REQUEST BY A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE

DEADLINE 30 APRIL 2019

Instructions for completing the request form are available at:

1. Name of the organization

1.a. Official name
Please provide the full official name of the organization, in its original language, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

NGO "Hazarashen" Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies

1.b. Name in English or French
Please provide the name of the organization in English or French.

NGO "Hazarashen" Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies

2. Contact of the organization

2.a. Address of the organization
Please provide the complete postal address of the organization, as well as additional contact information such as its telephone number, email address, website, etc. This should be the postal address where the organization carries out its business, regardless of where it may be legally domiciled (see section 8).

Organization: NGO "Hazarashen" Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies
Address: 15 Charents Street, 0025 Yerevan, Armenia
Telephone number: +374 10 556896
Email address: hazarashen9@gmail.com
Website: N/A
Other relevant information: N/A
2.b Contact person for correspondence

Provide the complete name, address and other contact information of the person responsible for correspondence concerning this request.

Title (Ms/Mr, etc.): Ms.
Family name: Kharatyan
Given name: Lusine
Institution/position: "Hazarashen" Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies
Address: Member

Telephone number:
Email address:
Other relevant information:

3. Country or countries in which the organization is active

Please identify the country or countries in which the organization actively operates. If it operates entirely within one country, please indicate which country. If its activities are international, please indicate whether it operates globally or in one or more regions, and please list the primary countries in which it carries out its activities.

☒ local
☒ national
☒ international (please specify: )
☐ worldwide
☐ Africa
☐ Arab States
☐ Asia & the Pacific
☒ Europe & North America
☐ Latin America & the Caribbean

Please list the primary country(ies) in which it is active:
Armenia

4. Date of its founding or approximate duration of its existence

Please state when the organization came into existence, as it appears in the supporting documentation establishing its legal personality (section 8.b below).

1997
5. Objectives of the organization

Please describe the objectives for which the organization was established, which should be 'in conformity with the spirit of the Convention' (Criterion C). If the organization's primary objectives are other than safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, please explain how its safeguarding objectives relate to those larger objectives.

Not to exceed 350 words; do not attach additional information

Primary objectives related to the Convention are the following:
1. Ethnographic research on Armenian cultural heritage, traditional and modern culture and lifestyle, identity, traditions and customs;
2. Research and expertise on reconstruction of national folk holidays, rituals and celebrations;
3. Research, documentation, information production and publication on Armenian intangible cultural heritage.

6. The organization's activities in the field of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

Sections 6.a to 6.d are the primary place for establishing that the NGO satisfies the criterion of having 'proven competence, expertise and experience in safeguarding (as defined in Article 2.3 of the Convention) intangible cultural heritage belonging, inter alia, to one or more specific domains' (Criterion A).

6.a. Domain(s) in which the organization is active

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the primary domains in which the organization is most active. If its activities involve domains other than those listed, please tick 'other domains' and indicate which domains are concerned.

☑ oral traditions and expressions
☑ performing arts
☑ social practices, rituals and festive events
☑ knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe
☑ traditional craftsmanship
☑ other domains - please specify:

6.b. Primary safeguarding activities in which the organization is involved

Please tick one or more boxes to indicate the organization's primary safeguarding activities. If its activities involve safeguarding measures not listed here, please tick 'other safeguarding measures' and specify which ones are concerned.

☑ identification, documentation, research (including inventory-making)
☑ preservation, protection
☑ promotion, enhancement
☑ transmission, formal or non-formal education
☑ revitalization
☑ other safeguarding measures - please specify:
6.c. Description of the organization's activities

Organizations requesting accreditation should briefly describe their recent activities and relevant experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage, including those demonstrating the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee. Relevant documentation may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 550 words; do not attach additional information

Below are only most relevant activities:

1. Study of social practices, rituals and festive events in different regions of Armenia, publications and presentations of the findings, 1997- till now;
2. Providing expertise and training to schools, regional and local governments on traditional holidays, rituals, traditional craftsmanship and other elements of intangible culture;
3. TV, radio and newspaper interviews and programs on different aspects of intangible cultural heritage;
4. In recent years organization members have published books on Armenian national holidays and Armenian wedding. One of Hazarashen's Board Members, Mr. Levon Abrahamian, is the editor of "Armenian Folk Arts, Culture and Identity," with Nancy Sweezy and Sam Sweezy;
5. Some members of the organization (CVs attached) have been involved as experts and curators in the Armenia: Creating Home program at the 2018 Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington D.C.

6.d. Description of the organization's competence and expertise

Please provide information on the personnel and members of the organization, describe their competence and expertise in the domain of intangible cultural heritage, in particular those that demonstrate the capacities of the organization to provide advisory services to the Committee, and explain how they acquired such competence. Documentation of such competences may be submitted, if necessary, under section 8.c below.

Not to exceed 200 words; do not attach additional information

The organization is established and run by a group of cultural anthropologists based in Armenia. Most members are researchers at the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of National Academy of Sciences of Armenia and are well-known professionals in Armenia. Four Board members of the organization hold Ph.Ds. and have published on various issues related to intangible cultural heritage, both in academic publications and press media. The organization's experience and expertise includes a wide range of intangible heritage domains from oral traditions and expressions to traditional craftsmanship. Not only the organization carries out research and provides expertise on the matters related to intangible cultural heritage, but it is also frequently consulted by governmental and non-governmental organizations, schools and local governments, as well as private sector for advice on reconstruction of traditional rituals and holidays. Two members of the organization are members of the Expert Council on Intangible Cultural Heritage adjunct to the Minister of Culture of Armenia. In addition to Armenian heritage, organization members are also involved in research of minority cultural heritage in Armenia.

7. The organization's experiences in cooperating with communities, groups and intangible cultural heritage practitioners

The Committee will evaluate whether NGOs requesting accreditation 'cooperate in a spirit of mutual respect with communities, groups and, where appropriate, individuals that create, practise and transmit intangible cultural heritage' (Criterion D). Please briefly describe such experiences here.

Not to exceed 350 words, do not attach additional information

For years, the organization has worked with different rural and urban communities in Armenia. Not
only the organization has conducted ethnographic fieldwork in these communities, but it also has helped the individuals and groups with safeguarding and transmitting, as well as promoting and revitalizing their practices. In the past, the organization has helped specific groups and communities to revitalize their rituals and/or holidays. In preparation for Smithsonian Folklife Festival, the organization members have identified and documented certain elements of intangible culture and have worked with groups and individuals on the enhancement and promotion of these traditions through involving them in the Festival, but also by publicizing their knowledge and practices. The organization has also carried out research on traditional local knowledge and practices concerning nature in the northern regions of Armenia. The results of the research were communicated to relevant decision makers to inform specific environmental policies.

8. Documentation of the operational capacities of the organization

The Operational Directives require that an organization requesting accreditation submit documentation proving that it possesses the operational capacities listed under Criterion E. Such supporting documents may take various forms, in light of the diverse legal regimes in effect in different States. Submitted documents should be translated, whenever possible, into English or French if the originals are in another language. Please label supporting documents clearly with the section (8.a, 8.b or 8.c) to which they refer.

8.a. Members and personnel

Proof of the participation of the members of the organization, as requested under Criterion E (i), may take diverse forms such as a list of directors, a list of personnel and statistical information on the quantity and categories of the members; a complete membership roster usually need not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled ‘Section 8.a’.

8.b. Recognized legal personality

If the organization has a charter, articles of incorporation, by-laws or similar establishing documents, a copy should be attached. If, under the applicable domestic law, the organization has a legal personality recognized through some means other than an establishing document (for instance, through a published notice in an official gazette or journal), please provide documentation showing how that legal personality was established.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled ‘Section 8.b’.

8.c. Duration of existence and activities

If it is not already clearly indicated in the documentation provided under section 8.b, please submit documentation proving that the organization has existed for at least four years at the time it requests accreditation. Please provide documentation showing that it has carried out appropriate safeguarding activities during that time, including those described above in section 8.c. Supplementary materials such as books, CDs, DVDs or similar publications cannot be taken into consideration and should not be submitted.

Please attach supporting documents, labelled ‘Section 8.c’.

9. Signature

The application must include the name and signature of the person empowered to sign it on behalf of the organization requesting accreditation. Requests without a signature cannot be considered.

Name: Ara Gulyan
Title: President
Date: February 11, 2019
Signature: [Signature]
“Hazarashen” is a Yerevan-based NGO specialized in anthropological and ethnographic research. The organization was established by a group of anthropologists in 1997 and re-registered in 2006. Hazarashen’s work ranges from cultural heritage, rituals and customs, to migration, refugees, minority groups, identity, interethnic conflicts, politics of memory, etc. Over a dozen projects implemented by the organization deal with traditional and modern culture of Armenians. While the organization focuses on research, it also initiates and implements cultural and educational projects. Recently, Hazarashen broadened its scope through implementation of several oral history projects in Armenia, Georgia, Turkey and Russia. The organization has 10 members, all professional anthropologists, and over 20 volunteers. Depending on the project, the number of NGO’s beneficiaries can range from ten to several thousands.
Levon H. Abrahamian

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Home Address: 34 Isahakian St., Apt. 11 Yerevan 0009 Armenia Armenia
Tel.: (374-10) 556797; (374-91) 985040 E-mail: levon_abrahamian@yahoo.com

Education, Titles, Awards

1974-1978 Institute of Ethnography, Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Moscow, Ph.D., 1978; Specialty: Cultural Anthropology
1965-1970 Yerevan State University, M.Sc., 1970; Specialty: Biophysics
2006 Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia
2009 Honored Culture Worker of the Republic of Armenia
2015 & 2016 Award “Most Productive Scientist,” State Committee of Science of the Republic of Armenia

Areas of Specialization

Armenian Social/Cultural Anthropology
Urban Studies
Anthropology of Religion
Anthropology of Art
Comparative Mythology

Professional Experience

2017- present Heading Research Fellow, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography.
2015 Visiting Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of California at Berkeley.
2008 Visiting Professor in Armenian Culture, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of California at Los Angeles.
2005- present Head, Department of Contemporary Anthropological Studies, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia.
2003- 2007 Visiting Professor of Anthropology, Department of Theology, Yerevan State University.
2001 Visiting Professor of Armenian Studies, Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University.
1997 Visiting Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, and William Saroyan Professor of Armenian Studies, University of California at Berkeley.
1994 Visiting Professor of Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh.
1990- present Part-time Professor of Anthropology, Department of Ethnography (since 2004 – Department of Archaeology and Ethnography), Yerevan State University.

1978- 2017 Senior Research Fellow, Department of Ethnography Institute of Archaeology & Ethnography, Academy of Sciences of Armenia.

1973- 1974 Research Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Yerevan State Institute of Advanced Medical Studies.

1970- 1972 Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular Physics & Biophysics, Yerevan State University.

### Academic Activities

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<th>Role and Position</th>
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<td>2018- present</td>
<td>Chairman, Board of Trustees of the “Matenadaran” Mesrop Mashtots Institute-Museum of Ancient Manuscripts</td>
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<td>2017- 2018</td>
<td>Co-curator, “Armenia: Creating Home”, Folk Life Festival (Washington, D.C., 2018), Smithsonian Institution</td>
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<td>2016- present</td>
<td>Member of the Academic Board, Museum of the History of Yerevan</td>
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<td>2016- present</td>
<td>Member of the Editorial Board, Historical-Philological Journal</td>
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<td>2010- present</td>
<td>Member of the Editorial Board, “Museum” Research Methodical Journal</td>
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<td>2009- 2017</td>
<td>Member of the Academic Council on Preservation of Intangible Culture, Ministry of Culture of Armenia</td>
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<td>2008- present</td>
<td>Member of the Editorial Board, “Aramazd.” Armenian Journal of Near Eastern Studies</td>
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<td>2007- 2013</td>
<td>Member of the Academic Council of the Museum-Institute of Armenian Genocide</td>
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<td>1995- present</td>
<td>Member of the Academic Board, Institute of Archaeology &amp; Ethnography, Academy of Sciences of Armenia</td>
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<td>1995-1999</td>
<td>Member of the Council for Doctoral Research, Institute of Archaeology &amp; Ethnography, Academy of Sciences of Armenia</td>
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<td>2001- present</td>
<td>Member of the Academic Council on Reforms in Education, Ministry of Education of Armenia</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Appointed Consultant in Culture, Hay Namakanish (Armenian Postage Stamp), Ministry of Communication of Armenia</td>
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<td>1992- present</td>
<td>Member of the Council, Parajanov Museum</td>
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1987-1991  Member of the Commission for Artistic Creativity Studies, Council of World Culture History, Moscow
1986-1992  Member of the Academic Council, Museum of Folk Art, Ministry of Culture of Armenia

Professional Membership

2014- present  Association Internationale des Etudes Arméniennes
2014- present  International Association for Comparative Mythology
2013- present  International Council of Museums (ICOM)
1997- present  “Hazarashen” Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies
1990-1997  European Association of Social Anthropologists
1978-1991  Gitelik (Knowledge) Society, Armenia
1976-1991  Geographical Society of the USSR, Moscow Branch

Publications

More than 200 publications (in Armenian, Russian, English and other languages) including the following books:


Conversations near the Tree. Moscow: Languages of Slavonic Culture, 2005 (in Russian).


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### Education

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<th>Degree/Title</th>
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<td>1976-1979</td>
<td>Institute of Ethnography, Academy of Sciences of the USSR, Leningrad &amp; Moscow</td>
<td>Ph.D., 1982; Specialty: Cultural Anthropology</td>
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<tr>
<td>1970-1975</td>
<td>University Diploma, Ethnography/History, Yerevan State University</td>
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<td>2016 &amp; 2017</td>
<td>Award “Most Productive Scientist,” State Committee of Science of the Republic of Armenia</td>
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### Areas of Specialization

- Armenian Folk Culture
- Armenian Holidays
- Caucasian Studies
- Ethnic, linguistic, social minorities
- Memory and Identity

### Professional Experience

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<td>2008-present</td>
<td>Senior Researcher/Head of the research group on Applied Anthropology, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia</td>
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<td>2009-2011</td>
<td>Head of the Center of Anthropology and Intercultural Communication, Bryusov Yerevan State Linguistic University</td>
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<td>2001-2003</td>
<td>President, NGO “Hazarashen” Center for Ethnological Studies</td>
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<td>1994-2000</td>
<td>Head of the Chair on Ethnology, History Department, Yerevan State University</td>
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<td>1993-1994</td>
<td>Leading Specialist/Expert on Caucasus Security Issues, Republic of Armenia President’s Staff</td>
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<td>1992-1993</td>
<td>Vice Mayor on Educational and Cultural Issues, Yerevan City Council</td>
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<td>1990-1992</td>
<td>Senior Researcher, Ethnology Chair, History Department, Yerevan State University</td>
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<td>1979-1990</td>
<td>Researcher, Department of Caucasus and Christian East, Institute of Oriental Studies, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia</td>
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### Academic Activities

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<td>2000-present</td>
<td>Member of the Editorial Board, Haykazian Journal on Armenian Studies, Beirut, Lebanon</td>
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<td>1996-present</td>
<td>Member of the Scientific Board, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia</td>
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2001-2005  Member of the Scientific Council, Armenian Center for National and International Studies (ACNIS)

2000-2002  Member of the Editorial Board, Journal “A View from Yerevan”

1996-2000  Member of the Scientific Board, History Department of Yerevan State University

1996-1998  Member of the Editorial Board, “Iran Nameh” Journal, Yerevan, Armenia

**Relevant Research and Consultancy**

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<td>2011-present</td>
<td>Ethnographic study (including fieldwork in Dersim and desk study) of current population of Dersim, independent research, Turkey.</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Policy and Practice of Forest Management in the rural communities of the Republic of Armenia, head of the research group/field researcher, qualitative study commissioned by FLEG.</td>
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<td>2008-2009</td>
<td>Head of the Research team, Applied Anthropology/ Folk beliefs in Gegharkunik and Shirak regions of the Republic of Armenia, Head of the research group, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of NAS RA.</td>
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<td>2008</td>
<td>Head of Applied Anthropology Research group, research on Holidays and Rituals in Armenia, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of National Academy of Sciences of RA.</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>Head of the Research group on Religious Situation in Today’s Armenia, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography of National Academy of Sciences of RA.</td>
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<td>2006</td>
<td>Head of the Research group on Qualitative Monitoring of the Armenia Social Investment Fund Activities, World Bank, Armenia.</td>
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**Professional Membership**

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**Publications**

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Selected Articles:


Gayane Shagoyan

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Education

2010 Ph.D., Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia
1990-1995 University Diploma, Ethnography/History, Yerevan State University

Areas of Specialization

Armenian Traditional Culture
Urban Studies
Armenia in Transition
Poverty studies
Anthropology of disasters and Memory studies

Professional Experience

1995 – present Researcher, Department of Contemporary Anthropological Studies at the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia.
2016- present Visiting lecturer at the Russian-Armenian University (Department of the Russian and World Literature and Culture).
2017, present Head of Oral History Center, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia.
2017-2018 Head of Soviet Studies Center at the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia.
2007 – 2014 Consultant in the Scholarship program of Heinrich-Böll-Foundation, Regional office for South Caucasus, to promote young social scientists in the fields of contemporary history, sociology and sustainable urban development.
2010 – 2012 Visiting Lecturer, Yerevan State Linguistic University after V. Brusov, courses: “Qualitative Fieldwork Methods” and “Urban Anthropology.”
2002 – 2007 Visiting lecturer at the Russian-Armenian State University (Department of Social Service and Tourism), courses: “Introduction into Cultural Anthropology”, “Ethnography of Social-Cultural Activities of Armenians”.
Academic Activity

2018-present  Member of the Academic Council on Preservation of Intangible Culture, Ministry of Culture of Armenia

March-Sept. 2016  The Smithsonian My Armenia Cultural Heritage Fellowship at the Center for Folk life and Cultural Heritage (CFCH)

10/2016- 01/2017  The Smithsonian My Armenia Cultural Heritage Fellowship at the Center for Folk life and Cultural Heritage (CFCH)

March – December 2018  The Smithsonian My Armenia Cultural Heritage Contract at the Center for Folk life and Cultural Heritage (CFCH)

Relevant Research and Consultancy

June-July 2018  Presenter at the Folk life festival in Washington “Armenia: Creating Home”, organizer is Smithsonian institution with collaboration of the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS Ra.

2017 – 2018  Team leader and researcher at the “My Armenia” (commissioned by Smithsonian institution, Washington and USAID) project on “Tourism development” in Gyumri.

10/2016-01/2017  The Smithsonian My Armenia Cultural Heritage Fellowship at the Center for Folk life and Cultural Heritage (CFCH)  Researcher at the “My Armenia” (commissioned by the Smithsonian institution in Washington and USAID) on “Tourism development” in Vayots Dzor region; researcher and team leader in the project on “Tourism development” in Goris region.


March – April, 2002  Researcher, project “Possibilities of Tourism Development in Tatev”, Ethnological study commissioned by “Hayastan” All-Armenian Fund.

Professional Membership

1997- present  “Hazarak” Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies

Selected Publications

Books and Book Chapters:

Articles


Lusine Kharatyan

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Education

2002-2004 Master of Public Policy, University of Minnesota, MN, USA
1999-2002 Ph.D. Student, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia
2000 General Diploma in Demography, Cairo Demographic Center, Cairo, Egypt
1994-1999 University Diploma with Distinction, Ethnography/History, Yerevan State University

Areas of Specialization

Oral History
Memory Studies
Memory Politics
Cultural Heritage

Professional Experience

2012 – 2018 Armenia Country Director, Institute for International Cooperation of German Adult Education Association (DVV International)
2009-2010 Lecturer, UNESCO Chair on Education Management and Planning, V. Brusov Yerevan State Linguistic University
2006-2007 Environmental and Social Impact Specialist, Millennium Challenge Account-Armenia
2006 Course Instructor, elective course on “Public Policy and its Impact on Ethno-Cultural Processes: Comparative Perspective,” History Department of Yerevan State University.
Academic/Professional Activity

2018-present Member of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, Council of Europe.

June-July 2018 Volunteer presenter at Smithsonian Folklife Festival 2018, Washington D.C.

Recent Research and Consultancy

NGO “Social and Cultural Innovation Lab” (SMIL) - Yerevan, Armenia
Researcher, January 2018-present
Prepares an Alternative Civil Society Report for the UN Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights on the situation of Cultural Rights in Armenia.

NGO “Hazarashen” Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies – Yerevan, Armenia
Project Manager/Lead Researcher, December 2017-present
Project “A look to the past for better future: Researching forgotten cultural heritage resembling co-existence of Armenians and Azerbaijanis in Armenia,” funded by Eurasia Partnership Foundation under the “Peacebuilding Fund Opportunity” within the framework of Peace Program, funded by the EU.

LINKS (Dialogue, Analysis and Research) – London, United Kingdom
Consultant/Project “European Partnership for the peaceful settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict (EPNK),” August 2018-January 2019
As an independent consultant was responsible for preparation of a report based on original research and evaluation, focusing on the actual physical state and status of a number of Azerbaijani and/or Muslim monuments in Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. The report helped to inform the work of LINKS Working Group on Confidence-building measures in the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Oral History Center, Institute of Archeology and Ethnography – Yerevan, Armenia
Expert/Oral History MA Program Development, March-December 2018
In a team with three other experts was responsible for development and introduction of Oral History Masters’ Program in the Institute of Archeology and Ethnography of National Academy of Sciences of Armenia, including development of course descriptions, curricula and detailed syllabi for some of the courses.

Open Society Foundations- Armenia – Yerevan, Armenia
Researcher/Public Policy fellow, May 2018- November 2018
Public Policy Fellowship to conduct a study on Literature and History teaching in the Armenian public education system and their correspondence with the relevant articles of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

“Boon” Scientific-Cultural Foundation – Yerevan, Armenia
Anthropologist/Content Responsible, September 2017-present
Project “Perceptions of War,” a documentary on perceptions of war on the borders and centers of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh; fieldwork in borderline villages and capital cities of Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia.

Professional Membership

1997- present “Hazarashen” Armenian Center for Ethnological Studies
Selected Publications

Books and book chapters:


Articles


REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA

STATE REGISTER
CERTIFICATE OF THE
STATE REGISTRATION OF JURIDICAL PERSON

Approved by the resolution No. 601 of the Government of the Republic of Armenia of July 4, 2001

CERTIFICATE
03 A 071563
of the State registration of juridical person

The name: “HAZARASHEN” ARMENIAN CENTRE FOR ETHNOLOGICAL STUDIES NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Registered in the Central territorial department of the State Register
Registration: No. 211.171.03920
The date of the registration: 13.04.2006
The code of juridical person: 39192033
The form of juridical person: noncommercial
Terms of the activity: without time limit
The Certificate is valid only with the Supplementary sheet
State Register /signature/
April 17, 2006
Official Seal

Approved by the resolution No. 601 of the Government of the Republic of Armenia of July 4, 2001

Supplementary Sheet No. 001 of
Of the Certificate of the State Registration of Juridical Person

Certificate: No. 03A 071563
The name: “HAZARASHEN” ARMENIAN CENTRE FOR ETHNOLOGICAL STUDIES NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
The address: 15 Charents str., Yerevan 375025
Other information: President Ara Gulyan, passport AA0320409, issued on 21.02.1996 by 011, address: 47 Nalbandyan str., apt. 18, Yerevan city. Registered by decision No.31/1-3 of the Board of the Ministry of Justice of RA of 15.08.1997, order No. 239 of the Minister of 28.01.2000.
The Supplementary sheet is valid only with the Certificate.
State Register /signature/
April 17, 2006
Official Seal