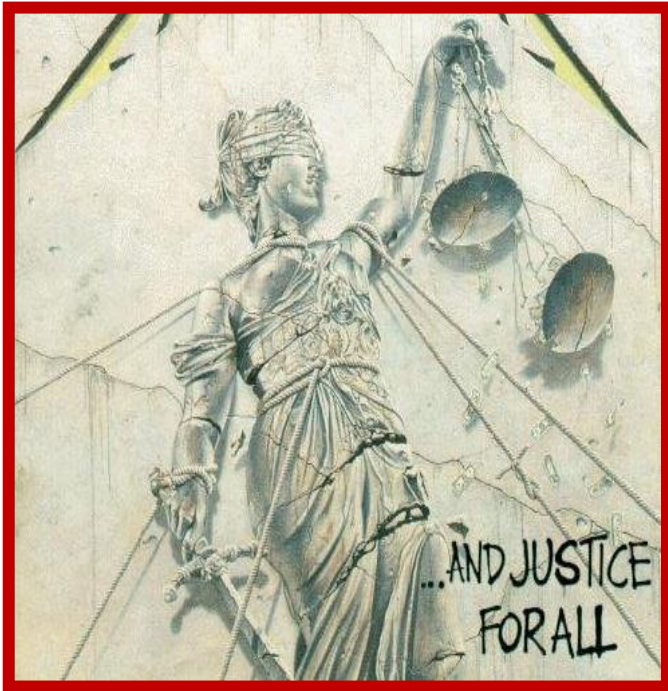


RESTITUTION OF PROPERTY IN TURKEY AFTER 100 YEARS



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AND

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Turkish authorities have confiscated assets belonging to non-Muslim foundations and individuals—from the beginning of the 20th Century until the 2000s—thereby eroding their capacity to serve and support their communities. There have been some positive developments since 2000.

ÖMER KANTIK, a member of the Turkey's Armenian community, who aims to reverse a more than century-long practice of administrative and judicial confiscation, is currently involved in over 100 restitution cases with attorneys Destina Kantik and Arda Kantik. Some properties have already been recovered. He will share the little-known story of legal reform in contemporary Turkey, the ways in which the claims process affects minority communities, the impact of decisions of the European Court of Human Rights, and other developments.

ÖMER KANTIK represents various Armenian, Jewish, Greek and Chaldean foundations—including *Surp Haç Tibrevank Ermeni Lisesi Vakfi*—and numerous individuals.

Attorney **DESTINA KANTIK** will join and translate for her father. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School, Robert College, and Istanbul University Law Faculty *summa cum laude*. She works on minority issues and matters of commercial law and arbitration.

AYDA ERBAL is adjunct professor of politics at New York University and Bogazici University. She is also a managing editor of [Hyetert](https://www.hyetert.com), a multilingual news aggregation site in Turkey.

The presentation will be in Turkish and English.

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