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Present

**AMERICA'S RESPONSE TO THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE:
FROM WOODROW WILSON TO BARACK OBAMA**

Saturday, March 13, 2010
Building 10-Room 250
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

10:00 a.m.

Bedross Der Matossian (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

SESSION I: WOODROW WILSON AND THE ARMENIAN QUESTION

10:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Chair: **David Engerman** (Brandeis University)

Presenters:

Christopher Capozzola (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

"Woodrow Wilson Views the World—The World Views Woodrow Wilson"

Suzanne Moranian (Armenian International Women's Association)

"America's Foreign Policy and the Armenian Genocide: 1915-1927"

Gregory Aftandilian (Independent Scholar)

"Sympathy but Lack of Political Will: The Wilson Administration's Response to the Armenian Genocide and Its Aftermath"

SESSION II: THE COLD WAR AND THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Chair: **David Ekbladh** (Tufts University)

Presenters:

Richard G. Hovannisian (UCLA)

“From Turkey to the Soviet Union and Back”

Michael Bobelian (Author, Lawyer, and Journalist)

“The Truman Doctrine and America’s Abandonment of Wilson’s Principles”

Dennis R. Papazian (University of Michigan-Dearborn)

“Captive Nations as Pawns in the Cold War”

LUNCH BREAK

1:00pm-2:00pm

SESSION III: POST-COLD WAR PERIOD AND THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Chair: **Jens Meierhenrich** (Harvard University)

Presenters:

Simon Payaslian (Boston University)

“Genocide Recognition and the Political Economy of U.S. Foreign Policy”

Rouben Adalian (Armenian National Institute)

“Morality, Policy, and Diplomacy”

Marc Mamigonian (National Association for Armenian Studies and Research)

“Turkish-Armenian ‘Reconciliation’ and the Road to Obama’s ‘Medz Yeghern’”

COFFEE BREAK

3:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Richard G. Hovannisian (UCLA)

“Humanitarianism versus Pragmatism: The United States and the Armenian Question”

CONCLUDING REMARKS

5:00 p.m.

Christopher Capozzola (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

*** All sessions free and open to the public. No registration required. ***