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Wednesday, June 26

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- **10h00 Coffee Break**
- **10h30 Opening remarks**
Ani Aprahamian
The Chair of the ASOF Executive Board will open the annual meeting with welcoming words and an overview of the conference plans and goals.
- **10h45 Nominations for new Board candidates**
Mary Papazian
The Board will solicit nominations for new Board members from the floor and remotely. There are 3 Board seats up for election. The election vote will be administered electronically starting in the evening of June 26 and closing in the morning of June 28.
- **11h00 2023-24 Overview**
Vatche Sahakian
A presentation of activities from 2023-24, and a roadmap for the next steps.
- **11h30 Brief updates**
Maria Baghramian, Stefan Kristensen,
Lilit Movsesyan
Brief updates from three ASOF engagements: ASOF Outreach led by Lilit Movsisyan, Summer school program at NUACA led by Stefan Kristensen, and the new Center for Ethics in Public Affairs at AUA led by Maria Baghramian.
- **11h45 The National Academy of Sciences**
Ashot Saghyan
The presentation covers brief information on the history, structure, and main directions of activities of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, the position of the Academy regarding the program of integration of education and science in Armenia, as well as a vision of the Academy for the 21st century.
- **12h00 Lunch break**
- **14h00 Engineering City**
Aram Salatian
The Engineering City (EC) has developed expertise in delivering engineering solutions, developing products, and manufacturing devices. It has also created an industry-based talent development system. This year it will venture into applied research through five advanced research labs in Aerospace, Automotive, Semiconductor, Smart Manufacturing, and Cybersecurity & Computing.
- **14h15 High-tech industry: outlook on export**
Ashot Hovanesian
The high-tech industry in Armenia is geared towards exporting. Most companies operate as outsourcing units for Western companies. Consequently, marketing and sales decisions are made at headquarters. Some Armenian high-tech firms possess their own intellectual property and manage their marketing. There are less explored markets, in consulting, within the Middle East, Asia, and Africa.
- **14h30 High-Tech Industry Showcase**
Vahe Andonians, Davit Baghdasaryan,
Davit Buniatyan, Madlene Minassian,
Ashot Papoyan
Short showcase presentations from ActiveLoop, BiosimAI, Cognaize, Krisp, and PicsArt.

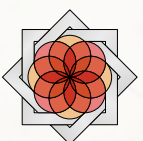
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- 15h00 Ministry of High-Tech Industry**
Mkhitar Hayrapetyan
- 15h15 R&D Policy**
Tigran Shahverdyan
Government R&D funding and incentives are essential for increasing national competitiveness. ASOF has developed several strategic proposals, but Gituzh believes these efforts can only succeed partially without addressing Armenia's R&D policy issues. Significant R&D policy gaps remain a critical challenge.
- 15h30 Coffee break and tours**
- 16h30 Academic City**
Sargis Hayotsyan
A presentation of the Academic City plans.
- 17h00 The Prime Minister's Council**
Hakob Arshakyan
A presentation on the new "Prime Minister's Council on Science and Technology".
- 17h30 Center for Intelligent Computing (CIC)**
Hrant Khachatryan
The Center of Intelligent Computing is to launch early 2025 at Yerevan State University, focusing on research in Artificial Intelligence. The presentation will give an overview of the new cutting edge infrastructure secured by the RA government and some of the research projects for 2025.
- 17h45 Robotics Division**
Astghik Hakobyan
This talk introduces a proposal to establish a robotics division in Armenia, positioning the nation at the forefront of robotics and AI. The division will drive cutting-edge research, develop advanced facilities, and cultivate skilled talent through a cluster hiring process. This initiative aims to transform Armenia into a global hub for robotics and AI excellence.
- 18h00 Center for Aeronautics & Space Research**
Iren Mkhoyan
The Center for Aeronautics and Space Research and Development is envisioned as the leading hub for aerospace research, education, and innovation, advancing Armenia's aerospace sector through partnerships with academic and industry partners. Initial focus is on R&D capabilities, knowledge and engineering expertise through multidisciplinary projects, and educational programs.
- 18h15 Aerospace-Related Projects/Programs**
Avetik Grigoryan, Masis Komrokian
Aerospace-related projects are discussed in 3 main directions: small LEO satellites for development and on-orbit validation of domestic satellite platforms; high-altitude long-endurance fixed-wing platforms for hosting various payloads/sensors, and a Sounding Rocket Development Program for making near-space accessible for scientific and technological experiments at low cost.
- 18h30 Coffee break**
- 19h00 Presentation of New Candidates**
Adam Kablanian
Presentation from new candidates for the 3 vacant Executive Board positions.





Thursday, June 27

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☛ 10h00 **Coffee Break**

☛ 10h30 **Human Sciences in Armenia**
Mikayel Hovhannisyanyan, Knar Khachatryan,
Zaruhi Soghomonyan

The Human Sciences are an often neglected key to innovation and wellbeing in Armenia. Yet competitive business and public sector leaders know that good governance, critical thinking, ethical prowess and sophisticated grasps of languages, cultures, and geopolitics are key to lasting business deals, strong policy decisions and effective leadership. What future for the human sciences in Armenia? The session will be moderated by Anoush F. Terjanian.

☛ 11h00 **Armenia's Economy at a Tipping Point**
David Akopyan

The Armenian economy has experienced strong growth recently, but experts question its sustainability, attributing it to short-term factors. We argue that the country's growth is based on a robust foundation. The combined impact of the freedom dividend and the high-tech sector's over-performance over the last decades can drive the country toward a sustainable development trajectory.

☛ 11h15 **Economics Research & Scholarship**
Zareh Asatryan, Aleksandr Gevorkyan,
Tatevik Sekhposyan

The group will outline the establishment of the Armenian Center of Research in Economics, review last year's initiatives, and explore the center's potential, particularly in using administrative data. We'll discuss key economic issues in Armenia, emphasizing the role of evidence-based research in decision-making. We'll also address gaps in economics education and challenges in retaining economists.

☛ 11h45 **Armenia's Water Future**
Alen Gasparian Amirkhanian

Armenia faces significant water governance challenges, including inefficient water management and largely unregulated transboundary water flows. Over the past 3 decades, Armenia's efforts to enhance its water governance, primarily driven by external support, have led to some progress but much intensive focus is needed to meet the dual stresses of climate change and the changing transboundary water flows.

☛ 12h10 **Lunch break**

☛ 14h00 **Artsakh: The Challenges for Higher Ed**
Armen Sargsyan, Nona Shahnazarian, Nina
Shahverdyan

This panel features Higher Ed students, faculty, and administrators from Artsakhi, sharing challenges in continuing educational and professional endeavors post 2023 forced exodus, and their future aspirations. The goal is to join efforts in creating feasible systemic solutions that benefit a more united Armenian HE community. The session will be co-moderated by Susanna Karakhanyan and Anoush F. Terjanian.

☛ 14h30 **Artsakh: The Humanitarian Challenges**
Artak Beglaryan, Karnig Kerkonian,
Siranush Sargsyan, Gegham Stepanyan

This session will explore the ongoing humanitarian issues facing Artsakh Armenians, focusing on the impact of displacement, protection of fundamental rights, and access to essential services. Experts will discuss current efforts and potential strategies to address these pressing needs.

☛ 15h00 **Artsakh: The Legal Challenges and Strategy**
Asya Darbinyan, Karnig Kerkonian,
Julien Zarifian

This session examines the complex legal challenges shaping the Artsakh question today. Topics include international law, the right of return, human rights implications, and cultural heritage protection. Experts will explore strategic approaches to understand and navigate these issues to seek long-term resolutions.

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16h30 **Armenian Identity, Homeland, & Statehood**
 Nora Armani, Nvard Chalikyan,
 Hovel Chenorhokian, Vahagn Vardanyan

The Republic of Armenia is a small nation-state connected to a larger global diaspora. What links the two is Armenian identity – a multifaceted and diverse phenomenon rooted in the nation's history and traditions. The session discusses the strategic objectives, proposes formats for the Armenia-Diaspora relationship, and highlights potential barriers relating to the Diaspora's engagement in Armenia.

17h00 **Diaspora Engagement in Theory, Practice, and Beyond**
 Aleksandr Gevorkyan, Martin Russel

This panel tackles questions of diaspora and home economic development. Globally, much hope is placed on diaspora potential and a lot can be learned from synthesizing the best practices. Summarizing results from a unique Armenian diaspora online survey this session will also investigate the emerging topics in diaspora engagement with lessons for Armenia.

17h30 **NUACA**
 Arev Samuelyan

A showcase of the National University Of Architecture And Construction Of Armenia.

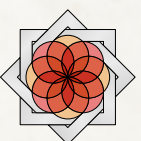
17h45 **ArCH Council**
 Gaianè Casnati, Nina Hovnanian

The newly established Council for Cultural Heritage Preservation (ArCH) will be presented, with its goals for 2024-25 and beyond.

18h15 Coffee break + Paradjanov at 100
 Anahid Mikayelyan

19h15 **New Directions for 2025: Discussion**
 Vatche Sahakian

An open discussion, with electronic live voting, to determine where our members would like to see ASOF head in 2025.



Friday, June 28

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☛ 10h00 **Coffee Break**

☛ 10h30 **Seismic Safety**

Armen Minassian, Armen Martirosyan,
Armen Der Kiureghian, Marco Brambilla

Earthquakes have historically affected the uplands of the Armenian Highland. The 1988 Spitak Earthquake revealed Armenia's building stock seismic vulnerability. Many Soviet-era structures lack adequate seismic resistance; even post-Soviet buildings are at risk. We aim prioritizing seismic safety by assessing retrofiting methodologies, improving design codes, collaborating with experts and the community.

☛ 11h00 **Honors Courses in Mathematics program**

Grigor Sargsyan, Armen Shirikyan,
Sevak Mkrtchyan, Lilit Movsesyan

A presentation of the Honors Mathematics Program ASOF and ANSEF/FAR have been engaged in at YSU.

☛ 11h30 **UFAR**

Zaruhi Soghomonyan

A showcase of the French University of Armenia.

☛ 12h00 **Lunch break**

☛ 14h00 **Power and Influence for Maximum Impact in Armenian**

Narek Mkrtchyan

☛ 14h15 **The Armenian National Services Gateway: citizen-centric digital services**

Vahagn Zakaryan

Armenia is seeking to level-up the quality of services provided to citizens – through removal of red-tape, and creation of world class digital experiences. All of the new services will be included on hartak.am, a one-stop-shop for Armenian Government services and information, enabling our vision for Armenia as a trust based e-society and economy.

☛ 14h30 **Funding Sources for Grant Proposals**

Tigran Arzumanyan, Maria Baghramian

A discussion of research funding opportunities for scholars in Armenia from sources outside of Armenia, primarily in the E.U. and the U.S..

☛ 14h45 **Partnership with US & European Universities**

Kevork Abazajian

Scholarly activity greatly benefits from international exposure and collaboration. I will discuss initiatives, workshops, conferences, centers, and mentoring programs that may broaden the impact of scholarly activity in Armenia, as well as opportunities for international funding for support. I will also discuss formats for partnership between Armenian and US universities, and how they can be further utilized.

☛ 15h00 **Higher Education Reform**

Mary Papazian

ASOF has been engaged in a collaborative effort to develop a new governance model for higher education and research, targeting at first the new Center for Intelligence Computing. The presentation will outline the proposed model and the next steps.

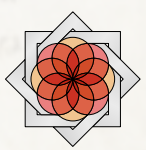
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- **15h30 Coffee break and tours**
- **16h30 The State of K-12 Education**
 Zina Ghukasyan, Robert Vardanyan,
 Vahagn Vardanyan
 A broad discussion on the state of K-12 education in Armenia.
- **17h00 Life Sciences**
 Haig Eskandarian, Lilit Nersisyan
 A conversation on the state and future of the life sciences in Armenia.
- **17h30 Chemistry**
 Ivan Aprahamian, Davit Zargarian
 A conversation on the state and future of chemistry in Armenia.
- **17h45 Astrophysics and Astronomy**
 Kevork Abazajian, Naira Azatyan
 A conversation on the state and future of astrophysics and astronomy in Armenia.
- **18h00 Physics**
 Armen Allahverdyan, Vatche Sahakian
 A conversation on the state and future of physics in Armenia, with particular focus on theoretical physics -- a traditional forte of the country.
- **18h15 Board Business: Voting Results**
 Ani Aprahamian
 The results of the electronic voting for the 3 vacant seats of the Executive Board.
- **18h30 Coffee break + photo of the participants**





Saturday, June 29



Yerevan State University

Auditorium, Main Building, 3rd floor

Throughout the day **Memory Gates exhibition**

Kevork Mourad

Meet with the artist.
Setup in front of the Auditorium.

◆ 16h00 to 16h30 **Yerevan State University**

Rafayel Barkhudaryan

Vice-Rector, Yerevan State University

◆ 16h30 to 17h30 **Synopsis of the First Three Days**

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◆ 17h30 to 18h30 **Effective Journalism and Information Dissemination**

Eric Hacopian

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Communications, American University of Armenia

◆ 18h30 to 19h30 **ArCH: Culture and Heritage Protection & Promotion**

Nina Hovnanian

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Arevik Ashkharoyan

ARI Literature Foundation

◆ 19h30 to 20h30 **Artsakh State Dance Ensemble named after Ashot Babayan**



Sunday, June 30



American University of Armenia

Large Auditorium, Main Building, 2nd floor

◆ 16h00 to 16h30 **The American University of Armenia**

Bruce Boghosian

President of the American University of Armenia

◆ 16h30 to 17h30 **Seismic security**

Martin Eskijian

Senior Engineer, Ocean/coastal structures

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ARPA Technology Group, Principal

Armen Minassian

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◆ 17h30 to 18h30 **Artsakh, National Security, and the Next Steps**

Karnig Kerkonian

Kerkonian Dajani LLP

Arman Tatoyan

Professor at the American University of Armenia

◆ 18h30 to 19h30 **Armenia's Higher Education & Research Governance**

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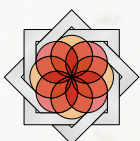
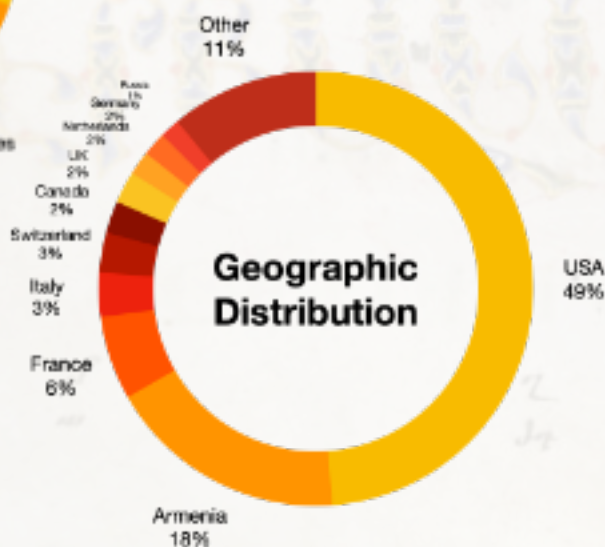
To contribute to the development of a modern, sophisticated, and internationally networked civil society in Armenia.

Vision

To help the Armenian Nation achieve her full potential as a key contributor to world culture and to the world's collective effort to deal with the significant social challenges it faces.

To help safeguard Armenian culture in Armenia and abroad, and to expand its visibility and contributions.

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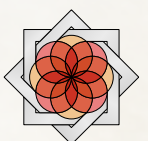
ArCH: Armenian Cultural Heritage is dedicated to the sustainable cultural development and protection of the cultural legacy of Armenians, both within Armenia and globally. In promoting knowledge, ArCH aims to unite and enhance the efforts of all stakeholders, as a crucial strategy for the conservation and promotion of Armenia's endangered cultural treasures and contemporary artistic endeavors - while highlighting the importance of awareness and academic collaboration in the face of global challenges.

Ten Objectives

1. Encourage academic research aimed at the proper identification, study, and safeguard of Armenian cultural and artistic heritage wherever they might be located,
2. Foster collaboration and create synergies to avoid duplication and/or replication of projects, with a focus on the fruitful integration of Armenia and the diaspora,
3. Assist Armenian institutions in the creation, improvement, and implementation of effective legal and regulatory frameworks for cultural heritage protection and promotion,
4. Promote vocational training and school educational programs focused on culture - to foster knowledge, preservation, and production of the arts,
5. Ensure a scientific approach to the preservation of monuments and artifacts and improve local expertise in Armenia,
6. Ensure efficient allocation of resources to support the design, the funding, and the implementation of quality projects,
7. Enhance the global knowledge and appreciation of Armenian arts and culture, and ensure proper identification of Armenian masterpieces,
8. Facilitate the mobilization of those people who care and promote the involvement of civil society and the younger generations,
9. Promote the natural attractiveness of territories and increase the quality of life of their inhabitants,
10. Promote artists and creative industry.



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Lunch & Dinner

- **Lumen Coffee** (2 mins walk, Opens at 8:30 AM)
45 Mesrop Mashtots Ave
- **Tavern Yerevan** (9 mins walk, Opens at 9:30AM)
91 Teryan St
- **Ponchikanots** (6 mins walk, Opens at 10:00AM)
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- **Mezzo Club** (9 mins walk, Opens as 3:00 PM)
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In Yerevan

Vernissage (flea market)
Armenian National Opera and Ballet
History Museum of Armenia
The Cafesjian Center for the Arts
Armenian Genocide Museum
Megerian Carpet factory-museum
Paradjanov Museum
Kochar museums

Outside Yerevan

Echmiadzin/Hripsime/Gayane
Zvartnots Cathedral
Garni Temple
Geghard Monastery
Khor Virap
Metsamor Archaeological Site
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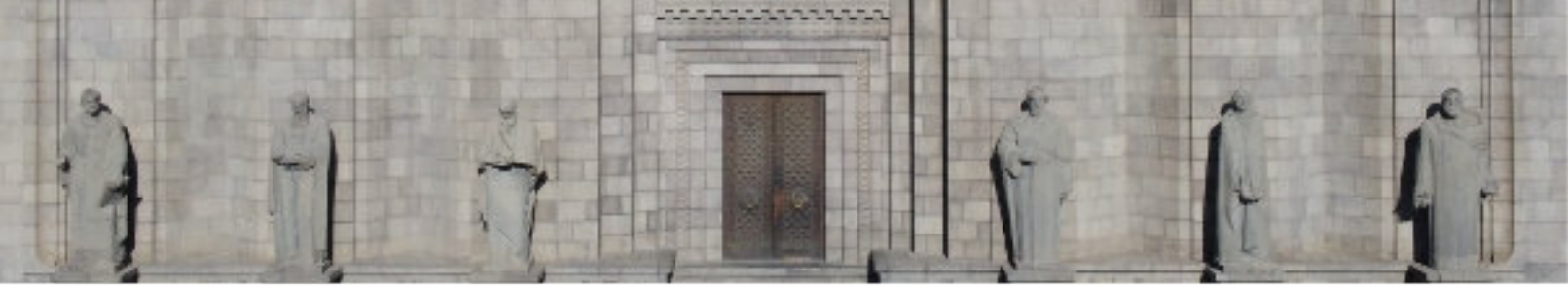
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