

## Une nation globale spatiale et numérique samedi 4 novembre 2023 à 11h (heure locale)

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« Les Arméniens en tant que nation mondiale spatiale et numérique »

Panélistes : Khatchig Tölölyan, David Akopyan, Hasmig Seropian et Nerses Kopalyan

Modérateur : Hrayr Cabayan



Pour clarifier et expliquer le concept de Nation Globale Spatiale et Numérique, un livre blanc a été rédigé et sera publié en ligne par l'Institut ARPA. Pour lire le document de 68 pages rédigé par 9 experts, veuillez cliquer sur les mots LIVRE BLANC ci-dessous :

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## "Armenians as a Spatial and Digital Global Nation"

Panelists: Gevorg Poghosyan, Khachig Tölölyan, David Akopyan, Hasmig Seropian, Gevorg Poghosyan and Nerses Kopalyan.  
Moderator: Hriar Cabayan

**Saturday, November 4, 2023 @ 11:00am, PDT**

**Abstract:** It is estimated that there are 3 million Armenians in Armenia and 7 million in the diasporas. The Armenian Nation is spread around the globe, with a major hub in Armenia and multiple hubs everywhere else. The Panel will focus on the realities of the global Armenian community and how well the Armenian Nation writ large can navigate in this new era, where the virtual and the spatial worlds interact and evolve. Furthermore, how can this new existence contribute to innovative ways of defining and preserving the Armenian identity in the future. One of the key questions and challenges to be addressed by the Panelists is: should we think of the Armenian Nation in new ways?



Mr. Gevorg Poghosyan has more than 25 years of entrepreneurial experience. He co-founded the first and largest e-payment system in Armenia: Idram. In 2016, he co-founded TCF, the world's leading marketing agency in the field of crowdfunding. Since 2021, he has been engaged in social entrepreneurship. He is the CEO of reArmenia collaboration platform.



Dr. Khachig Tölölyan was born in a family of teachers and intellectuals in Aleppo, Syria, in 1944. He grew up there, in Cairo and Beirut, emigrating to the USA in 1960. He received his BA from Harvard in Molecular Biology and his PhD from Brown in Comparative Literature. He was a Professor of Literature and the Humanities at Wesleyan University, in Middletown, CT, for 47 years, with visiting appointments at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, and Oregon State University. He is the founding editor of two periodicals. One of them, named *Diaspora*: a journal of transnational studies, played a foundational role in the creation of diaspora studies as a field. He has published in Armenian over a thousand pages of articles and columns on diaspora issues, and a book titled *Spyrki Mech* (In the Diaspora). He co-edited a volume on *Diaspora, Identity and Religion* (2004, Routledge), and published much-cited scholarly articles on diasporas, exile, nationalism, and other Armenian topics. He retired at the end of 2020 but continues to have an abiding interest in how migrant dispersions become consolidated as diasporas and transnational communities, usually with networks and nodes, of which the most important is the homeland.



Dr. David Akopyan had dual careers- PHD in physics studied complex systems, after for 26 years worked for the UN in 15 countries across many regions. Last 10 years of his UN career spent in Afghanistan, Somalia and Syria, worst crisis affected countries, holding leadership positions as UN Development Program Deputy Director, Country Director and Resident Representative. He is also AUA (America University of Armenia), 2019 distinguished alumnus. Early 2021 David retired from the UN and joined the Artsakh Government as the Principal advisor to State Minister helping to coordinate humanitarian and development assistance. He is also an ex officio advisor to the President of Armenia, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of reArmenia foundation, member of APRI (Applied Policy Research Institute/AGBU) Board of directors and the Insurance Foundation of servicemen.

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Dr. Hasmig Seropian was born in Aleppo, a graduate of Karen Yeppe Armenian High School and the American University of Beirut. MA thesis: A Generative/Transformational Grammar of Armenian. Ph.D. in linguistics and cognitive science from UC, Berkeley. Dissertation: The Abstract/Concrete Distinction in Language. Seven years of research in AI as applied to language, followed by working at Apple Computer in the formative years of the Mac. Next, head of a very successful consulting firm named Technology for Humans and several years of teaching Armenian at Stanford and Berkeley. Current Projects: (1) the development of a global virtual centre for all things concerning Armenian, the language; (2) A semantically oriented grammar of Western Armenian; (3) A book entitled The Abstract and the Concrete of it.



Dr. Nerses Kopalyan is an assistant professor-in-residence of Political Science at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His fields of specialization include international relations, geopolitics, political theory, and philosophy of science. He has conducted extensive research on polarity, superpower relations, and security studies. He is the author of *World Political Systems After Polarity* (Routledge, 2017) and the co-author of *Sex, Power, And Politics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016). He also authored two policy papers for the Republic of Armenia, "Transitional Justice Agenda for the Republic of Armenia" (Ministry of Justice) and "Changing the Paradigm in Armenia-Diaspora Relations (Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs). He serves as an advisor to the Office of the High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs. His current research concentrates on geopolitical and great power relations with an emphasis on Eurasia. He has also done extensive work on political developments in Armenia prior and after Velvet Revolution, articles of which are published with EVN Report.



Hriar Cabayan is currently a Visiting Scientist at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. He joined the Laboratory in 1977. In 1997 he joined the Joint Staff (Pentagon) where he managed a program to support operational planning. In 2007, He received the Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award from the Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2007 and again in 2019. He returned to Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in October 2019. He received his doctorate degree from the University of Illinois in Urbana, Illinois. After graduating, he taught mathematical physics for four years at New York University's Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences and McGill University before joining Lawrence Livermore laboratory.

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