



## The Armenian Studies Program

California State University, Fresno

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### DR. ROBERTA ERVINE

#### TWELFTH HENRY KHANZADIAN KAZAN VISITING PROFESSOR THREE PUBLIC LECTURES - "IN THE HARSH LIGHT OF GENOCIDE: INSIGHTS OF SELECTED ARMENIAN THINKERS"

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The Armenian Genocide restructured Armenian thinking in many ways. On an almost week-by-week basis, Armenian periodical literature from the 1920's and 1930's records the process by which these changes worked themselves out in the minds of survivors and Diaspora Armenians alike. What was essential going forward? How would the worldwide Diaspora remain Armenian? None of these questions found an easy answer in the mind of Armenian thinkers. This series of lectures will focus on questions from the Genocide period that are as relevant now as they were a century ago. The spectrum of thinking about these deep, human and Armenian matters reveals a range of experience and willingness to engage with difficult issues that will surely resonate with the Armenians of today.

#### Lecture I-Monday, February 29 • 7:30 PM

6:30-7:30PM Hors d'oeuvre Reception-UBC Gallery

#### "ARMENIANS ON IMMORTALITY"

The Genocide forced Armenians to reconsider their human experience in the light of mass death and dislocation. In an insecure and threatening world, what can one depend on? Is there a life after death, and if so, who is in charge of it? where does it happen? What is it like? What qualities make a person, a community, or an ethnic group immortal? Does immortality have anything to do with faith? How does immortality relate to traditional Armenian religious teaching, if at all? This lecture will explore writers of the new, post-Genocide thinking on the topic of immortality, and look at where Armenians turned to find inspiration and consolation in the decades immediately following the Genocide.

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*Free Admission. Use Coupon Code 273615 for Parking in Lots P5 or P6 near the UBC.*

#### Lecture II-Wednesday, March 30 • 7:30 PM

#### "ARMENIANS ON WHAT MATTERS MOST"

#### Lecture III-Wednesday, April 27 • 7:30 PM

#### "HOLY VENGEANCE: THREE HIERARCHS OF THE GENOCIDE SPEAK TO AMERICA'S ARMENIANS"

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