

**Of Diasporas and ‘Diasporics’: Seeking Novel Approaches in
Studying Dispersion**
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Opening Remarks by Pavel Avetisyan

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Introduction: Writing Ethnographies of Dispersion by S Aykut Ozturk

Session I: On Armenian Diasporas

1. **Hrag Papazian** (Oxford): "We are not a diaspora!": Unpacking the Istanbul Armenians' stance,
2. **Khoren Grigoryan** (NAS/ RA): Perception of Motherland among Ainjaris, and a Motherland in Ainjar
3. **Arsen Hakobyan**(NAS/ RA): Syrian Armenians between Diaspora and Armenia
4. **Hasmik Knyazyan**(NAS/ RA): The exile of Armenians to Siberia in 1949: A Diaspora Formation Process

Keynote:

Siranush Dvoyan (AUA): Representation of Loss in French-Armenian Diaspora Literature

Session II: On non-Armenian Diasporas

1. **Zoe Goodman** (SOAS): The World in a Sweetshop? Localising Diaspora in Mombasa, Kenya
2. **S Aykut Ozturk** (UCL/NAS RA): 'Diasporic Natives' in a Settler State: Palestinians in two sides of 'the Wall' in Comparative Perspective
3. **Besim Can Zirh**(METU): Internalization of Domestic Affairs through Migration: Alevi in Germany: A Specter Haunting Turkish Foreign Policy