

INFIDELITIES: ARMENIAN STUDIES OTHERWISE

Slought
4017 Walnut St.

LGBT Center, University of Pennsylvania
3907 Spruce St.
Philadelphia, PA 19104

FRI, MARCH 24

9:00

Welcome Remarks, "Infidelities"—Slought
Deanna Cachoian-Schanz, David Kazanjian, Veronika Zablotsky

9:30 – 11:00

PANEL 1—Slought

Postcolonial Feminist Contestations

Chair and Respondent: **Veronika Zablotsky**

Nelli Sargsyan, "A Touch of Haunting (Violences) and Pleasure: A Feminist Fabulation"

Tamar Shirinian, "Expanding the Sacrifice Zone: Object Lessons by Grassroots Feminist Organizers in Armenia" (Online)

Anna Shahnazaryan, "When the local struggle is actually global: the case of anti-extractivism in Armenia"

11:00 – 11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:45

PANEL 2—Slought

Re-imagining Land, Memory, and Trauma

Chair and Respondent: **Abdulhamit Arvas**

Anoush Tamar Suni, "Memory of Genocide in a Landscape of Ruins"

Ayşe Parla, "Hamlet after Genocide: The Haunting of Tehlirian and Empirical Fabulation"

Armine Hovhannisyan, "Fragmented Amputations"

1:00 – 2:15

LUNCH

2:30 – 4:00

PANEL 3—LGBT Center

Diasporic Locations in Question

Chair and Respondent: **Hakem al-Rustom**

Gayane Shagoyan, "'Laughing' Adaptation: Displaced Communities Shaping the City Image (the case of Gyumri, 19th - 20th cc.)"

Talar Chahinian, "Before Diaspora: The Paris School and a Theory of Literature as Transnational Institution"

Káren Jallatyan, "Diasporic Chronotopes across Vahé Oshagan's Theater and Historical Fiction"

Veronika Zablotsky, "Postmigrant Berlin as a Laboratory of Armenian-Kurdish Solidarity"

4:00 – 4:15

COFFEE BREAK

4:15 – 5:45

FILM SCREENING—LGBT Center

Place-making: Communities in Displacement

Respondents: **Káren Jallatyan** and **Melanie S. Tanielian**

Joanne Nucho and Rosy Kuftedjian, *The Narrow Streets of Bourj Hammoud* (2015), Comments by Joanne Nucho (Online)

Özcan Alper, *Yıkıntılar Arasında (Amongst the Ruins)* (2018)

Anahit Ghazaryan, "Foto Galatasaray" (in production), Comments by Anahit Ghazaryan

Armenian Social Council, *Rojava* (2021)

Varduhi Balyan, *Dialogue in a Basket* (2020)

6:00 – 6:45

PERFORMANCE—LGBT Center

Opening remarks by **Veronika Zablotsky**

Mischa Badasyan, *arMENia*

7:00 – 7:45

PENN Armenian Students' Association

Presenters: **Penn undergrads**

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9:30 – 11:00 PANEL 4—Slought

Historical Aesthetics, Aesthetic Histories

Chair and Respondent: **Ania Loomba**

Rachel Goshgarian, “Shedding the Ordinary: Armenian Poets, Islam, and Performances of Community, Faith, and Gender from Yovhannes Erznkac’i to Hayko Cepkin”
Shushan Avagyan, “Translating the Elliptical: On Zabel Yesayan’s *Among the Ruins*” (Online)
Mashinka F. Hakopian, “Ancestral Intelligence: Diasporic Technologies and Armeno-Futurist Aesthetics”

11:00 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:15 PERFORMATIVE INTERVENTIONS—Slought

Chair: **Deanna Cachoian-Schanz**

Kohar Avakian, *Reparations*
Arpi Adamyan, *The City of Dove Women* (Online)
Méliné Ter Minassian, *Mi’ morna, moranum em*

12:15 – 1:30 LUNCH—LGBT Center

1:30 – 3:00 PANEL 5—LGBT Center

Re-Imagining Archives

Chair and Respondent: **Kohar Avakian** and **Deanna Cachoian-Schanz**

Elyse Semerdjian, “The Body as Archive: A Feminist Provocation in Armenian Genocide Studies”
Aikaterini Gegisian, “Non-Aligned Archives”
Marianna Hovhannisyan, “The Subject Once Removed”

3:00 – 3:15 COFFEE BREAK

3:15 – 4:45 QUEERING CULTURE: SHORT SCREENING—LGBT Center

Respondents: **Kathryn Babayan** and **Nancy Agabian**

Lousine Shamamian, *Lousine: Lesbian Matchmaker to the Straights* (2013)
Lucine talalyan, *post-DIY* (2015)
Tsomak Oga and **Milena Abrahamyan**, a.k.a. **S-pichka**, *I’m A Soviet Baby* (2014) & *I Want to Sing* (2015)
Mischa Badasyan, *Save the Date* (2015) & *Let Go* (2016)
Eric Shahinian, *Good Night* (2019)

5:00 – 6:15 Literary Launches—LGBT Center

Micheline Aharonian Marcom, in conversation with authors and translator

The Fear of Large and Small Nations, Reading by **Nancy Agabian**
A Book, Untitled [Գիրք-անվերնագիր], Book Launch, Reading by **Shushan Avagyan** and
Deanna Cachoian-Schanz

8:30 – 11:00 RECEPTION—LGBT Center

Opening by **Sylvia Alajaji**
Live music performance by **Lara Sarkissian**

SUN, MARCH 26

10:30 – 12:00 ROUNDTABLE—Slought

Armenians Otherwise

Moderator: **David Kazanjian**

Houri Berberian
Arlene Avakian (Online)
Hrag Vartanian
Tamar M. Boyadjian
Marianna Hovhannisyan

12:15 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 2:30 Breakout Groups, Curated by Sophia Armen—Slought

2:30 – 3:00 What’s Next?—Slought

Deanna Cachoian-Schanz
Veronika Zablotsky