What is the significance of recognition when it comes to historical events that ended in death of millions and what are the connotations of the word genocide regarding events prior to 1943?

Today, discussions of many events referred to as genocide still remain unsettled. Denial policies and calls for recognition mutually want the other side to accept their interpretation of history. Armenians, Assyrians, Circassians, and many other groups suffered great losses however their grief is not recognized by the perpetrators. We are going to discuss in what ways the confrontation or denial of past events affect present social structures, relationships and events?

In this week’s Today Talks session, we would like to widen the scope from Turkey to the world history in general and invite you for a discussion around people’s confrontation with past events; elaborating also on the Willy Brandt’s gesture in Warsaw for apology and reconciliation, and focusing on the ways in which the different approaches of confrontation, denial or abstention shape the processes of reconciliation as well as the relationships between these groups.

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