

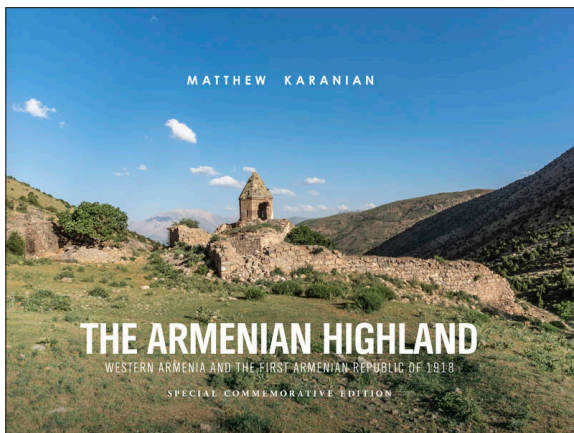


The California State University, Fresno  
**Armenian Studies Program**  
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## **“HIDDEN ARMENIA: WESTERN ARMENIA AND THE FIRST ARMENIAN REPUBLIC OF 1918”**

PRESENTED BY

**MATTHEW KARANIAN**



One century ago, and lasting for a period of 30 months, the Armenians formed an independent democratic republic for the first time in their history.

This First Armenian Republic was established on lands that comprised just 20 percent of the ancient Armenian homeland, at a time when the genocide of the Armenians still raged.

The lawyer and author Matthew Karanian celebrates the history of this First Republic and shows, through stunning photography, the Hidden Armenia that he has discovered during his research in Ani, Kars, and Western Armenia — all lands that are today outside the borders of the Republic of Armenia.

*Matthew Karanian is a lawyer and a passionate supporter of Armenia who lives and works in Pasadena, California. He served for several years as a law professor and as Associate Dean of the law school at the American University of Armenia. In 2016 Matthew was awarded the Arshile Gorky Medal by the Republic of Armenia for his service to homeland and for his role in helping to serve as a bridge between the homeland and the worldwide diaspora of Armenians.*

*Karanian graduated with honors from Georgetown University Law Center and he has studied international law at the Inns of Court in London, and at the University of Salzburg, in Austria.*

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