THE WORLDS OF RELIGION AND POLITICS

Chair: Nile Green (*UCLA*)

Rudi Matthee (*University of Delaware*)

Shah Sultan Husayn and the Christians: New Julfan Armenians and European Missionaries in Late Safavid Iran

Kristine Kostikyan (*Institute of Oriental Studies, National Academy of Sciences, Yerevan*)

Relations Between the Catholicoses of All Armenians and the Safavid State in its Period of Decline

KEYNOTE ADDRESS ♦ 6:15PM - 7:00PM

Edmund Herzig (*Oxford University*)

Armenians and Persians in the Safavid Empire: Proximity without Affinity?

DINNER ♦ 7:00PM - 8:00PM

CONCERT ♦ 8:00PM - 9:30PM

Lernazang (Լեռնաշաղկ) Ensemble:

Areni Agbabian - vocals ♦ **Gabe Lavin** - oud

Naghme Sarang - kamanche ♦ **Armen Adamian** - duduk

Haik Adamian - dhol