

From Natives to Foreigners: Armenians in Turkey and the Diaspora



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The establishment of the Republic of Turkey in 1923, the Armenian genocide 'survivors' became citizens of a nation-state that once sought their annihilation. We read the history of Turkey parallel with the Armenian experience available in ethnographies as well as social and oral historical accounts. We contrast official and critical historiographical accounts of Turkey and modern Armenians to map silences, absences, and misrepresentation of Armenians in such accounts. Building on the literature of settler colonialism the course seeks to understand the process that turned Armenians from a 'native' population into 'foreign' minority in their ancestral homeland.