

EDITORIAL NOTE

This 52nd issue of the *Review of Armenian Studies* appears at a time of renewed movement in the complex trajectory of Armenia's domestic and international orientation. The *Facts and Comments* section chronicles notable shifts of June–November 2025, highlighting the dynamic interplay between domestic contestation, diaspora engagement, and international diplomacy. The normalization efforts between Armenia and Türkiye, together with progress in the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace negotiations, frame this edition's multidisciplinary contributions.

Building on the editorial innovations of previous volumes, we retain the **Commentary Section**, this time examining the perennial resonance of the Armenian issue within Turkish politics and diplomacy. **Prof. Dr. Ömer Turan's** essay explores the transition of the "Armenian question" from diplomacy to public debate, emphasizing the critical significance of normalization efforts in the aftermath of the Karabakh conflict.

The centerpiece of this volume is the special section "**Conflict Narratives and Strategic Perceptions in the Armenian Question.**" Here, contributors address the intersection of war, law, propaganda, and security:

Assist. Prof Dr. Zeynep Deniz Altınsoy evaluates the legal foundation and international implications of Azerbaijan's accusations regarding the use of child soldiers by Armenia in the Second Karabakh War, highlighting the nuances of international law and challenges of evidence.

Dr. Çağatay Balcı analyzes Iran's shifting defense industry strategy within the context of the Karabakh conflict, tracing an "exceptional approach" that signals broader regional transformation.

Assist. Prof. Yusuf Dinçel assesses the *Pro Armenia* newspaper's role as a tool of psychological warfare in the late Ottoman era, offering a revealing look at propaganda, perception management, and the international context shaping discourse on the Armenian question.

Complementing these studies, **PhD Candidate Minhazul Abedin's** article on the British naturalization of Turkish Armenians in Bengal highlights the

transnational legal and identity evolution of diaspora communities, broadening our understanding of citizenship and mobility beyond the immediate regional conflicts.

Finally, **Dr. İlaha Khantamirova's** critical review of Robert Gerwarth's, a commentary reviewing Robert Gerwarth's, "*The Vanquished: Why the First World War Failed to End*" critiques the Eurocentric limitations of seminal postwar historiography, calling for greater engagement with Ottoman and Turkish sources to achieve balanced, multi-perspective analyses.

As regional actors explore normalization and peace, this issue remains committed to the rigorous, evidence-based scholarship and multidisciplinary analysis that have been core characteristics of the *Review of Armenian Studies* since its inception. We thank our contributors for deepening our insight into the region's enduring challenges and hope this edition inspires further informed dialogue and research.