

CONFERENCE – PUBLIC DEBATE

THE POLITICS OF MEMORY : A PATH TO RECONCILIATION?

Thursday 28 February, 2008, 20:00

Maison des Associations – salle Gandhi – 15, rue des Savoises, Genève

Dealing with a legacy of genocide and mass violence is one of the most difficult challenges facing any society in the aftermath of violent conflict. How can populations concerned live with such memory? What politics of memory can contribute to overcome a traumatic past? The conference will shed a light on these issues by addressing different cases and approaches seeking truth, seeking justice or reconciliation.

Program

Welcome address

Administrative Council of the City of Geneva

Judging War, Judging History

Pierre HAZAN, author and journalist, Geneva

Living with a Legacy of Genocide and Mass Violence: True and False Dilemmas in Dealing with the Past in the Balkans

Jonathan SISSON, Center for Peacebuilding KOFF, Bern

The WATS initiative or how to demystify the Armenian Turkish past

Prof. Gerard J. LIBARIDIAN, Chair of Modern Armenian History, Director of the Armenian Studies Program, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

PUBLIC DEBATE

Do politics of memory contribute to reconciliation?


With the participation of the lecturers and the public.

Moderation: Carine Bachmann, CIMERA, Geneva

Simultaneous interpretation English/French is available.

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