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**AFTER KOSOVO: WHITHER KARABAKH?  
One-day colloquium to be held at the University of Michigan will be webcast live**

The Armenian Studies Program at the University of Michigan is pleased to announce the convening of a one day workshop on Kosovo and its consequences to be held at the Ann Arbor campus on January 30, 2009.

With the American and European recognition of an independent Kosovo, against the express desires of Serbia and Russia, and without the sanction of the United Nations, a new precedent was set for the process of recognizing new states after conflict and unilateral secession. This one-day workshop will assess how the factor of international recognition of Kosovo's independence could influence non-recognized states that emerged from similar circumstances, such as Nagorno or Mountainous Karabakh in the Caucasus.

Mountainous Karabakh represents an interesting case because the question of its fate has repercussions for the whole of the Caucasus region, an arena that has recently become a central focus of East-West power games. The workshop also aims to cover the analytical gap in the understanding of these conflicts by bringing together international experts to examine the present and future of Mountainous Karabakh in light of the recent developments in Kosovo and Georgia.

The main speakers at the workshop are (in alphabetical order):

Dr. Vicken Cheterian (Cimera, Geneva, author of the just published *War and Peace in the Caucasus: Russia's Troubled Frontier*);

Prof. Benjamin Graham (University of California, Davis, writing currently on Abkhazia and frozen conflicts);

Prof. Mkhlul Fabry (Georgia Institute of Technology, author of *Recognizing States*);

Mr. Gocha Lortkipanidze (New York, former diplomat, the Republic of Georgia);

Mr. Antranik Migranyan (Institute for Democracy and Cooperation, Moscow/New York);

Mr. Elin Suleymanov (Consul-General of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles).

Professors Ronald Grigor Suny (University of Michigan, author of *Looking Toward Ararat: Armenia in Modern History*) and Gerard Libaridian (University of Michigan, author of *Modern Armenia: People, Nation, State*) will serve as commentators.

The workshop will meet in two sessions on Friday, (January 30): 9:00 AM-12:00 NOON and 2:00 PM-5:00 PM (EST) in Anderson Room D, Michigan Union, the University of Michigan; the workshop is open to the public. Most importantly, the workshop will be webcast live (<http://umtv-live.rs.itd.umich.edu/asp/asp013009.aspx>) and therefore can be watched by anyone with access to the internet.

The colloquium is being co-sponsored by CIMERA, a research organization in Geneva, Switzerland; a follow up gathering of the workshop will be held in Geneva, Switzerland in the Spring of 2009.