DISPOSSESSION AND ITS LEGACIES
Comparisons, Intersections, and Connections

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
5 – 7 PM
KEYNOTE ADDRESSES
Opening Remarks and Introductions: Melanie Tanielian, University of Michigan and Matthew Ghazarian, University of Michigan

Robert Nichols, University of Minnesota
“Dispossession in Global Comparative Context”

Dirk Moses, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
“Settlers and Security: Structures and Subjectivity in State-Formation”

Moderator: Helen Makhdoumian, University of Michigan

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022
10 AM – 12 PM
DISPLACEMENT AND DISPOSSESSION IN THE LATE OTTOMAN EMPIRE
Opening Remarks: Matthew Ghazarian, University of Michigan

Nora Barakat, Stanford University

Ella Fratantuono, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
“Failing Upward: Critique, Contestation, and State Consolidation through Ottoman Immigrant Settlement”

Matthew Ghazarian, University of Michigan
“Precarities of Plenty: Famine and Sovereign Debt in the Late Ottoman Empire, 1881-94”

Mehmet Polatel, Hrant Dink Foundation
“Land and Violence: Tracing the Links between the Hamidian Massacres and the Armenian Genocide”

Discussant: Robert Nichols, University of Minnesota

12 – 12:30 PM
Break

12:30 – 2:30 PM
MEMORY, NARRATIVE, AND AESTHETIC FORM
Opening Remarks: Helen Makhdoumian, University of Michigan

Jacob Caponi, University of Michigan and Fatma Müge Göçek, University of Michigan
“How Difficult Pasts Complicate the Present: Comparative Analysis of the 1915 Armenian Genocide and 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda”

Elyse Semerdjian, Whitman College
“If These Bones Could Speak: The Genesis of Armenian Pilgrimage to Dayr al-Zur”

Claire Baytas, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
“Patterns of Marginalization in Yeşim Ustaoğlu’s Waiting for the Clouds”

Helen Makhdoumian, University of Michigan
“When the Study of ‘Settler Mnemonics’ Meets the Study of Literature”

Discussant: Dirk Moses, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2:30 – 2:45 PM
Break

2:45 – 4:45 PM
DISPOSSESSION, MEMORY, AND INDIGENITY IN OTTOMAN AND ARMENIAN STUDIES: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
Melissa Bilal, University of California, Los Angeles; Keith David Watenpaugh, University of California, Davis; Rüken Şengül, University of California, Los Angeles; Kabir Tambar, Stanford University.

Moderator: Hakem Al-Rustom, University of Michigan

Co-sponsors: Department of American Culture, Department of English Language & Literature, Department of History, Donia Human Rights Center, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, and Society for Armenian Studies.

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