

Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS RA



Zooming the City: An Anthropological Perspective International conference

PROGRAM

May 3-6: 24, Marshall Baghramian Ave. 0019 Yerevan, RA
May 7: 15 Charents st. 0025, Yerevan, RA

Day 1. Tuesday, May 3, 2022

09:30-10:00	Registration	
10:00-10:15	Arsen Bobokhyan , Head of the IAE, NAS RA	Opening speech
	Levon Abrahamian , Head of the Department of Contemporary Anthropological Studies. IAE NAS RA	
10:15-11:15	Prof. Caroline Humphrey Keynote speaker, Emeritus Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, UK	"Intuitive" districts of cities
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break	

1st panel		"Divided" city
Moderator - Lusine Kharatyan		
Discussant - Susanne Fehlings		
11:30-11:50	Nino Aivazishvili-Gehne	The tales of "good neighborhood": post-Soviet immigrants in a German town
11:50-12:10	Hasmik Knyazyan	Hanging out laundry by "rules and regulations": city yard as a "panopticon"
12:10-12:30	Levon Abrahamian	From "guards" to ward authorities: organizing social space in Yerevan (from late 1950s to nowadays)
12:30-12:50	Smbat Hakobyan	Funerals in Yerevan: rural or urban ritual?
12:50-13:10	Sayana Namsaraeva	Architecture of war and exclusion or remaking "frontier urbanism" in a Russia-China border town
13:10-13:45	Discussion	
13:45-14:30	Lunch	
2nd panel		Urban landscape
Moderator - Gayane Shagoyan		
Discussant - Maria Gunko		
14:30-14:50	Elitsa Kapusheva	From anthropology of the city to anthropology for the city
14:50-15:10	Evangeline McGlynn	Ruins as landscape: urban methods in a post-disaster city
15:10-15:30	Margar Hmayakyan	Landscape improvement and intercultural communications in Ijevan city during Ijevan sculpture symposia
15:30-15:50	Tork Dalalyan	River and water in border situations of the Yerevan city interdepartmental and festive landscapes

15:50-16:10	Hamlet Melkumyan	Getar river in the frame of Yerevanian identities and urban modernizations: in between urban to anti-urban
16:10-16:45	Discussion	
16:45-17:00	Coffee Break	
3rd panel Gyumri: images and narratives		
Moderator – Hasmik Knyazyan		
Discussant – Andrey Ivanov		
17:00-17:20	Karine Bazeyan, Torgom Aghayan	Dynamics of inland modifications of the city of Alexandrapol-Leninakan-Gyumri (from historical-cultural perspective)
17:20-17:40	Gayane Shagoyan	Urbs Ridens. Gyumri as a laughing city of the "comical modernity"
17:40-18:00	Vardan Jaloyan	To the "Genius loci" of Gyumri. How the artist creates the local spirit
18:00-18:20	Gayane Aghabalyan	Building narratives into Gyumri: an engineer's tale
18:20-19:00	Discussion	

Day 2. Wednesday, May 4, 2022		
10:00-11:00	Prof. Levon Abrahamian Keynote speaker, Corresponding member of NAS RA	Tamanyan's Yerevan between constructivism and Stalin era architecture
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break	
4th panel Remembering the city		
Moderator – Arsen Hakobyan		
Discussant – Marcello Mollica		
11:20-11:40	Harutyun Marutyun	Armenian genocide memorial complex as a site of memory: the situation 55 years ago and nowadays
11:40-12:00	Gohar Stepanyan	"Small city, big love": the city-family in the urban narratives of displaced inhabitants of Shushi
12:00-12:20	Hagob Cholakyan	The city of Lattakia between 1840-1920
12:20-12:40	Zaruhi Kevorkova	House of memories
12:40-13:15	Discussion	
13:15-14:00	Lunch	
5th panel (In)formal urban toponymy		
Moderator – Levon Abrahamian		
Discussant – Arsène Saparov		
14:00-14:20	Nelli Manucharyan	"Displaced" toponyms in Soviet Armenian urban space

14:20-14:40	Nikol Margaryan	Ergonyms as urbanonyms: "struggle" for naming urban landscape
14:40-15:00	Nelli Karapetyan	Renaming schools in post-Soviet Yerevan
15:00-15:20	Houry Pilibbossian	Mapping Armenian owned shops in Aleppo
15:20-16:00	Discussion	
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break	
6th panel The image of the city		
Moderator – Nelli Manucharyan		
Discussant – Sayana Namsaraeva		
16:20-16:40	Viktorya Vasilyan	The female image of the city: from ancient times to nowadays
16:40-17:00	Mariam Avetisyan	Post-earthquake city recovery visions and their impact on city development
17:00-17:20	Sona Mnatsakanyan	Reading Mkrtych Armen's novel "Yerevan" in the context of Soviet nationality policy
17:20-17:40	Tigran Simyan	Ivan (Hovhannes) Aivazovsky: habitus, politics of memory, "architect" of the city
17:40-18:20	Discussion	

Day 3. Thursday, May 5, 2022		
7th panel Wartime city		
Moderator – Harutyun Marutyun		
Discussant – Mikhail Nemtsev		
10:00-10:20	Arsen Hakobyan, Marcello Mollica	Deir ez-Zor: memory and war
10:20-10:40	Amalia Dilanyan	Changing the code: graffiti against war
10:40-11:00	Margarit Harutyunyan	Anthropological study of the aftermath of the war: by the example of Goris city
11:00-11:35	Discussion	
11:35-12:00	Coffee Break	
8th panel City and religion		
Moderator – Anatolii Tokmantsev		
Discussant – Alexander Agadjanian		
12:00-12:20	Simon Hmayakyan	About the religion and ethnic composition of the town population of Argishtikhinili
12:20-12:40	Yulia Antonyan	Silent coloniality: the Russian orthodoxy in the urban landscapes of Gyumri, Vanadzor and Yerevan
12:40-13:00	Lilit Gabrielyan	The formation of a protestant religious community in the context of urban space: the case of Yerevan
13:00-13:20	Ara Gulyan	Four folk saints in Gyumri
13:20-14:00	Discussion	
14:00-14:45	Lunch	

9 th panel	Postindustrial city	
Moderator – Aghasi Tadevosyan		
Discussant – Lori Khatchadourian		
14:50-15:10	Anush Jilavyan	From Kirovakan to Vanadzor: urban space transformation
15:10-15:30	Garik Atanesyan	Changes of the image and urban identity of Vanadzor in the context of post-industrial transformations of the city
15:30-15:50	Milena Baghdasaryan	“Jermuk will not become a mine!” Town’s spa economy and struggle for environmental justice
15:50-16:10	Hamlet Melkumyan	Soviet utopian politics and post-Soviet modernizations of atomic city
16:10-16:45	Discussion	

15:40-16:00	Haykuhi Muradyan	The palace of Soviet culture in the discourse of the urban population: by the example of the culture palace of the Abovyan city
16:00-16:35	Discussion	
16:35-17:00	Presentation of new books about the city	

Day 5. Saturday, May 7, 2022	
11:00	Round table

Day 4. Friday, May 6, 2022		
10 th panel	Daily life of the city	
Moderator – Gohar Stepanyan		
Discussant – Anna Sokolova		
10:00-10:20	Aghasi Tadevosyan	A look from postmodern present of small town to its post-Soviet modern past by the example of the city of Sisian
10:20-10:40	Tatevik Saroyan	Coffee in the urban environment: comparative description big and small cities according to the museum materials of Armenia
10:40-11:00	Roman Hovsepyan	Use of wild plants in the urban settlements of Syunik (Armenia)
11:00-11:20	Emma Petrosyan	Rope-walking in Yerevan yesterday and today
11:20-12:00	Discussion	
12:00-12:15	Coffee Break	
11 th panel	Music in the city	
Moderator – Nikol Margaryan		
Discussant – Rik Adriaans		
12:20-12:40	Hripsime Pikichyan	The urban life of traditional music: ethnographic observations
12:40-13:00	Lusine Hayriyan	Folklore texts of urban romance
13:00-13:20	Rima Tigranyan	Jazz portrait of Yerevan: underground, frontline and elite
13:20-13:40	Mikayel Zolyan	The DJ as a shaman: elements of archaic ritual/celebration in Armenian rave-culture
13:40-14:15	Discussion	
14:15-15:00	Lunch	
12 th panel	Urban (post)folklore	
Moderator – Lilit Ghazaryan		
Discussant – Svetlana Tambovtseva		
15:00-15:20	Marine Khachatryan	City and language
15:20-15:40	Nvard Vardanyan	Schoolgirl notebook folklore as urban subculture