

# Academic Conference on the Asia Minor Catastrophe

Westin Hotel, 6100 River Road, Rosemont, Illinois

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Hosted by The Pontian Greek Society of Chicago

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## Morning Session

- 8:00 – 8:30 Coffee and social hour
- 8:30 – 9:15 Opening remarks
- 9:15 - 9:30 **Mr. George Shirinian** (Director of the Zoryan Institute, Toronto Canada)  
Moderator
- 9:30 – 10:45 **Dr. Taner Akcam** (Associate Professor –History Dept., Clark University, Worcester, MA).  
*The Greek “Deportations” and Massacres of 1913-1914. A Trial Run for the Armenian Genocide*
- 10:45 – 12:00 **Dr. Constantine Hatzidimitriou** (Adjunct Professor St. Johns University, NY)  
*Official and Unofficial American Reactions to the Asia Minor “Catastrophe” - what the Documentary Evidence Reveals*
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM **Lunch**

## Afternoon Session

- 1:00 – 2:15 **Matthias Bjornlund** (Historian and Researcher)  
*Aspects of Western Sources and Interpretations of the Pontian Genocide*
- 2:15 – 3:30 **Dr. Alexander Kitroeff** (Associate Professor of History, Haverford College, PA)  
*The Plight of the Greek Refugees After the Break-up of the Ottoman Empire*
- 3:30 - 4:45 **Dr. Van Coufoudakis** (Dean Emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences Purdue University, Indiana)  
*Turkey’s Deliberate and Systematic Violations of International Agreements since 1923*
- 4:45 – 5:00 Closing remarks **by Dr. C. Hatzidimitriou**  
*Placing the events of the Anatolian Genocide in the Broader Context of Hellenic and World History*

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