

SESSION 5. ENDANGERED CULTURAL AND
RELIGIOUS HERITAGE OF ARTSAKH
CHAIR: JASMINE DUM-TRAGUT

11.30 – 13.30

Marco Bais

(University of Rome
La Sapienza/Pontifical Oriental
Institute), *The Use and
Abuse of Classical and
Medieval
Sources about
Caucasian Albania*

Jost Gippert

(University of Hamburg),
*Albanian Inscriptions
in Artsakh?*

Annegret Plontke-Lüning

(University of Jena),
*The Architectural Heritage of
Artsakh: a Historical Overview*

Hamlet Petrosyan

(Yerevan State University),
*The Current Situation of
Monuments in Artsakh*

**“The churches and monasteries of
Nagorno-Karabakh must be
respected and Protected”**

(Pope Francis, The Angelus on 15 October 2023)

13.30 - 14.30

LUNCH

15.00 - 16.00

ROUND TABLE and CLOSING
REMARKS

**Zara Pogossian and Marco Bais:
Moderators**

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Fr. Hyacinthe Destivelle, Fr. Garegin Hambardzumyan,
Prof. Zara Pogossian, Dr. Anush Torunyan

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MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2024

WELCOME SPEECHES

10.00 **Fr. Hyacinthe Destivelle**
His Eminence Archbishop
Khajag Barsamian
Welcoming remarks

Messages
from: His Holiness
Karekin II, Catholicos of all
Armenians
His Eminence **Cardinal Kurt**
Koch, Prefect of the Dica-
stery for Promoting Chri-
stian Unity
His Eminence **Cardinal Clau-**
dio Gugerotti, Prefect of the
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His Eminence **Cardinal José**
Tolentino de Mendoza,
Prefect of the Dicastery for
Culture and Education

SESSION 1. CULTURAL HERITAGE, RELIGIOUS SITES, HUMAN RIGHTS CHAIR: ZARA POGOSSIAN

10.30 – 12.00 **Mark Vlasic**
(Georgetown University /
Massey College),
Culture in the Line of Fire: from
Genocide to Cultural Heritage
Destruction to Social Impact
Entertainment
Pierre d'Argent
(University of Louvain),
Cultural Destruction,
Alteration or Negation as
Racism: Armenia's Case

before the International
Court of Justice
Armine Aleksanyan
(Diocesan Council of Artsakh),
Diplomatic and other Means
of Protecting Cultural and
Religious Heritage in
Conflict Zones: What can
be done to Enhance them?

12.00 – 12.30 COFFEE BREAK

SESSION 2. CONFLICT, CULTURAL HERITAGE, THE MEDIA CHAIR: HEGHNAR WATENPAUGH

12.00 – 12.30 **Vasco La Salvia** (University
of Chieti), *Destruction of*
Cultural Heritage,
Discrimination, and the Media
Arsène Saparov (Rabdan
Academy), *The Media,*
Experts, Silences, and
Presumed Neutrality

13.00 – 14.30 LUNCH

SESSION 3. RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES IN CONFLICT ZONES CHAIR: MARCO BAIS

15.00 – 16.30 **Mgr. Mikhaeel Moussa**
Najeeb, O.P. (Chaldean Arch-
bishop of Mosul of Aqra-Iraq),
The Ecumenical Dimension
of the Preservation of Cultu-
ral Heritage: The Case of
Christian Manuscripts in Iraq

Peter Petkoff (Oxford Uni-
versity), *Weaponising of*
Religious-Cultural Heritage
and Geopolitical
Consolidation
Tasoula Hadjitofi,
A Strategy for Artsakh: 50
Years' Lessons Learned
from Cyprus

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2024

SESSION 4. ENDANGERED ARMENIAN MONUMENTS: ARTSAKH IN CONTEXT CHAIR: VASCO LA SALVIA

9.30 - 11.00 **Heghnar Watenpaugh,**
(University of California,
Davis), *The Fate of the*
Armenian Cultural Heritage
of Nakhichevan: A Grim
Portent for Artsakh?
Jasmine Dum-Tragut,
(University of Salzburg,
Institute of Archaeology
and Ethnography),
Monuments in Syunik and
Tavush: Border Regions and
Cultural Heritage
Alain Navarra de Borgia
(Hystart NGO), *Religious*
Sites and Shared Cultural
Memory in Artsakh

11.00 - 11.30 COFFEE BREAK