

Artsakh

As international journalists depart for Karabakh, as professors at USC request teaching resources, and as the world around us tries to learn more, the Institute has transformed into a think tank assessing and meeting these needs.

Institute staff expertise has been requested by media outlets like the <u>Los Angeles</u> <u>Times</u>, <u>KTLA</u>, <u>KPCC</u> as well as by organizations and individuals working proactively on the ground and behind the scenes. Internationally, the Institute has been working with on-the-ground media partner <u>CIVILNET</u> to provide content and background to international journalists.

In just this one week, Institute staff has received inquiries for internal meetings at offices ranging from Amazon HQ and the Los Angeles Clippers to UC Santa Barbara, Occidental College, a private institute for mental health professionals and others.

We have directed all of them to <u>FOCUS ON KARABAKH</u> and the Institute's <u>DEEP DIVE</u> series into the war. Think of these as you would university extension classes. To untangle the complexities of this conflict, we are convening a series of five conversations, over five Fridays, with guests from Stepanakert, Yerevan, Tavush, Stockholm, London, Boston and Los Angeles, speaking about military power, security, democracy, borders, allies, human rights, peace and social cohesion. The first two already have 10,000 views or listens. This Friday, October 23, we'll focus on Armenia's borders and the economics of war and security. Follow LIVE at 12pm PDT at <u>armenian.usc.edu</u>.

Throughout, we've been communicating with and updating the university's leadership. Our own USC Dornsife Dean Amber Miller as well as her colleagues in USC Gould School of Law, the Marshall School of Business, Keck School of Medicine, the School of Gerontology, have expressed their support of the Trojan Armenian community. President Folt has amplified these voices by using social media to share the Institute's programming and the USC Keck School of Medicine's medical supply drive.

USC students have mobilized their forces, raising funds and working with the Institute and alumni to multiply their efforts. Last Friday, Eliza Petrosyan, an undergraduate at the USC Thornton School of Music, organized a virtual benefit concert with up-and-coming artists together with familiar names. Here is the <u>Daily Trojan</u> summary.

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