[Open University Program](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/docs/openuniversity.pdf)

The Open University brings the research and insight of scholars to the larger community through seminars and lectures and serves a unique educational function in the community. Typically, an Open University Program consists of a presentation in the morning, a lunch break, and a seminar discussion of the topic in the afternoon.   
  
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Public Lectures

["The Armenian Genocide through the Prism of the Adana Massacres"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/conferences/PrototypeGenocideConference.pdf)   
**Bedross Der Matossian, Toronto, January 29, 2010.**  
  
["The Georgetown Boys"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/Georgetown%20Boys%20Press%20Release.pdf)   
**Lorne Shirinian. Co-organized with NAASR, Belmont, MA, May 28, 2009.**   
  
["Righteous Turks and Armenian Righteous Among Nations: Rescuers in the Armenian Genocide and the Jewish Holocaust"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/Righteous%20Turks%20and%20Armenian%20Righteous%20Among%20Nations.pdf)   
**Richard G. Hovannisian, as part of Holocaust Education Week, Toronto, November 2 and 3, 2008.**  
  
["The Politics of Genocide Recognition in the United States: The Armenian Genocide between Moralpolitik and Realpolitik"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/Payaslian_Toronto_Lecture.htm)   
**Simon Payaslian. Toronto, November 11, 2007; Montreal, April 11, 2008.**  
  
["Nazi Germany, the Armenians and the Jews"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/ShameFul_Act.htm)   
**Eric D. Weitz, as part of Holocaust Education Week, Toronto, November 6 and 7, 2007.**  
  
["A Shameful Act"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/ShameFul_Act.htm)   
**Taner Akcam. Twelve lectures, including Harvard University, City University of New York Graduate Center, Colgate University, McGill University, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Chicago, University of Texas-Austin, St. Thomas University (Houston), University of Toronto, UCLA, Fall-Winter 2006-2007.**   
  
["The Armeno-Azeri Academic Conflict over Karabakh" and "The Current Situation Regarding the Independence of Nagorno-Karabakh and International Law"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/announcement_Karabagh_Independence.htm)   
**George Bournoutian and Vardan Barseghyan. Co-organized with the AGBU Toronto, October 29, 2004.**   
  
["Turkey's Entry into the European Union and its Relations with Armenia in light of the Rejection of the EU Constitution"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/announcement_Astourian_Lecture.htm)   
**Stephan Astourian, Toronto, June 10, 2005.**  
  
["From Empire to Republic"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/announcement_Taner_NewBook.htm)   
**Taner Akcam. Five lectures in Boston, Montreal, Toronto, New York, May-June 2004.**  
Participants included Rouben Adalian, Taner Akcam, Razmik Panossian, Roger W. Smith.   
  
[The Genocide and Armenian National Identity Changes During the Karabagh Movement (1988-1990)"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/announcement_MARUTYAN_LECTURES.htm)   
**Harutyun Marutyan. Co-organized with NAASR, Belmont, MA, April 21, 2004.**  
  
["The Banality of Denial"](http://www.zoryaninstitute.org/Announcements/announcement_Yair_Auron_NorthAmericaTour.htm)   
**Yair Auron. Eight lectures, including Toronto, Rutgers, New York, Boston, Montreal, November-December 2003.**  
  
"Looking Backward, Moving Forward"   
**Richard Hovannisian. Co-organized with the Armenian National Committee of Toronto, August 8, 2003.**  
  
"Turkish-Armenian Relations"   
**Hrant Dink. Toronto, Montreal, New York, Spring 2002.**  
  
"The Banality of Indifference"   
**Yair Auron. Co-organized with the AGBU Toronto, June 2001.**  
  
"Dialogue Across an International Divide"   
**Taner Akcam. Co-organized with the AGBU Toronto, May 2001.**  
  
"The Banality of Indifference"   
**Yair Auron. Eleven lectures: Washington, Boston, New York, Montreal, Toronto, Los Angeles, Berkeley, San Francisco, Fresno, Fall 2000.**  
  
"Faith in History: Armenians Rebuilding Community"   
**Susan Pattie, University College, London. New York, December 2; Boston, December 4, 1997.**  
Discussed how the mechanisms for creating and maintaining a sense of community and national identity have evolved, as early survivors have given way to second- and third-generation Armenians who are increasingly at home in their host societies. Drawing on five years of fieldwork, Pattie showed how the Armenian language and such institutions as the Church once acted as key repositories of identity, but now function more as symbols within a larger faith�a faith in Armenian history as a transcendent, unifying force for Armenians worldwide.   
  
"Strategies of Countering and Refuting Turkish Denial of the Armenian Genocide"   
**Vahakn Dadrian, Toronto, October 18, 1997.**  
Vahakn Dadrian provided examples of denial of the Armenian Genocide in academia, the media, state affairs, etc., and discussed the methods and means by which the Turkish government has institutionalized these efforts and constructed an industry of denial. He then outlined the challenges facing the Armenian community in refuting this denial. In comparing the enormous resources of the Turkish government with the meager resources of the Armenian Diaspora, he suggested the establishing of a large pan-Armenian endowment fund dedicated to research, documentation and study of all aspects of the Armenian Genocide, as well as for scholarships and research fellowships.   
  
"German Sources and the Armenian Genocide & The German Archives and the Armenian Genocide"   
**Prof. Vahakn N. Dadrian and Wolfgang Gust. York University, Toronto, 1997.**  
  
"Ancient Theology for a New Millennium?"   
**Vigen Guroian, Loyola College, Maryland. London School of Economics, June 1997.**  
  
"Turkish Denials of the Armenian Genocide: Premises and Methods"   
**Vahakn Dadrian , Toronto, October 17, 1997.**  
Vahakn Dadrian discussed the methodologies of research and gathering incontestable evidence of the Armenian Genocide. Using archival material from Germany and Austria (allies of Turkey at the time) and randomly surviving Turkish documents to support his argument, Dadrian explained the processes of premeditation, decision-making, organization, and implementation of the Armenian Genocide.   
  
"Nagorno Karabagh: Five Years of Negotiations; Three Years of Ceasefire"   
**Hartch Tchilingirian, London School of Economics. London School of Economics, May 1997.**  
  
"Glasnost and Armenia"   
**Abel Aganbegyan. University of Toronto, in cooperation with the Centre for Russian and East European Studies, September 15, 1990.**  
  
"The Nationalities in the Soviet Union: Possible Solutions within the Framework of a Revised Constitution"   
**Yelena Bonner, human rights activist and writer. Cambridge, MA, May 6, 1990.**  
  
"The Processes and Policies of Nationalities in the Soviet Union"   
**Galina Staravoitova, a representative of Sovietashen (a district of Yerevan) in the USSR Congress, Cambridge, MA, December 8, 1989.**  
The Processes and Policies of Nationalities in the Soviet Union Galina Staravoitova, a representative of Sovietashen (a district of Yerevan) in the USSR Congress, discussed the failure of Russian politicians to understand the ethnic and religious issues of the national movements in the Soviet Union. The placed the Armenian national struggle in close relation with the democratic struggle for human rights. �National ethnic revival is first and foremost an ethical protest against immoral structures and immoral policies,� she stated. One poll taken in October found that only 10% of Armenians and the peoples in the Baltic states answered that greater unity in the Soviet Union would improve life, while 32% in Ukraine and 63% in Russia felt it would. Only 9% of Russians felt that a greater effort to preserve national languages would improve life, as compared with 21% in Ukraine, 26% in the Baltics, and 53% in Armenia.   
  
"Geo-Politics and Movements of National Self-Determination"   
**Gerard Chaliand. University of Toronto, October 5, 1989.**