



The California State University, Fresno
Armenian Studies Program

presents

**“(RE)-EVALUATING THE DECISION-MAKING
PROCESSES OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE”**

BY

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For his final lecture, Dr. Türkyılmaz will present his most recent work that addresses the decision-making processes in the Armenian Genocide. He offers an actor-based framework that highlights institutional interests and political agency. At all stages of his research, a key goal of Dr. Türkyılmaz’s study has also been to historicize the making of major threads and presumptions in narrative construction. Therefore, he traces the imprints and influences of i) denialism, ii) genocide stereotyping (particularly around the Holocaust), and iii) regional and global political circumstances.

Drawing on Armenian, Ottoman, American and British archival and library sources, this lecture will explore how an actor-centered, non-teleological approach would change the way we understand the Armenian genocide.

Dr. Türkyılmaz received his PhD from the Department of Cultural Anthropology at Duke University. He taught courses at the University of Cyprus, Sabancı, Bilgi and Duke Universities addressing the debates around the notions of collective violence, memory making and reconciliation. Türkyılmaz is currently a research fellow at the Forum Transregionale Studien in Berlin, Germany. Meanwhile, he is working on his book manuscript based on his dissertation, "Rethinking Genocide: Violence and Victimhood in Eastern Anatolia, 1913-1915," which concerns the conflict in Eastern Anatolia in the early 20th century and the memory politics around it.

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