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# “VAN 1915: THE GREAT EVENTS OF VASBOURAGAN”

by

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*Van 1915: The Great Events of Vasbouragan* is the most detailed report on what happened to Armenians in the Ottoman province of Van in 1915. It was published in Yerevan in 1917 and remains one of the most important works ever published on the Armenian Genocide. A-Do [Hovhannes Ter Martirosian] personally interviewed eye-witnesses, described key incidents in harrowing details, and gave a sober analysis of what had happened. He pinpointed April 16, 1915 as the beginning of genocidal attacks against Armenians.

In his presentation in Fresno, historian Ara Sarafian will introduce A-Do's work in its broader historiographical context, before focusing on some of the critical details at hand. His presentation will include photographs, maps, and diagrams that bring A-Do's work alive.

*Ara Sarafian is an Armenian historian specializing in the late Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey. He was a founding director of the Gomidas Institute and is its current director. He has edited and written critical introductions to several of the institute's publications.*

**Friday, February 23, 2018 • 7:30PM**

**University Business Center • A. Peters Auditorium • Fresno State**

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*Van 1915: The Great Events of Vasbouragan*  
will be on sale at the lecture.

