

# The Third International Conference Anatolia-the Caucasus: Ethnic and Linguistic Contacts

May 9-10, 2025  
Yerevan, Armenia

## PROGRAMME

May 9

<b>Registration</b>				<b>08.00-09.00</b>
<b>Opening of the conference</b>				<b>09.00-09.30</b>
<b>Session I</b>		<b>Session II</b>		<b>09.30-11.30</b>
<b>Room 1</b>		<b>Room 2</b>		
Chair: Habib Borjian		Chair: Annika Törne		
Gohar Hakobian	The Project “Original Toponyms of Dersim” —Results	Katherine Hodgson	Language Contact and Relativization Strategies in Colloquial Armenian	09.30-10.00
Elahe Taghvaei	Phytotoponyms of Esfahan	Timur Maisak	One Source – Two Targets: On The Two Combinations of The Numeral ‘One’ with The Additive Clitic ‘Also’ in Udi	10.00-10.30
Dariush Borbor	The Aryan Migration to Iran the Caucasus and Anatolia: A Physiography-Ecology-Onomastics Based Study	Daria Ryzhova, Irina Bagirokova	Lexification of The Semantic Field of Mixing in West Circassian: A Typological Perspective	10.30-11.00

Kourosh Karimi	WH-Movement in Sorani Kurdish: The Application of WH Criterion in Typological Classification	Samvel Karabekyan, Seda Tigranyan, Meri Chplakhyan	An Examination of Arabic Loanwords in Van Dialect	11.00-11.30
<b>Coffee break</b>				<b>11.30-12.00</b>
<b>Session III</b>		<b>Session IV</b>		<b>12.00-14.00</b>
<b>Room 1</b>		<b>Room 2</b>		
Chair: Matthias Weinreich		Chair: Katherine Hodgson		
Mikhail Pelevin	The Pashto Language and the Institutionalization of Pashtun Identity in the Early Modern Period	Mostafa Azhdari	Languages and Ethnic Minorities in the South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia)	12.00-12.30
Matteo De Chiara	Hindukush and Caucasus: A Historical, Linguistic and Anthropological Parallel	Maxim Stepanyants	Old Present and New Progressives in Abkhaz-Abaza Lects: Reconstructing the Development of the TAM System	12.30-13.00
Habib Borjian	The Selyeri Argot of Damavand	Yury Lander, Irina Bagirokova	West Circassian Incorporation: An Areal Perspective	13.00-13.30
Maryam Khaleghinezhad, Mostafa Azhdari	Ethnic and Linguistic Ties between Iran and the Caucasus: The Most Important Factor in Strengthening Regional (Cultural and Identity) Commonalities	Lena Mironova, Yury Lander, Shamset Unarokova	West Caucasian Demonstratives Against The Typological Background	13.30-14.00
<b>Lunch</b>				<b>14.00-15.00</b>

Keynote lecture by Prof. Dr. Saloumeh Gholami “The Complexity of Subgrouping Iranian Languages: Moving Beyond Isoglosses”				15.00-16.00
Coffee break				16.00-16.30
Session V  Room 1		Session VI  Room 2		16.30-18.00
Chair: Mikhail Pelevin		Chair: Timur Maisak		
Victoria Arakelova	How close is ‘Ali to Allah? On the Status of Imam ‘Ali in the Heterodox Shi‘a and Yezidi Traditions (Anatolian-Caucasian-Iranian Contact Zone)	Tsovinar Kirakosian, Hayk Hakobian	Unveiling the Udi Past: Narratives of Language and Identity in Abgar Payazati’s Unpublished Work	16.30-17.00
Artur Rodziewicz	A New Yezidi Institution in the South Caucasus: Extiyergeha Gurcistanê û Êzdîxana Serhedê	Georgi Mirzabekyan	The Ashirets and Tribes of the Yerevan Liva in the 1728 Ottoman Tax Register	17.00-17.30
Annika Törne	Qirva and Conflict - A Social Kinship Practice in Times of Trouble	Anton Evstratov	The Bagaderan Battalion: An Attempt to Integrate Russian Deserters in Persia in the First Half of the 19th Century	17.30-18.00
Evening banquet				18.30

May 10				
Session VII		Session VIII		10.00-11.30
Room 1		Room 2		
Chair: Matteo de Chiara		Chair: Yury Lander		
Carlo Marchetti	The Manuscript MK and the Pahlavi Way to Happiness	Tea Shurgaia	Feast and Entertainment of Knights and Kings (According to Georgian Medieval Literature and Chronicles)	10.00-10.30
Matthias Weinreich	Reading Mt 12:43-45 in the light of Zoroastrian Theology. An Attempt	Alen Hayrapetyants	Children as “Psychopomps in Reverse”, Some Considerations on An Enigmatic Episode of The Nart Epic	10.30-11.00
Massimiliano Vassalli	The ‘Zoroastrian Idolatry’ According to 19th-Century Europeans	Shushanik Ayvazyan	Migration Tendencies from Azerbaijan and the Caucasus to Turkey	11.00-11.30
<b>Coffee break</b>				11.30-12.00
<b>Keynote Lecture by Prof. Dr. Ganik S. Asatrian</b> <b>“On Zoroastrianism in Dagestan”</b>				12.00-13.00
<b>Lunch</b>				13.00-14.00
<b>Cultural trip and farewell banquet</b>  <i>The cultural excursion includes a visit to a Yezidi mountain camp, followed by a traditional banquet hosted on-site.</i>				14.00