“THEY CAN LIVE IN THE DESERT BUT NOWHERE ELSE”: EXPLAINING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

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Prof. Suny’s most recent publication is “They Can Live in the Desert But Nowhere Else: A History of the Armenian Genocide” (Princeton University Press, 2015). Drawing on archival documents and eyewitness accounts, Suny’s chronicle of the Armenian Genocide explores the psychological factors as well as the international and domestic events that helped lead to genocide, a cataclysm that set a tragic pattern for a century of genocide and crimes against humanity.


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