

# Russian-Armenian and Armenian-American Relations Today

THURSDAY, **MARCH 27** at **7:00PM**  
Columbia University, Kent Hall, Room 413\*

Mr. **Van Z. Krikorian** and **Andranik Migranyan** will discuss Armenian-American and Russian-Armenian relations in the context of current developments followed by **Q&A. Topics** to be covered:

- ✓ Armenian government's decision to join the Customs Union with Russia
- ✓ Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in the current stage
- ✓ Armenian Diaspora in the US and Russia: differences and similarities
- ✓ Armenian Genocide: recognition in process
- ✓ The effectiveness of economic relations with the US and Russia
- ✓ Is the Armenian foreign policy still complementary?
- ✓ Ukrainian crisis: will it change the conjuncture of interests in South Caucasus?

**Andranik Migranyan** is a member of the Council on Foreign and Defense Policy of the Russian Federation, member of the Valdai Discussion Club, Chairman of the Research Council of the CIS Institute, Chairman of the commission of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation (first convocation), and Member of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation (second convocation). He previously served as member of the Presidential Council of the Russian Federation (1993–2000); Professor of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations - MGIMO; Senior Adviser to the Committee on Foreign Relations, Supreme Council of the Russian Federation (1992–1993); Chief Advisor to the Committee on CIS Problems of Russian Parliament (The State Duma) (1994–1995); Vice-president, Reforma Foundation (1993–2003); First Vice-President, Soglasiye Foundation (2004–2008). Dr. Migranyan is the author of over 600 publications in Russian and other languages, including *Democracy and Morality* (1989), *Russia in Search for Identity* (1997); *Russia: From Chaos to Order?* (2001); *The United States After the First Obama Term* (2012) - editor; *Democracy in a Russian Mirror* (2013) – author and co-editor with Adam Przeworski. Mr. Migranyan is also a founding member of Turkish Armenian Reconciliation Commission (2001-2004).

**Van Z. Krikorian** serves as Counselor and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Armenian Assembly of America. He began with the organization in 1977, and has served as Chairman of its Board of Directors, and in other positions for over 30 years. He is a trustee of the Armenian Genocide Museum of America and Chairman of its Building and Operations Committee; on Board of the Armenian National Institute; Chairman and CEO of Global Gold Corporation, which also operates in Armenia (2007- present). Previously he was a partner of Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz and until 1998 practiced law with Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler. In 2005, he was appointed to the International Council of George Washington University, and he is an Adjunct Professor of Law at Pace University Law School in White Plains, NY. Mr. Krikorian has initiated several pieces of human rights legislation, including Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act and the Humanitarian Aid Corridors Act. In the 1993 decision *Krikorian v. Department of State*, the District of Columbia Federal Court of Appeals acknowledged that United States policy historically recognized the Armenian Genocide. Mr. Krikorian is a founding member of the Turkish Armenian Reconciliation Commission; served as a member of the U.S. delegation to the Moscow CSCE meetings of 1991 during the first Bush Administration. In 1992, he served as Deputy Representative and Counselor to the United Nations for the newly independent Republic of Armenia.



\* The entrance to the building is from inside the campus (116 and Broadway; 116 and Amsterdam): see the map. Light refreshments will be served. The event is organized by the *Armenian Society of Columbia University* in partnership with *AGBU University Outreach*.