



PFA 2ND ANNUAL FORUM: ARMENIA-DIASPORA RELATIONS

Biographies of Moderators, Speakers, and Discussants

John Marshall Evans

John Marshall Evans served as United States Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia. He took over the office in August 2004 after the U.S. Senate's confirmation on June 25, 2004. Mr. Evans received his undergraduate degree (Bachelors in Arts) in Russian Studies from Yale University. He pursued doctoral studies at Columbia University. He served for the United States Foreign Service in various capacities. Mr. Evans served in Tehran (1972-1974), as well as in Prague (1975-1978). From 1978 to 1980, Mr. Evans served in the Executive Secretariat and Office of the Secretary of State. Later he joined the U.S. Mission to NATO. Mr. Evans was the Deputy Director of the Soviet Desk from 1986-1989. Mr. Evans was granted a medal and an official statement of appreciation from the Armenian government for his crucial role in coordinating the American response to the Armenian Earthquake of 1988. He went on to serve as Deputy Chief of Mission in Prague (1991-94), and as Consul General in St. Petersburg (1994-97). He then led the OSCE Mission to Moldova, an international mediation and peace-keeping mission, during the Danish, Polish and Norwegian OSCE chairmanships (1997-99). In 1999 Mr. Evans assumed direction of the State Department's Office of Analysis for Russia and Eurasia. He was triumphed with a Meritorious Honor Award and the CIA Director's Exceptional Performance Award. Ambassador Evans speaks Russian, French, Czech and Farsi, and is studying Eastern Armenian.

Daniel Kaufmann

Daniel Kaufmann is a senior fellow of Global Economy and Development at the Brookings Institution. Dr. Kaufmann holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics from Harvard University. He received a B.A. in Economics and Statistics from Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Dr. Kaufmann was previously the director at the World Bank Institute, leading the work on governance and anti-corruption. He was a director and Senior Manager on Regulation, Finance and Governance, a lead economist for Development Research Group at the World Bank. Regarded as a leading expert, researcher, and adviser to countries on governance and development, Mr. Kaufmann, with his team at the World Bank, has pioneered new approaches to analyze country governance as well as survey methodologies and indicators for good governance and anti-corruption programs around the world. He headed the work on Global Governance and Anti-Corruption, and previously held positions at the World Bank which included managing a team on Finance, Regulation and Governance, heading capacity building for Latin America, and also serving as Lead Economist both in economies in transition as well as in the Bank's research department. He was the first Chief of Mission of the World Bank to Ukraine, and then he was a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University prior to resuming his career at the World Bank. His research on economic

development, governance, the unofficial economy, macro-economics, investment, corruption, privatization, and urban and labor economics has been published in leading journals. Mr. Kaufmann is also frequent keynote speaker on governance and development issues in major fora; he is a guest expert in major media programs, and his work is frequently featured in international media and policy circles. Dr. Kaufmann co-authored with other experts for World Development Report- “The Challenge of Development.” His areas of expertise are public sector and regulatory reform, development, governance and anti-corruption.

Raffi Hovannisian

Raffi Hovannisian is an American-born Armenian politician. He is the founding Director of Armenian Center for National and International Studies in Yerevan. Dr. Hovannisian holds a J.D degree from Georgetown University, Law Center. He specialized in International Law, Diplomatic History and Foreign Policies of Communist Countries, Civilization and World Affairs and received an M.A.L.D from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. R. Hovannisian During his undergraduate education, Raffi Hovannisian received Justin Turner Prize for Outstanding Honors Thesis. Dr. Hovannisian holds a B.A degree from University of California Berkley and Los Angeles. Professor Hovannisian was a lecturer of Armenian History, at Tufts University. He had a position of an International Lawyer and Civil Litigator in the firms of Hill at Whitman & Ransom, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, and Coudert Brothers. Dr. Hovannisian is well known as the Founder and Director of the Armenian Bar Association as well as the Project Director at Armenian Assembly of America Earthquake Relief. From 1991-1992 Mr. Hovannisian served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Independent Republic of Armenia. He was the Executive Chairman of “Hayastan” all-Armenian Fund. From March to April of 1998 Mr. Hovannisian was the Chief of the Department of Information and Publications, Republic of Armenia. He has the credit of gaining entry for Armenia into the United Nations, CSCE, and other international organizations as well as established diplomatic relations with more than 100 countries. Raffi Hovannisian took the initiative to introduce the Armenian parliament a bill on a formal recognition of the Nagorno- Karabakh Republic. Moreover, he laid foundations for the Karabakh peace process. Dr. Hovannisian’s treatises, monographs, essays, and articles have appeared extensively in Armenian, Russian, American, European, and Middle Eastern publications.

Ambassador Sergey Kapinos

Sergey Kapinos is the Head of the OSCE office in Yerevan, Armenia. Mr. Kapinos studied in Moscow, graduating from the Economic Faculty of the Institute of International Relations in 1978, and in Social and Political Science from the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1992. He held a number of diplomatic posts in India and Pakistan, among them Assistant Attaché at the USSR Embassy in Pakistan, Vice-Consul at the USSR Consulate-General in Bombay (1985-90) and First Secretary and Economic Counselor at the Russian Embassy in New Delhi. He was Senior Counselor in the Department of International Security and Disarmament at the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1997-99, and Minister-Counselor at the Russian Embassy in Armenia from 1999-2003. His most recent post before moving to head the OSCE Office in Yerevan was Deputy Director of the Caucasian Department in the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which he held from 2003-07. Ambassador Kapinos speaks English, French, Polish, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Hindi.

Hratch Tchilingirian

Hratch Tchilingirian is the founding Director of Eurasia House International and is the Associate Director of Eurasia Research Centre in the Judge Business School, University of Cambridge. He received his PhD from the London School of Economics and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) (summa cum laude) from California State University Northridge. Dr. Tchilingirian has held leadership positions in academic and non-profit institutions in the United States and Great Britain. He has taught and consulted for numerous public sector and commercial organizations and has been involved in executive education in Cambridge. He runs the Eurasia Business Executive and Leadership Programme, designed for young professionals from former Soviet countries. He has authored numerous academic and media articles published in Europe, the US and the Middle East. His selected works include “Recognition or reconciliation? Turkish-Armenian relations need untangling” and “Geopolitics and business development in the Caspian region” among many others. Dr. Tchilingirian's research interests include global energy security, geopolitics and security in the wider Eurasia region, political economy of the Caucasus and Central Asia, political and corporate leadership and business-state relations in FSU countries, Diaspora studies, and politics of religion in the Eurasia region.

Rouben Shugarian

Rouben Shougarian is a professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston MA. Professor Shugarian was born in Moscow, Russia, in 1962. In 1966 his family moved to Armenia. He graduated with honors from the Yerevan Linguistic University in 1985 and completed with distinction post-graduate studies in philosophy, theory of culture and aesthetics at the Yerevan State University in 1989. After Armenia regained independence Mr. Shougarian became its first Ambassador to the US (1993-1999), Deputy Foreign Minister (1999-2005) and Ambassador to Italy, Spain and Portugal (2005-2008). Since 2008 Dr. Shougarian has moved to Boston, MA with his family. Throughout his career he had numerous public appearances, talks and lectures at the leading US, European, Russian and Middle Eastern think tanks and universities. He authored several articles on conflict resolution, regional cooperation and on the new geopolitical identity of the Black Sea/South Caucasus region and a book titled “West of Eden, East of the Chessboard.”

Razmik Panossian

Razmik Panossian is the Director of Policy, Programmes and Planning at Rights and Democracy. He oversees the organization's international work which focuses on human rights and democratic development in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Razmik Panossian obtained his PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2000. His MA is from York University, and his BA is from McGill University. Dr. Panossian has taught at the London School of Economics and at the School of Oriental and African Studies on the subjects of nationalism, ethnic conflict, post-Soviet transition/democratization, and comparative politics. Panossian has published extensively on Armenian-related issues. Dr. Razmik Panossian's critically acclaimed book, *The Armenians: From Kings and Priests to Merchants and Commissars*, is based on his PhD dissertation on Armenian identity and nationalism, which won the Lord Bryce Prize for Best Dissertation in Comparative and International Politics in the UK. Panossian has participated in the Turkish-Armenian workshops, as well as the Armenia-Diaspora

conferences. He has also acted as a consultant to various government officials in the UK and the USA on Armenia related issues.

Zaven Kalayjian

Zaven Kalayjian is a visiting scientist at Johns Hopkins University Medical School. From 2001 to 2009, he worked and lived in Yerevan, Armenia. He was Director of Microelectronics at Epygi Labs AM, an adjunct professor in CIS at the American University of Armenia, and has worked as a consultant and in a number of startups in Armenia in the telecom and technology sector. He is also a deacon in the Armenian Apostolic Church and has developed and run religious education and catechetical programs in Yerevan. Dr. Kalayjian currently resides in Maryland and is active in the DC-Metro Armenian community.

Richard Hovannisian

Richard G. Hovannisian is Professor of Armenian and Near Eastern History at the University of California, Los Angeles. He served as the Associate Director of the G.E. von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies from 1978 to 1995. At UCLA he has organized the undergraduate and graduate programs in Armenian and Caucasian history. Dr. Hovannisian received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and his Ph.D. from UCLA. He was also Associate Professor of History at Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles. In 1987, Professor Hovannisian was appointed the first holder of the Armenian Educational Foundation Endowed Chair in Modern Armenian History at the UCLA. Dr. Hovannisian is the author of *Armenia on the Road to Independence* (1967, 1969, 1974, 1982); *The Republic of Armenia, Volume I* (1971, 1974, 1982, 1996), and *Volume II* (1982, 1996), *Volumes III-IV* (1996); *The Armenian Holocaust* (1980) among many others. He has also published more than fifty scholarly articles and seven books on Near Eastern society and culture. Dr. Hovannisian is a founder and three-time president of the Society for Armenian Studies and represented the State of California on the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) from 1978 to 1994.

Susan Karamanian

Susan Karamanian is the Associate Dean for International and Comparative Legal Studies Program at the George Washington University Law School. She has received her J.D. from University of Texas, a B.A. from Oxford University and a B.S. from Auburn University. A former Rhodes Scholar, Dean Karamanian is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation. She is also an active member of the American Society of International Law. In 2009, she was elected President of the Washington Foreign Law Society. Dean Karamanian joined GWU law school after a fourteen-year career at Locke Liddell & Sapp, LLP in Dallas, Texas where she has represented foreign and domestic clients in litigation matters.

Ara Sanjian

Ara Sanjian is an associate professor of History at the University of Michigan, Dearborn. He is teaching history of Armenia, the Soviet Union, and the Middle East. Dr. Sanjian is the Chairman of the Department of Armenian Studies at Haigazian University in Beirut, Lebanon. Ara Sanjian received a master's degree in Armenian History from Yerevan State University and then

continued his education by obtaining a Ph.D. from the famous School of African and Oriental Studies of the University of London. He was a visiting professor in Armenian Studies at California State University, Fresno. Dr. Sanjian is on the Editorial Board of Armenian Forum and Haigazian Armenological Review. He has lectured and presented papers both in the United States and abroad. Ara Sanjian is the author of two books, "Turkey and Her Arab Neighbors, 1953-1958: A Study in the Origins and Failure of the Baghdad Pact" and "The Negotiation of 'The Contract of the Century' and the Political Background to the Revival of Azerbaijan's Oil Industry" as well as numerous articles on a variety of topics in the field of Armenian History and the culture. He is fluent in Armenian, Arabic, English, Turkish, Russian and French.

Viken Attarian

Viken L. Attarian is the founder in 2005 and president of Management, Information, Development, Consulting (MIDC) Corporation in Montreal, Canada. MIDC specializes in strategic business consulting and IT management for small and medium size businesses. Mr. Attarian is also the cofounder and CEO of a small startup technology company called Orinag. He is a professional engineer and holds a MSc. in Eng'g from the Polytechnic of Brno in the Czech Republic (1982), and an Executive MBA from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada (1995). From 2000 to 2006, Mr. Attarian was elected to the Executive Board of the Montreal AGBU, for four years as its vice chairman and, from 2004 to 2006, as its chairman. He has been an active member of the Liberal Party of Canada for close to two decades. Since late 2006, Mr. Attarian is a member of the Policy Commission of the Liberal Party which sets the agenda for strategic policy and electoral platform initiatives for the Federal Liberal Party of Canada. In May of 2009, at the biannual convention of the Party in Vancouver, an important resolution to significantly strengthen and enhance the mandate of the Canadian Human Rights' Commission, drafted and presented by Mr. Attarian was debated and accepted as official policy to be implemented when the Liberal Party comes to power. In February 2010, he was appointed Executive Vice President of the Quebec branch of the Policy Commission. Mr. Attarian is a member of the Canadian branch of the Mensa (High IQ) Society, and was a pre-doctoral researcher at the Informatics and Applied Mathematics Center of the Polytechnic of Grenoble, France.

Ara Papian

Ara Papian was an ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Armenia to Canada. Ara Papian graduated from the Department of Oriental Studies of Yerevan State University in 1984. He completed postgraduate degree course of studies in Armenian History at Yerevan State University in 1989. In 1994, Mr. Papian graduated from the Moscow Diplomatic Academy and in 1998, from NATO Defense College in Rome. In 1999, he completed a course in Public Diplomacy in Wilton, United Kingdom. His professional experience as a diplomat has been at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia where prior to his appointment to Canada in December 2000, he was the spokesman and Head of Public Affairs Department. His previous positions with the Armenian Foreign Ministry were a second secretary of the US and Canada Division of the American Department, Head of Iran Division of the Middle East Department, and Head of Security Cooperation Division of the Security Issues and Arms Control Department (1997-99). Mr. Papian was previously posted to the Armenian Embassy in Tehran, Iran (1992-1993, second secretary) and the Armenian Embassy in Bucharest, Romania (1995-1996, second secretary; 1997, Charge d'Affaires). Prior to joining the Armenian Foreign

Ministry, Mr. Papian was a Professor of the Armenian language and literature at Melkonian Educational Institute in Nicosia, Cyprus. Moreover, Mr. Papian is multilingual and served as a military interpreter/translator in Afghanistan.

Larisa Alaverdyan

Larisa Alaverdyan is a deputy of the National Assembly, Armenia from the Heritage Party proportional list. Ms. Alaverdyan is a lawyer and a jurist as well as a professor at the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University. She is a member of Women's Republican Council, Expert Council adjunct to the Department of Migration and Refugees. Dr. Alaverdyan holds a degree from Azerbaijan State Pedagogical Institute, and is qualified as an administrative officer and specialist in investment sphere from RF Moscow State Academy. Larisa Alaverdyan was also known as a tutor at Baku # 2 orphanage and as a Math teacher at a secondary school. She worked at different research institutes of Armenia from junior research worker to head of division, and from head of division to deputy director at the computing centers. She was a founding member and responsible secretary of Artsakh compatriot union. Ms. Alaverdyan was chief expert of the Special Committee of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Armenia on Artsakh. Moreover, Larisa Alaverdyan was a Defender of Human Rights of the Republic of Armenia. She was a member of the Council on Missing Persons, Hostages and Prisoners of War adjunct to the Ministry of Defense and a member of the Council on Preparing the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper and Working Group. During the R. Kocharyan administration Ms. Alaverdyan was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and Human Rights adjunct to RA President.

Catherine Kessedjian

Ms. Catherine Kessedjian is a Professor at the University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), France. Ms. Kessedjian has a Doctorate degree from the University of Paris and an LLM from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Dr. Kessedjian was a Deputy Secretary General of the Hague Conference on Private International Law, on secondment from the University de Bourgogne. Ms. Kessedjian was also in charge of commercial matters, including electronic commerce. She currently acts as a mediator or arbitrator in a selected number of transnational disputes. Previously, Ms. Kessedjian taught International Business Transactions and European Business Law and participated in specialized seminars in international litigation and international commercial arbitration. She has been the Director of the European Law Center of the University de Bourgogne and of a post-graduate program for International Business Lawyers. From 1982 to 1998 she was a practicing attorney in Paris, focusing on transnational litigation and international business transactions. Professor Kessedjian was the main speaker for the "Armenia-Turkey Protocols: Reality and Myths" seminar organized by Policy Forum Armenia in collaboration with The American Society of International Law, and George Washington University, Law School.

Artsvik Minasyan

Artsvik Minasyan is a deputy of the National Assembly, Armenia and was elected from the Armenian Revolutionary Federation party's proportional electoral list. He was the head of the ARF ticket for the Mayoral Election in Yerevan in May 2009. He received a degree of economist-mathematician with a specialty in economic cybernetics from Yerevan State University and also studied in Moscow, Washington, and New York. In addition, Mr. Minasyan

holds Law Degree from Yerevan State University. He worked in the Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Armenia (head of department). Mr. Minasyan was a lecturer in Economics Department at Yerevan State University and an author of 11 scientific articles.

Igor Muradian

Igor Muradian is a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), and is working on founding Institute of Geopolitics and Geoeconomics in Armenia. Mr. Muradian graduated from Economics and Geography Department at the University Odessa and holds Ph.D. in Economics. In 1980s, he worked as an economist in the state planning agency Gosplan in Yerevan. A Soviet insider with links to influential Moscow Armenians, Muradian later became a pioneer of the Karabakh Armenian movement and played a key role in the early stages of the struggle for self-determination in Karabagh. More recently, he has launched an effective collaboration with research institutes in Britain and Russia and did research on regional Security in the Middle East, Central Asia, France, Germany, Britain, the Balkans and the Caucasus. Dr. Mouradian has written extensively on issues of national security, geopolitics, and internal political developments in Armenia. He is an author of 16 books and more than 1,000 articles on regional political problems.

Khachig Tölölyan

Khachig Tölölyan is a professor at Wesleyan University, College of Letters. Dr. Tölölyan has a BA from Harvard University and MA from University of Rhode Island. He received his Ph.D. from Brown University and later obtained MAA from Wesleyan University, US. Dr. Tölölyan is affiliated with academic associations such as Modern Language Association (MLA), Society of Armenian Studies (SAS), Council of Editors of Learned Journals (CELJ) as well as Zoryan Institute for Armenian Documentation and Research (ZI). The scholar is an expert in Diaspora studies and transnationalism as well as Armenian history, culture and literature. Currently Dr. Tölölyan is interested to define “How the increasing level of migration and dispersion brings new populations to the West, how these dispersions become ethnic and diasporic, and how these reshape the nations that host them, in culture and politics.

Onnig Beylerian

Onnig Beylerian is a professor at the University of Quebec at Montreal. He teaches international security and foreign and defense policies since 1984. In 2001, Onnig Beylerian joined the Canadian public service in Ottawa and is now an international security analyst. Professor Beylerian received his Ph.D. and Masters in Arts in Political Science from University of Quebec at Montreal and his Bachelors in Science from university of Montreal. He has also taught at several Canadian universities, including Laval University in Quebec City (2000-2001) and University of Windsor (1989-1991) in Windsor, Ontario. He has published mainly in areas pertaining to international security institutions. Professor Beylerian’s present areas of interest are major powers and international security institutions, the European Union’s quest for a unified foreign and defense policy, the scope and depth of Turkey’s foreign policy transformation and its implications for the South Caucasus, and energy security in Eurasia and Europe.