This first lecture will discuss the legal-institutional and political contexts in which Christian Armenian citizens of Turkey had to survive and organize their communal life since the founding of the Republic. Dr. Papazian will examine the impact of these on the ways Armenian identity has been experienced and, importantly, on how it is conventionally understood and defined in the community. The talk will also explore some of the more recent developments among Turkey’s Armenians facilitated by contextual changes at the turn of the 21st century.

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