

Second Annual Event in the Memory of Hrant Dink

**THE TURKISH AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES DEPARTMENT
AND THE ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE IN CYPRUS
INVITE YOU TO THE FILM SCREENING:**

“Heart of Two Nations”

Speaker:

Nouritza Matossian

Short CV:

Nouritza Matossian (born 1945) is a British Cypriot (of Armenian descent) writer, actress, broadcaster and human rights activist. She writes on the arts, contemporary music, history and Armenia. Matossian published the first biography and critical study of the Greek composer Iannis Xenakis, the source book on his life, architecture and music based on ten years' collaboration with him. She later adapted it into a 50-minute documentary for BBC2, entitled *Something Rich and Strange*. Matossian's 1998 book *Black Angel. The Life of Arshile Gorky* was written after twenty years' research. *Ararat*, the award-winning film by Atom Egoyan and Miramax, was partly inspired by *Black Angel*. She acted as consultant to Egoyan who modelled the female lead role Ani on her. Matossian also wrote and performs a solo show on Gorky's life from the viewpoint of his four beloved women with images and music. It has been produced worldwide over 80 times at venues including the Barbican, Tate Modern, London, New York, Los Angeles, the Edinburgh Festival, Cyprus, Paris, Lebanon, Iran, Romania and Georgia. In Armenia she performed it simultaneously in two languages. She broadcasts on the BBC and contributes to several newspapers and magazines, including *The Independent*, *The Guardian*, *The Economist*, and *The Observer*. She was Honorary Cultural Attache for the Armenian Embassy in London from 1991-2000. She spent her childhood in Cyprus with her Armenian family. Educated in England, she graduated with Honours in Philosophy (B.Phil) from Bedford College, University of London, then studied music, theatre and mime in Dartington and Paris; she has a command of nine languages.

MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2012

7:30 P.M.

**ROOM EB107, OLD CAMPUS, NEW WING
UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS**



Hrant Dink (1954-2007)

Hrant Dink was an Armenian editor, journalist and columnist in Turkey. As editor-in-chief of the bilingual Turkish-Armenian newspaper *Agos*, Dink was a prominent member of the Armenian minority in Turkey. Dink was best known for advocating Turkish-Armenian reconciliation and human and minority rights in Turkey; he was often critical of both Turkey's denial of the Armenian Genocide, and of the diasporas' campaign for its international recognition. Dink was prosecuted three times for denigrating Turkishness, while receiving numerous death threats from Turkish nationalists. Hrant Dink was assassinated in Istanbul in January 2007 by a 17-year old Turkish nationalist. This was shortly after the premiere of the genocide documentary "Screamers" in which he is interviewed about Turkish denial of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 and the case against him under article 301.