

**THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NATIONS UNDER GENOCIDE**

**Pázmány Péter Catholic University**

**Salahaddin University–Erbil**

**19-21 April 2017, Budapest**

## **Patrons**

**S.E.R. Dr. András Veres**

Bishop of Győr

President of the Hungarian Catholic Bishop Conference

Grand Chancellor of Pázmány Péter Catholic University

**dr. Bence Rétvári**

Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry of Human Capacities

## **Venue**

Pázmány Péter Catholic University,

1088 Budapest, Szentkirályi u. 28., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, St. John Paul II Hall

# **PROGRAMME**

**19 April 2017**

**13.00-14.00 Registration**

**14.00-14.20 Opening ceremony**

*Dr. Szabolcs Szuromi, DSc., President of Pázmány Péter Catholic University*

*Dr. Ibrahim Ismael Hamarash, PhD, Dean of College of Engineering of Salahaddin University–Erbil*

*dr. Bence Rétvári, parliamentary state secretary, Ministry of Human Capacities*

**14.20-15.00 Keynote speech**

*Stefan Troebst* (Leipzig University)

*Genocide: Definitions, Disputes, Denials*

**15.00-15.30 Coffee break**

**15.30-16.10 Keynote speech**

*H.E. Nicodemus Daoud Matti Sharaf* (Syrian Orthodox Archbishopric)

*Christians and Their Future in the East and the Challenges They Face*

**16.10-16.50 Keynote speech**

*Amatzia Baram* (University of Haifa)

*Iraq and Political Violence 1920-2017*

**16.50            Opening of photographic exhibition**

*They Took away the Gypsies.  
The Gypsy Killings at the Borders of Várpalota in 1944-1945*  
(edited by **Hajnalka Márkusné Vörös**)

**19.00            Event**

**20 APRIL 2017**

**9.00-9.40       Keynote speech**

**Harutyun Marutyun** (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Armenia)  
*The Issue of the Rescue of Armenians by Ottoman Citizens during the Armenian Genocide*

**9.40-10.20     Keynote speech**

**Wojciech Kozłowski** (Witold Pilecki Center for Totalitarian Studies)  
*Nazi-German Genocidal Policies in Occupied Poland 1939-1945*

**10.20-10.50   Coffee break**

**10.50-11.30   Keynote speech**

**Mohammed Ihsan** (International University of Erbil)  
*The Genocide of the Barzani Kurds and the Difficult Quest for the Truth*

**11.30-12.30   Sessions**

**1. Armenian Genocide**

**moderator: Harutyun Marutyun** (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Armenia)

**Rolf Hosfeld** (Lepsiushaus Potsdam)  
*Germany and the Armenian Genocide*

**Christin Pschichholz** (University of Potsdam/Lepsiushaus Potsdam)  
*German Reception of Ethnic Violence and Population Policy during 1 WW*

**Bálint Kovács** (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)  
*A Hungarian Novel "Red Moon" (Magardici Bodurian, 1931) - a Transylvanian Perspective of the Armenian Genocide*

**2. Kurdish Genocide I**

**moderator: Mohammed Ihsan** (International University of Erbil)

**Muaid Muhamad Abdlqader** (Nawroz University)

*Arabization as Genocide: the Case of the Disputed Territories in Iraq*

**Nazdar Baldar** (International University of Erbil)

*The Environmental Impact of Genocide in Kurdistan, Iraq*

**Maria Rita Corticelli** (International University of Erbil)

*Transitional Justice in Iraq and in the Kurdistan Region: A Lesson for the Future?*

### 3. Genocide in the Balkans

**moderator: István Ötvös** (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)

**Christo Matanov** (University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”)

*The Human Cost of the Ottoman Invasion in Bulgaria. Discussion of Controversial Problems*

**Alexander Nikolov** (University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”)

*The Byzantine and the Ottoman Conquests and the Fate of the Local Elites in Bulgaria*

**Barbara Bank** (Committee of National Remembrance)

*The „Hushed-up Raid” – The Situation of Délvidék between 1944 and 1945*

**Hajnalka Márkusné Vörös** (National Archives of Hungary/Veszprém County Archives)

*Gypsy Holocaust at the Grábler Lake*

#### 12.30-12.50 Discussion

12.50-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Sessions

### 4. Genocide of Eastern Christians

**moderator: H.E. Nicodemus Daoud Matti Sharaf** (Syrian Orthodox Archbishopric)

**His Grace Abna Ermia** (The Coptic Orthodox Patriarchate)

*Some Aspects of Genocide of Eastern Christians*

**Hanga Sántha – Bianka Speidl** (Migration Research Institute)

*Importing Religious Conflicts - Atrocities against Christian Asylum-Seekers in Europe*

**Sarbast A. Tawfiq Agha and Abdullah O. Yassen** (Salahaddin University–Erbil)

*The Applicable International Instruments in Preventing Genocide against Minorities:*

*The Case of ISIS*

### 5. Kurdish Genocide II

**moderator: Amatzia Baram** (University of Haifa)

**Ofra Bengio** (Tel Aviv University)

*Halabja and Anfal: From the Abyss to a Kurdish State in the Making*

**Ronen Zeidel** (University of Haifa)

*Why Anfal Should Be Considered a Genocide?*

**Nadhun Jalal I. and Kazhal M. S.** (Salahaddin University–Erbil)  
*Cytogenetic and Molecular Study of Lung Cancer of Kurdish - Inhabitants Who Exposed to Chemical Weapons in Halabja*

## 6. Yazidi Genocide

**moderator: Maria Rita Corticelli** (International University of Erbil)

**Chnar Namq** (Salahaddin University–Erbil)  
*The Role of the Kurdish Websites in Shaping Public Opinion about the Yazidi Minority Rights Violations*

**Sangar Qader Shekhmohammad** (Salahaddin University–Erbil)  
*Burning Forty-Four Feathers of Melek Taws - (Statistics of History of Fermans against Yezidis)*

**Firmesk Murad Haso** (Peace Winds Japan)  
*Impact Genocide Left in People of Sinjar*

**15.00-15.20 Discussion**

**16.00- Social event – sightseeing by bus**

**19.00 Conference Banquet**

## 21 April 2017

**10.00-10.40 Keynote speech**

**Yair Auron** (The Open University of Israel, American University of Armenia)  
*Between Holocaust and Genocide – Can We Prevent Them?*

**10.40-11.40 Session**

## 7. Holocaust

**moderator: Gábor Gyáni** (Eötvös Loránd University, Central European University, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

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*What Is Meant to Be Jew?*

**Endre Mozes**

*What the Holocaust and Genocides Have to Do with Philosemitism?*

**László Szelke** (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)

*Catholic Rescue Efforts during the Holocaust in Hungary*

**11.40-12.00 Discussion**

**12.00-13.00 Lunch**

**13.00-13.40 Keynote speech**

**Piotr Franaszek** (Jagiellonian University)  
*Polish Nation under Soviet Terror*

**13.40-14.40 Sessions**

**8. Stalin's Terror**

**moderator: István Ötvös** (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)

**Zalán Bognár** (Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary)  
*Genocide or Inevitable Losses?*

*Civil Hungarian Citizens Mass Deportation and Death in Soviet Captivity 1944-1947*

**Erzsébet Molnár D.** (Ferenc Rákóczi II Transcarpathian Hungarian Institute)

*Genocide in Transcarpathia in the Period of Building up the Soviet Regime (1944-45)*

**Maciej Szymanowski** (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)

*Massacres of Poles in Volhynia and Eastern Galicia. The Past and the Future*

**Gdalit Neuman** (York University, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

*Genocide Resistance, Rescue and Response: Kinder-Care and the Hashomer Hatzair  
Zionist Youth Movement in Hungary*

**9. Kurdish Genocide III**

**moderator: Hanga Sántha** (Migration Research Institute)

**Shokhan Sherzad Qader** (Salahaddin University–Erbil)

*Genocide in Iraq by Authoritarian Politics before 2003*

**Hussein Tahiri** (Victoria University, Melbourne)

*Cultural Genocide: the Kurdish Case in Turkey*

**Awara Hussein** (University of Halabja)

*Kurdish Genocide and the Attitude of the UN*

**14.40-15.00 Discussion**

**15.00-15.30 Coffee break**

**15.30-16.00 Closing remarks**

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