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On "In Quest of Historical Geoglyphs:  
Islam in Armenian Literary Culture. Texts, Contexts, Dynamics"

By Seta Dadoyan

Sunday, June 26, 2022 @ 11:00 am, PST

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**Abstract:** The Armenian historical experience in the medieval and modern Near/Middle East - that was predominantly Muslim as of the second quarter of the seventh century - was and still is very interactive, diverse, and expansive. Armenian histories should have reflected this condition and seek paradigm shifts, but this has not been the case. Limited constructs based on the idea of an ancient, heroic, struggling and separate pre-modern nation are outdated. The lag in mapping of the total Armenian experience and role in their dynamic aspects with Worlds of Islam through fourteen centuries has seriously marginalized not only the discipline of Armenian Studies but the understanding of the actual and ongoing processes in the region and beyond. Islam in Armenian Literary Culture. Texts, Contexts, Dynamics (Louvain: Peeters, 2021). CSCO, Subsidia Tomus 147) is a quest into historical geoglyphs (large earth drawings seen from above) that reflect the Armenian experience in the Near/Middle East. It is a crowning of sorts of an existentially challenging and intellectually complicated process that started three decades ago and generated five volumes and tens of studies, and what may be described as Armenian-Islamic Studies. The primary objective of this opus is to develop a closely textual, comprehensive, and sequential structure, which contains the basic material as well as the historical contexts and factors. The "Armenian Mahmet", the "Armenian Pax Islamica" and the "Armenian Ghurans" are the basic themes that make a conceptual-logical tripod to carry the great number of textual citations and the arguments in the literature over fourteen centuries.



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