



Call for Papers

AID TO ARMENIA: ARMENIA AND ARMENIANS IN INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

The centenary of the Armenian Genocide in April 2015 attracted media coverage and prompted a number of academic conferences that focused on the history of Ottoman Armenians. The experience of genocide and its denial have profoundly shaped the history of Armenia and the Armenians. This has frequently led to narrowly national approaches where questions of violence, survival, and denial have isolated the history of Armenia and the Armenians from broader historical contexts. Recent contributions to the field of Armenian history have complicated the previous literature by contextualizing the Armenian Genocide and its aftermath within international and global history.

This workshop builds on these recent developments, focusing on local and international responses to the fate of the Ottoman Armenians between the end of the 19th century and the interwar years. Examining the consequences of Armenian displacement, the variety of humanitarian interventions to aid Armenian refugees, and the changing articulations of Armenian nationhood which followed in their wake, we suggest, provides a vantage point from which to address pivotal themes in modern history such as peace, humanitarianism, reconstruction, and sovereignty. Geographically, we are interested in papers that address or connect the experiences of Armenians in the Caucasus, Anatolia and the Near East and diaspora communities in Europe, the Americas and beyond. This workshop is addressed to historians, as well as anthropologists, sociologists, lawyers, and scholars in comparative literature interested in the history of Armenia and Armenians from a transnational perspective and connecting this contested past to broader themes in modern history.

Possible themes include:

- Empires, nation-states, and geopolitics
- Religious and liberal internationalisms
- Humanitarian interventions, principles and practice
- Total war and making peace
- Refugees, diasporas, nations and minorities
- Collective and individual identities

- Trauma, resilience, and memory
- Gender, nationality and reconstruction

The workshop will take place on **3 June 2016** at Birkbeck College, University of London. Abstracts (no more than 300 words) should be sent to francescapiana26@gmail.com by **1 April 2016**. Please address any query to **Francesca Piana** (francescapiana26@gmail.com) or **Jo Laycock** (J.Laycock@shu.ac.uk).