

# *Black Garden Aflame:*

*The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict in the Soviet and Russian Press*

## **A Book presentation with Dr. Artyom Tonoyan**

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A native of Gyumri, Armenia, **Dr. Artyom Tonoyan** is a sociologist and a research associate at the University of Minnesota's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. His research interests include sociology of religion, religion and politics in the South Caucasus, and religion and nationalism in post-Soviet Russia. His articles have appeared in *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, *Society*, and *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook*, among others. He has been a frequent guest on the *BBC*, *Deutsche Welle*, *France 24*, and other outlets. He is currently working on a book charting the social, historical, and religious backgrounds of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. He received his Ph.D. from Baylor University.



For a few brief weeks in fall 2020, Western media buzzed with news of the intense war in Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian-populated region that declared independence from Azerbaijan in 1991. The conflict had been “frozen” since 1994, so the new outbreak of violence caught many journalists unawares.

By contrast, this conflict has been a mainstay in the Soviet, then Russian press. The sheer volume of published material – including eyewitness accounts, interviews with notable figures, and incisive, well-researched analyses – far exceeds anything produced by Western media.

Moscow's knowledge of the region is as strong as it is permanent, dictated mainly by geopolitical interests. The present collection of articles – carefully translated, edited, and culled from a vast repository of Russian-language press curated by East View – presents in book form for the first time in English some of the most important material that has appeared from 1988 to the present.

By bringing together this unique collection, East View Press aims to provide readers with the immediate context of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict through the lens of Moscow, along with some insight into its complex historical, political and ethnic underpinnings. *Black Garden Aflame* will be of interest to specialists and general readers alike.

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