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**5-Day Debate Tournament**

*Don’t fight, debate!*

Dates: December 11-16, 2018

Language: Armenian

Location: Aghveran, Armenia

The Caucasus Institute announces an open call for young scholars, students and civil society representatives to participate in a Debate Tournament that will take place on ***December 11-16, 2018*** at Arthur’s Aghveran Resort.

The interactive and dynamic 5-dayDebate Tournament will strengthen the participants’ argumentation skills and debate techniques. The debates will cover a wide range of topics from ***freedom of speech and social media to political analysis, democratization, and human rights***.

The speakers/judges include:

* ***Samvel Martirosyan***, Media Initiatives Center
* ***Richard Giragosian***, Regional Studies Center
* ***Tatevik Khachatryan***, Open Society Foundations
* ***Alexander Iskandaryan***, Caucasus Institute
* ***Anna Israelyan,*** Aravot Daily

The Debate Tournament is organized by the Caucasus Institute with the support of the *Canada Fund for Local Initiatives*. The debates will be held in a format specially developed by the Caucasus Institute for this project.

All expenses related to participation (transportation, accommodation and meals) will be covered by the Caucasus Institute.

**Eligibility:**

* MA and PhD students, young scholars, civil servants and civil society members,
* Professional interest in the field of human rights, media, democratization, government and politics,
* Willingness to participate in active competitive debates,
* Availability to attend the event for its full duration without exceptions,
* Relevant experience and fluent English are assets

**Application procedure:**

Interested candidates who comply with the eligibility requirements are asked to send their CV and a motivation letter of 200 words max to contact@c-i.am indicating “Debate Tournament” in the subject line. The deadline for applications is **December 4 COB**. Shortlisted candidates would be invited to an interview.