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The Armenian Economic Association 2013 conference was jointly hosted by Yerevan State University (YSU) and the American University of Armenia (AUA) on October 19-20, 2013. It was preceded by a reception at AUA on the 18th, and concluded with a workshop on the state of art in public finance at the Central Bank of Armenia (CBA) on October 21st. The language of the conference was English and Armenian, and sessions were organized by language and field.

The Conference brought together academics and researchers from Armenia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom, and the United States. Presentations over the two days included over 45 papers which addressed topics in international trade, economic development, macro and microeconomics, migration, finance, political economy and public finance, energy, and labor markets among others.

The meetings were opened by PM Tigran Sargsyan at YSU who called for the need for greater research on Armenia's economy. He was shortly followed, via video conferencing, by a keynote speech on the role of institutions in economic development by Daron Acemoglu, Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and author of *Why Nations Fail*. The keynote speaker on the second day was Mark Davis, Head of EBRD office in Armenia, who focused on capital markets in Armenia. The conference program was chaired by David Joulfaian, former Fulbright lecturer at Yerevan State University.

The conference was in part sponsored by Yerevan State University, the American University of Armenia, the Central Bank, and the USAID/EDMC program. For more details, please visit the conference homepage at <http://aea.am/conferences.html> and visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ArmenianEconomicAssociation>. Stay tuned for the call for papers for the 2014 conference.

The aim of the conferences is to bring together scholars, researchers, and students to promote the exchange of ideas and advance economics scholarship.

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