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Author and Lawyer Fethiye Çetin to Speak about the Challenges Facing Islamized Armenians in Turkey

MAHWAH, N.J. -- The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies of Ramapo College and Armenian National Committee of N.J. will co-sponsor a talk by the Turkish-Armenian lawyer and author Fethiye Cetin on "'Hidden' No More: Challenges Facing Islamized Armenians in Turkey." The event will take place on Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Ramapo College (Robert A. Scott Student Center, Alumni Lounges-SC156-158).

Fethiye Çetin is a Turkish lawyer, writer and human rights activist. Currently, she has been representing the family Hrant Dink, a Turkish-Armenian newspaper editor assassinated for speaking out on the Armenian Genocide of 1915. She also authored stories of the impact of her ancestral roots including *My Grandmother*, a memoir highly regarded within higher education in Turkey. Çetin's grandmother, Seher, was an Armenian Christian taken in the course of the genocide and adopted by a Turkish military official. The impact of her grandmother's roots has inspired Fethiye Çetin's work and will be discussed at the presentation.

Fethiye Çetin will be translated by Nurhan Becidyan, a member of the board of the National Association for Armenian Studies & Research (NAASR).

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