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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES AND RESEARCH (NAASR) AND THE ARARAT-ESKIJIAN MUSEUM PRESENT A WEBINAR The Ancient Archaeological Landscape of Lernakert in the Shirak Region with Dr. Benik Vardanyan Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. (ET) / 9:00 a.m. (PT) LIVE ON ZOOM (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) AND YOUTUBE Zoom Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/NAASRLernakert> NAASR YouTube Channel Link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ArmenianStudies> This program is made possible through the generous support of the Dadourian Foundation. The investigation of fortress-settlements, necropoli, and their infrastructure is of key importance for the study of the archaeological landscape of the Bronze and Iron Age Armenia. The investigation of the Lernakert archaeological complex on the northwestern slope of Mt. Aragats in 2020-2021, which has been supported by grants from NAASR and Knights of Vartan Fund for Armenian Studies, has revealed various data on the emergence of the fortress-settlements, the chronology of the settlements and necropoli, and the organization of the habitat of Bronze and Iron Age Shirak. The recent investigations shed new light on the multiple uses and transformations of the ancient landscape of Lernakert and promise further insights about pre-historic Armenia. Dr. Benik Vardanyan is a researcher at the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of the Armenian Academic of Sciences and the Director of the excavations at Lernakert in Shirak in 2019-21. He received a PhD in 2020 from the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography with a thesis entitled "The Social Composition and Burial Rite of the Population of the Northeastern Part of the Armenian Highland According to the Late Bronze-Early Iron Age Tomb." He is the author or co-author of numerous academic articles in Armenian and German and has taken part in various excavations of Bronze and Iron Ages.