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**Garo Paylan, Member of Parliament of the Republic of Turkey,  
to Discuss “Turkey and the Armenians” at Fresno State**

Garo Paylan, a member of the Parliament of the Republic of Turkey (Peoples’ Democratic Party [HDP]) will participate in a discussion on “Turkey and the Armenians” at 7:30PM on Tuesday, September 27, in McLane Hall, Room 121, on the Fresno State campus.

The presentation is part of the Fall Lecture Series of the Armenian Studies Program, with financial support from the Leon S. Peters Foundation.

Paylan will discuss recent developments in Turkey and the region, the challenges facing the country’s Armenian community, Turkish-Armenian relations, and the Kurdish issue.

Garo Paylan is a founding member of People’s Democratic Party and is a deputy representing the 3rd district in Istanbul. Mr. Paylan is also a member of Turkey’s Armenian community and has long been an activist on human rights, Kurdish and Armenian issues. Previous to joining the parliament, Mr. Paylan served in the central committee of HDP and also served on the management of Armenian schools in Istanbul. He has long promoted bilingual education and minority rights in Turkey and has been actively engaged in raising awareness on discrimination towards minorities, the rights of the Armenian community in Turkey, Turkish-Armenian reconciliation and especially on

Hrant Dink murder case. Mr. Paylan is from a family originally from Malatya and is one of the three Armenian deputies in the Turkish parliament.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Free parking is available in Fresno State Lots P20, P21, P22, or P23, near McLane Hall Room 121, Fresno State. Parking is free but you must use code 273707 in a kiosk to receive a permit.

For more information about the lecture please contact the Armenian Studies Program at 278-2669, or visit our website at [www.fresnostate.edu/armenianstudies](http://www.fresnostate.edu/armenianstudies). You may also follow us on facebook @ArmenianStudiesFresnoState.