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## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**1915-2025**

**110 years since the Assyrian Genocide**

**13-14 JUNE, 2025**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025**  
**Old Parliament House**



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## **CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**18:00-18:30** Registrations

**18:30-18:40** Official Opening

**18:40-19:00** – Greetings

## **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**19:00-20:00** *Prof. Aggelos Syrigos, Professor of International Law and Foreign Policy, Panteion University, Member of the Greek Parliament*

*What led to the crime. The ideological preparation of the Young Turks  
(in Greek)*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025**

**Cultural Center of the Municipality of Athens "Antonis Tritsis"**

**Introductory session 09:00-10:00**

Moderator: **Dr. Theodosios Kyriakidis**, Chair of Pontic Studies, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

- George Varythimiadis, President of Panpontian Federation of Greece
- Christina Sachinidou, President of Panhellenic Federation of Pontic Associations
- Stefanos Tanimanidis, President of Euxeinos Leschi European Citizens
- Representative of the Association of Asia Minor Greeks
- Representative of the Association of Greeks of Eastern Thrace



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### **1st session 10:00-11:40**

#### **Genocide**

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**10:00 - 10:20 Dr. Racho Donef**, independent scholar

*Intra-communal conflict leading up to Sayfo: Dhimmitude and Resistance*

**10:20 - 10:40 Dr. Nicholas Al-jeloo**, *Enemies of the Sultan: Did the Assyrians “Declare War” against the Ottoman Empire in 1915?*

**10:40 – 11:00 Mr. Michael Mammoo**, author, *Assyrian Massacres in Numbers*

**11:00 – 11:20** Discussion

**11:20 – 11:40** Coffee break

### **2nd session 11:40-13:20**

**Moderator: Dr. Nikos Kouremenos**, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

**11:40 - 12:00 Dr. David Gaunt**, Emeritus Professor, Södertörn University

*New Sources on the Assyrian Genocide*

**12:00 - 12:20 Dr. Yousif Zaia**, Lomonosov Moscow State University  
*Reflecting the risk factors and causes of the genocide of Eastern Christians in the early 20th century in the documents of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on contacts with Assyrians*

**12:20 - 12:40 Ph.Dc. Sabro Bengaro**, President of Seyfo Center



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*German Islamic Strategy during the First World War and the Impact of Jihad on the Assyrian Genocide*

**12:40 - 13:00 Dr. Hannibal Travis, Professor of Law at Florida International University**

*The Assyrian Genocide and International Law: From Hakkari and Urmi to the Khabour River Valley and the Nineveh Plains*

**13:00 – 13:20 Discussion**

**14:00 Lunch**

### **Third session 17:00-20:00**

#### **Genocide and Aftermath/Consequences**

Chair: **Dr. Vasileios Meichanetsidis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**

**17:00 - 17:20 Anahit Khosroeva, Visiting Professor Harvard University**

*The Assyrian Genocide: Origins, Factors and Aftermath*

**17:20 - 17:40 Dr. Shabo Talay, Freie Universität Berlin**

*Sayfo: The Genocide of 1915 and Its Impact on Syriac Language and Culture*

**17:40 – 18:00 Dr. Robert DeKelaita, Loyola University**

*Echoes of Assur. The Impact of the Assyrian Genocide on Assyrian Culture*

**18:00 – 18:20 Discussion**

**18:00 – 18:20 Coffee break**

**18:20 – 18:40 Michael Rakowitz, Artist**



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*The Invisible Enemy Should Not Exist: Reappearing archeological ghosts from Nineveh and the Northwest Palace of Kalhu*

**18:40 – 19:00 Dr. Sargon Donabed, Associate Professor of History at Roger Williams University.**

*In the Aftermath: Assyrian Community Responses to Multiple Forms of Dispossession in the 20th Century*

**19:00 – 19:20 Dr. Andreas Önver Cetrez, Professor at Uppsala University** *Suffering and Hope as Existential Concerns among Assyrian Refugees*

**19:20-19:40** Discussion

**19:40-20:00 Dr. Theodosios Kyriakidis, Closing remarks**