



The Right of the 1st Night and Sexual Violence against Armenian Women in the Nineteenth Century

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Throughout the nineteenth century, the Patriarchate in Constantinople and the Catholicos of all Armenians in Ėjmiatsin received petitions and other

correspondence from the Ottoman Armenian provinces that aimed to seek justice from the Ottoman government, which local administrations and courts were unable or unwilling to provide.

These petitions described the details of all known episodes of violence or exploitation to which provincial Armenians had been subjected. Alongside financial and physical oppression, the question of *patvo brnabarutyun* (translation from Arm.: rape of dignity), which was an Armenian way of referring to sexual violence, is present in such petitions.

In this lecture, Dr. Anna Aleksanyan will discuss how different types of sexual violence, including the right of the first night, affected provincial Armenian life in the 19th century and what was done to prevent these acts of violence.

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