



The Armenian Studies Program

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THREE PUBLIC LECTURES -

Lecture I-Tuesday, February 6 • 7:30 PM

(6:30-7:30PM Hors d'oeuvres Reception-UBC Gallery)



“VAN/VASPUKAKAN ARMENIA: FROM RENAISSANCE TO RESISTANCE AND GENOCIDE”

*University Business Center • Alice Peters Auditorium • Fresno State
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a free Parking Permit in Lots P6 or P5 near the UBC.*

Through a brief overview of the turbulent nineteenth and early twentieth centuries of Van/Vaspurakan Armenians, this lecture will underscore the ways in which studying this particular location challenges the conventional understandings regarding Armenian modernization, inter and intra-communal relations in the late Ottoman period and, particularly the Genocide. It will also try to suggest potential ways of opening up new horizons in rewriting the story of Van in various contexts.

The nineteenth and early twentieth centuries indisputably marked the most crucial span of time for Van/Vaspurakan Armenians. The period witnessed rapid economic growth, increased social diversification and mobilization, and cultural burgeoning. Yet, it was also a time when the most brutal massacres, systematic persecution, and finally the catastrophic total destruction of social life in the area took place. Van/Vaspurakan is particularly salient for the study of the Genocide. Between August 1914 and April 1915 the political barometer in the province measured the growing tensions along the fault line that stretched from the Russian Southern Caucasus and Northern Iran to Istanbul through Van.



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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