

Sharagans in the City

Being Armenian in Istanbul Today

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Armenians in Istanbul today navigate a city that is their home, yet often feels exclusionary. People rarely speak Armenian on the street and many of the churches are hidden behind high walls. Yet most Armenians living there do not feel segregated or discriminated against. “Bolis” is their home, and they feel a sense of belonging there.

Anthropologist Dr. Christopher Sheklian reflects on the complicated sense of belonging Armenians feel toward Istanbul and Turkey. He suggests that the Armenian Apostolic Church's liturgy helps many Armenians to navigate the city. Through constant exposure to Armenian hymns, Armenians are able to hear the soundscape of Istanbul as one where they also belong.

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All are welcome. A reception will follow the presentation.

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