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“IT NEVER HAPENED: DENIAL OF GENOCIDES IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY”

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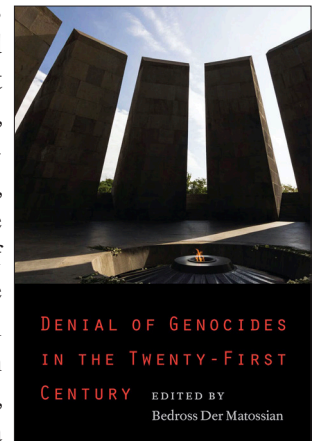
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Throughout the twenty-first century, genocide denial has evolved and adapted with new strategies to augment and complement established modes of denial. In addition to outright negation, denial of genocide encompasses a range of techniques, including disputes over numbers, contestation of legal definitions, blaming the victim, and various modes of intimidation, such as threats of legal action. Arguably the most effective strategy has been denial through the purposeful creation of misinformation. By concentrating on factors such as the role of communications and news media, global and national social networks, the weaponization of information by authoritarian

regimes and political parties, court cases in the United States and Europe, freedom of speech, and postmodernist thought, Der Matossian will discuss how genocide denial is becoming a fact of daily life in the twenty-first century.



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