

## WELCOME NOTE

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### **Dear reader,**

We are pleased to introduce you to our inaugural issue of the *International Journal of Armenian Genocide Studies* (IJAGS). This is the first inter-disciplinary, academic peer review journal in English exploring a wide range of topics about the Armenian Genocide. The journal will however not be limited to exploring issues concerning the Armenian Genocide, but aims to explore a broader range of topics in genocide studies.

We at IJAGS recognize and embrace the responsibilities that come with the launch of this academic enterprise. We envision this journal as a significant step towards featuring and disseminating innovative and recent academic research on the Armenian Genocide to a broader audience. We also see this as an important to bring together emerging scholars to a space in which critical and collegial exchanges can take place.

At the threshold of the centennial of the Armenian Genocide the publication of this journal can also be conceived as a long term initiative enabling the next generation of genocide scholars to develop new insights and research approaches in the study of all genocides and their consequences. IJAGS aims to secure a firm place in the global fight against the crime of the genocide and the scourge and grave danger of denial. IJAGS will fight against denial of any genocide. We envision this endeavor as part of the challenge of establishing early warnings and working towards prevention for the sake of global security.

Unfortunately, today we still face the dangers of emerging genocides. There is a sad reality of the possibility of other genocides in the 21st century. This is evident in the violent rhetoric that often accompanies global relations, in the continued injustices suffered by vulnerable populations around the world, in the indifference to these challenges and in the phenomenon of denial. The destructive forces of genocide compel us to collaborate and share resources so that the next generation can more effectively work on prevention of this terrible crime against humanity and civilization.

We welcome our colleagues in the global community of genocide scholars to disseminate new findings and academic research on the pages of the *International Journal of Armenian Genocide Studies*.

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