



# INTERNMENT AND DESTRUCTION: CONCENTRATION CAMPS DURING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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Many Armenian Genocide survivors wrote about their concentration camp experience in newspaper articles and memoirs published in the decades after World War I, yet it took almost a century for the first scholarly examinations of their internment to appear. Focusing on the Meskeneh concentration camp on the lower bend of the Euphrates, this lecture situates the internment and destruction of Armenians in Ottoman Syria within the global history of concentration camps. Providing an overview of the structure, administration, life, and resistance in concentration camps based on Armenian accounts, Ottoman archives, and western diplomatic records, Mouradian argues that this glaring manifestation of total war – one directed towards the empire’s very own Armenian subjects – constitutes an important moment of transition in the use of internment as a weapon of annihilation.

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Map: Genocide march routes and locations of concentration camps in Ottoman Syria (Aram Andonian Archives, AGBU Nubar Library, Paris)