

## PROGRAMME OF THE CONFERENCE

THE ZAZA PEOPLE:  
HISTORY, LANGUAGE, CULTURE, IDENTITY

**October 28-30, 2011**  
**Yerevan, Armenia**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ZAZA STUDIES,

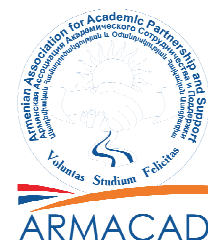
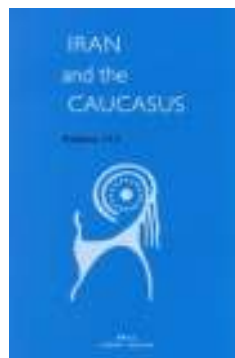
In commemoration of the 155th anniversary of the great German-Armenian scholar, pioneer of the Zaza Studies, Academician FRIEDRICH CARL ANDREAS (BAGRATOUNI) (1846-1930)



The Conference is organized by the International Journal “Iran and the Caucasus” (BRILL, Leiden-Boston) in the Framework of the Celebration of its 15-th Anniversary, in cooperation with Modus Vivendi Center, Yerevan; Caucasian Centre for Iranian Studies, Yerevan; International Society for the Study of Turkey, Iran and the Caucasus (ISSTIC), and ARMACAD (supported by Hyksos Foundation).



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*Conference venue: Congress Hotel, Yerevan, 1 Italy str., Yerevan, Armenia*

## PROGRAMME

### DAY 1, October 28, 2011

Registration and Opening Ceremony

08.30 – 10.00: Registration

10.00 – 11.40: Opening Ceremony

Official Greetings

#### **Opening Speeches**

• **Prof. Dr. Garnik Asatrian** (Yerevan State University), Editor-in Chief, Iran and the Caucasus, Chairman of the Organising Committee

Zaza Studies: Formation, History, and Perspectives

• **Dr. Ara Papian** (President, Modus Vivendi Centre, Yerevan)

Academic Gatherings as an Efficient Tool of Public Diplomacy

• **Prof., Dr. Uwe Bläsing** (Leiden University), Associate Editor, Iran and the Caucasus.

‘Iran and the Caucasus’ and the Study of Iranian Ethnic Groups of the Region

#### **Key Speeches:**

• **Victoria Arakelova** (Armenia) – The Alevis, Shi‘a Underground

• **Tigran Sarukhanyan** (Armenia) – Carl Friedrich Andreas (1846-1930) and Zaza Studies

11.40 – 12.00 Coffee Break

## **SESSION I (12.00 – 13.30)**

Chair: Garnik Asatryan

### **HISTORY AND IDENTITY ISSUE**

- **Garry Trompf** (Australia) – Reflections on Ethno-Religious Minorities in the Near East
- **Chris Gratien** (USA) – Kozan, Zeytun, Dersim: Resettlement, Ethnicity and the Frontiers of the Ottoman State
- **Victor Nadein-Raevskij** (Russia) – The Zaza People in Turkey: The Problem of Identity

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

## **SESSION II (14.30-16.00)**

Chair: Ara Papian

- **Eberhard Werner** (Germany) – The Struggle for Zaza Identity – Cognitive Anthropology: Emic and Etic Aspects of the Zaza Worldview
- **Seyfi Cengiz** (Germany) – Some introductory remarks on Dersim.
- **Nodar Mosaki** (Russia) – The Zazas: A Kurdish Sub-ethnic Group or a Separate People? Idiom, Literature, Politics, Identity and Zaza Intellectuals' Activities.

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee Break

## **SESSION III (16.15 – 17.45)**

Chair: Garry Trompf

- **Serdar Yildirim** (Turkey) – The Use of the Name “Zaza” and the Understanding of “Kurdishness” among Zaza Villages of Lice and Hani
- **Munzur Chem** (Germany) – The Zazas and their Ethnic Identity
- **Ceyhan Suvari** and **Elif Kanca** (Turkey) – The Identity of Zaza in Turkish and Kurdish Literature

17.45.-18.00 Coffee Break

## SESSION IV (18.00. – 19.30.)

Chair: Victoria Arakelova

### RELIGION, SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY, CULTURE

- **Raisa Amirbekian** (Armenia) – The Zaza Weaving Tradition as a Phenomenon of the Iranian – Mesopotamian – Caucasian Cultural Contact Zone (Preliminary Analysis)
- **Nadire Güntaş Aldatmaz** (Turkey) – The System of Beliefs among the Dersim Population.
- **Tereza Amryan** (Armenia) – Some Parallels of the Alevi Zaza Religion and Other Non-Dogmatic Systems in the Region (the Yezidi Religion, the Ahl-i Haqq, etc.)

20.00 Welcome Party with Zaza and Armenian Music.

Playing: Cemil Qocgiri (Germany) and Shirak Shahrikian (Armenia)

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### DAY 2, October 29, 2011

## SESSION V (10.00 – 11.30)

Chair: Victor Nadein-Raevskij

- **Victoria Arakelova** (Armenia) and Christine Grigorian (Armenia) – The Halvory Vank: An Armenian Monastery and Zaza Sanctuary
- **Annika Törne** (Germany). Memories of Violence and Supression: Zaza Alevi Dedes in Dersim.
- **Garik Grigorian** (Armenia). Pre-Islamic Elements in the Alevi Zaza Religion

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 14.00 Cultural Programme: Visit to the Historical Museum (Including the New Collection of Recent Archaeological Findings)

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch

## SESSION VI (15.00 – 16.30)

Chair: Adriano Rossi

### LANGUAGE

- **Johnny Cheung** (The Netherlands) – The Zazaki Verbal System vis-à-vis Kurdish and the Other Neighbouring Languages
- **Vardan Voskanian** (Armenia) – A Note on the Zazaki “Partridge”
- **Mesut Keskin** (Germany) – Notes on Zaza-Armenian Language Contact

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee Break

## SESSION VII (17.00 – 18.30)

Chair: Johnny Cheung

- **Adriano Rossi** (Italy) – Once again on Iranian \*kund
- **Uwe Bläsing** (The Netherlands) – An Enigmatic Name for Wild Pears in Zazaki
- **Memet Ali Demirdağ** (Turkey) – Zazaki – the Language in Danger: Sociolinguistic Approach

19.00 Dinner

### *DAY 3, October 30, 2011*

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09.00 – 13.00 Cultural Programme: Visit to the pagan temple of Garni (I c. B.C.) and the XII-century Monastery Complex of Geghard.

13.00-14.00 Lunch

## SESSION VIII (14.00 – 15.30)

Chair: Vardan Voskanian

- **Nazmi Çiçek** (Turkey) – The Effect of Turkish as Official Language on Bilingualism in the Village of Êxê Bulgurcuk
- **Ardashir Zolfaghari** (Iran) – Kurdish, Zazaki and Awromani
- **Bilal Zilan** (Turkey)- The Work on Standardization of the Vate Group. Çalışma Grubu'nun Standartlaşma Çalışmaları

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

## **SESSION IX (16.00 – 17.00)**

Chair: Mesut Keskin

### **LITERATURE**

- **Adnan Oktay** (Turkey) – Melaye Ehmede Xasi’s Mevlid: One of the Zaza Books’ Evaluation with the Techniques Of Classic Literature
- **Nezvat Anuk** (Turkey) – The Chronological Analysis of Zazaki Tales

17.00 – 17.15 Coffee break

## **SESSION X (17.15 – 17.45)**

Chair: Adnan Oktay

- **Lorin Demirel** (Turkey) – The Genre of Novel in the Zaza Literature
- **Ahmet Kirkan** (Turkey) – Osman Efendi from Siverek and his poem on Mewlidi “BİYİŞE PEXEMBERİ”

17.45 – 18.00 Coffee Break

### **18.00 CLOSING CEREMONY**

A Farewell Party with Zaza and Armenian music.

Playing: Cemil Qocgiri (Germany) and Shirak Shahrikian (Armenia)

19.00