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**CONFISCATION OF ARMENIAN PROPERTY DURING GENOCIDE TO BE
SUBJECT OF TALK AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Historian Ugur Ümit Üngör will discuss “*Confiscation and Destruction: The Young Turk Seizure of Armenian Property*” at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Thursday, April 3 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Alumni Lounges of the Robert A. Scott Student Center, Alumni Lounge (SC-138).

Dr. Üngör will discuss the mass sequestration of Armenian property by the Young Turk regime during the 1915 Armenian genocide. He will look at the emergence of Turkish economic nationalism, offering insight into the economic ramifications of the genocidal process, and describing how the plunder was organized on the ground, especially how local elites became beneficiaries of state-sanctioned robbery.

Ugur Ümit Üngör earned his Ph.D. in 2009 (*cum laude*) at the University of Amsterdam. In 2008-09, he was a Lecturer in International History at the Department of History of the University of Sheffield. In 2009-2010, he was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for War Studies of University College Dublin. Currently, he is a Lecturer at the Department of History at Utrecht University and at the Institute for War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam.

His main areas of interest are state and nation formation, with a particular focus on mass violence. His most recent publications include *Confiscation and Destruction: The Young Turk Seizure of Armenian Property* (Continuum, 2011) and the award-winning, *The Making of Modern Turkey: Nation and State in Eastern Anatolia, 1913-1950* (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Apart from his academic life, Dr. Üngör writes satirical columns and essays about cosmopolitan life on and across political and cultural boundaries. He places current global issues and themes in serious and ironic perspectives.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of

approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers six graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.