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**“THE ARMENIAN PATRIARCHATE OF ISTANBUL
UNDER THE LIGHT OF THE LAST CRISIS
OF THE PATRIARCHAL ELECTION”**

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The Armenian Patriarchate and the Patriarch of Istanbul have had an ambivalent status in the Turkish Republic. *De jure*, there are no such existing institution and office, as there is no legal codification that describes the rights and responsibilities of the Patriarchate as well as regulates the election method of the Patriarch; *de facto*, on the other hand, the Patriarch is still recognized as the representative of the whole Armenian community as he is invited to official meetings with state officials. This legal vacuum, deliberately created by the Turkish state, was used as a tool to control, and manipulate the Patriarchate and the whole Armenian community. This talk, after explaining this historical-legal background, examines the last crisis of the patriarchal election between 2009 and 2020. It describes the emergence and development of the crisis step by step and situates it in the general framework of the Turkish official policy toward minorities.



**Archbishop Sahag Mashalian,
85th Armenian Patriarch of Istanbul**

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