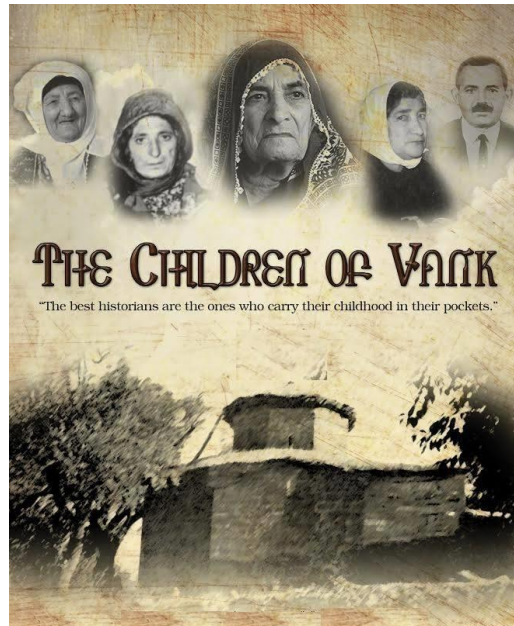


# THE CHILDREN OF VANK



## SCREENING AND DISCUSSION WITH AYDA ERBAL AND FILMMAKER NEZAHAT GÜNDOĞAN

Descendants of genocide survivors in Dersim, Turkey reconnect with their lost Armenian identity. The documentary explores questions of belonging, memory and the long shadow of the genocide haunting Islamized Armenians.

**NEZAHAT GÜNDOĞAN** will join the discussion via Skype. Born in 1968 in Erzincan, Gündoğan is an architect, writer and filmmaker who served a 6.5-year sentence as a political prisoner in the late 90s. Gündoğan has directed several films and is the recipient of the Antalya Film Festival's *Golden Orange Documentary Competition Jury Special Award*.

**AYDA ERBAL** teaches *Middle Eastern Politics and Democratic Theory*, as adjunct professor of politics at New York University, and is an award-winning filmmaker. Her first short film *Harvest* won the Best Narrative Short prize at San Antonio Film Festival. Erbal is also a published short-story writer and one of the founding editors of *Azad Alik* (<https://azadalik.wordpress.com/>), a multilingual politics blog primarily dealing with minority politics in Turkey.

*THE CHILDREN OF VANK* is a documentary film in Turkish with English subtitles.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**DONATION: \$12 ADULTS, NO CHARGE FOR STUDENTS**

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