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Gender, Memory and Genocide: An International Conference Marking 100 Years Since the Armenian Genocide

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PROGRAMME

4. June

17.00 Opening Remarks

Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Berlin

17.00
Key note speech 1

Donald Bloxham, Edinburgh

Genocide, the First World War, and the Wider Context, 1875-1945.
17.30 Key note speech 2

Fatma Müge Göcek, Michigan
Transgenerational Impact of the Armenian Genocide on the Victims and the Perpetrators.

5. June

Chair: Ayse Gül Altinay, Istanbul

10.00-12.00
Women, Children and the Genocidal Process

Nazan Maksudyan, Berlin
Survival Strategies of Armenian Children during Genocide as Agency, Empowerment, and 'Growing up'.

Zeynep Kutluata, Istanbul
‘My Son is Innocent’ Petitions Written by Armenian Women of the Ottoman State during WWI.

Yektan Türkyilmaz, Durham

Marta Ansilewska, Berlin
Strong Mothers, Weak Fathers? How Jewish Child Survivors Remember Their Parents' Roles Prior to and after Ghettoization.

12.00-13.30 Lunch
13.30-15.30

Chair: Andrea Petö, Budapest

Sexual Violence and Survival
Elke Hartman, Darmstadt
Gülizar and Her Sisters: Girl Abduction in the Armenian Provinces of the Ottoman Empire in the 19th Century.

Vahe Tachjian, Berlin
Mixed Marriage, Prostitution, Survival, Reintegrating Armenian Woman into Post-Ottoman Cities.

Verena Schneider, Berlin
The negation of Suffering: Forced Sex Labor in Concentration Camp Brothels in Remembrance and Research.

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-18.00
Chair: Shabo Talay, Berlin
Breaking the Silence

Wolf Gruner, Los Angeles
What did Jews and Germans in the Third Reich Know about the Armenian Genocide?

Helin Anahit, London
Gendered Narratives of Trauma and Survival: Overcoming the Patterns of Cultural Silencing.

Ayse Gül Altinay Istanbul and Arlene Avakian Massachusetts
Bridging Divides: Conversations on the Armenian Genocide through the Prism of Gender, Race and Class.

David Kazanjian, Philadelphia
The Scent of a Single Weathered Threshold’: Flânerie Among the Ruins in Aikatarini Gegisian’s My Pink City.

18.30 Dinner
6. June

Saturday

**Chair: Kristin Platt, Bochum**

**10.00-12.00**

**The Past in the Gender: Gender and Memory**

- Bengi Bezirgan, London
  - The Remains of the Past: The Genocidal Memory of Armenians in Turkey.

- Alice von Bieberstein, Cambridge
  - Questioning the Voices: Gender and Contemporary Articulations of Armenianness.

- Hülya Adak, Istanbul
  - Gendered Memories of Sexual Violence in Contemporary Armenian-American Literature.

- Sossie Kasbarian, Lancaster
  - From Genocide Recognition to Gendered Silences: The Disparities within Armenian Diasporic Discourses on Remembering and Memorialisation in 2015.

**12.00-13.30 Lunch**

**13.30-15.30**

**Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide**

**Chair: David Feldman, London**

- Andrea Petö, Budapest
  - Armenian Genocide/Holocaust

- Lerna Ekmekcioglu, Massachusetts
  - A Gendered Comparison of the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust

- Alina Bothe, Berlin
  - Genocide Online: Memory, Gender and the Digital Archive
15.30 Break

16.00 Key note speech 3
Stefanie Schüler-Springorum, Berlin
Gender and the Holocaust

16.30 Key note speech 4
Arlene Avakian, Massachusetts
Gender and Denial of the Armenian Genocide: An Intersectional Feminist Analysis