



**Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian
Studies
(EURUS) at Carleton University**



and

The Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan in Canada

invite you to an afternoon seminar:

**to mark the 130th anniversary of MAMMAD EMIN RASULZADE (1884-1955),
one of the founders of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (1918-1920)**

“Azerbaijan: Past and Present”

January 29, 2014

11:30-4:00 pm

Senate Room, 608 Robertson Hall

Carleton University

1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa

Mammad Emin Rasulzade was an outstanding Azerbaijani statesman, scholar and public figure, one of the founders of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic (1918–1920), first Muslim republic with functioning parliament which granted right to vote to women in 1918, ahead of many Western countries. His expression "Bir kərə yüksələn bayraq, bir daha enməz!" ("The flag once raised will never fall!") has become the motto of the independence movement in Azerbaijan in the 20th century, which led to the creation of modern independent Azerbaijan in 1991.

The seminar will provide opportunity to familiarize with the life of Mammad Emin Rasulzade, the history of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic as well as to explore contemporary issues in the Republic of Azerbaijan such as geopolitical development, transregional projects and conflict resolution in the region.

AGENDA

Tentative

11.30 - 12.00	Registration (Refreshments served)
12.00 -12.15	Welcoming Remarks Dr. Jeff Sahadeo, EURUS Director and the Conference Moderator Mr. Farid Shafiyev, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Canada
12.15 - 12.30	Mammad Emin Rasulzade, documentary movie
12.30 – 14.00	Presentations <i>Moderator: Dr. Jeff Sahadeo, EURUS Director</i> <i>Mr. Rashad Ibadov</i> , Assistant Professor of Law, School of Public & International Affairs, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, “Azerbaijan Democratic Republic: Leviathan of Modern Azerbaijan” <i>Mr. Heydar Mirza</i> , Leading Research Fellow, Foreign Policy Analysis Department, Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, “Current Geopolitical Context in the South Caucasus and Foreign Policy of Azerbaijan” <i>Mr. Barry Devolin</i> , MP, Chair of the Canada-Azerbaijan Inter-parliamentary Friendship Group, “Role of Parliamentarians in Bilateral Diplomacy” <i>Mr. André Widmer</i> , freelance journalist, presentation of the book “The Forgotten Conflict: Two Decades after the Nagorno-Karabakh War”
14.00 – 14.30	Questions & Answers Closing Remarks
14.30 – 15.00	Buffet

For space reasons, please contact Mr. Arif Mammadov if you intend to attend the conference at arif.mammadov@azembassy.ca or telephone 613-288 0497 ext. 248

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