



## **Naming the Armenian Genocide: Language, Politics, and Medz Yeghern**

by Dr. Vartan Matiossian

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The presentation will make reference to the etymology and history of the word *yeghern*, its use parallel to “genocide” after 1945, and its political and historical implications, drawing from a vast array of instances of its use and misuse by politicians, journalists and others, particularly Pope John Paul II, the 2008 apology campaign by a group of Turkish intellectuals, and the last four presidents of the United States.

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