

# Mass Population Movement, Humanitarian Emergency, and the Armenian Refugee Assistance at the Caucasus Front of WWI

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**Asya Darbinyan** is a PhD Candidate at the Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University in Worcester, MA. A student of noted Genocide scholar Taner Akcam, her dissertation explores the Russian Empire's response to the Armenian Genocide and to the refugee crisis at the Caucasus front of the Great War. She previously worked at the Armenian Genocide Institute-Museum in Yerevan as Deputy Director.

The first talk in the Winter/Spring series on Migration, Asya Darbinyan takes us to the Caucasus Front during World War I. At the frontier between the Ottoman and Russian Empires, the front saw many important battles and the region was overrun by the armies of both empires. It is in this context that the mass deportations of Armenians was carried out by the Ottoman Empire. Harsh winters, fighting, mass population movement, and genocidal policies caused a humanitarian emergency on the Caucasus Front. Many of the refugees were Armenian, and Asya Darbinyan will present the context of and response to this refugee crisis on the Caucasus Front during World War I.



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