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FORUM ON ARMENIA'S ECONOMY TO FEATURE DARON ACEMOGLU AND DAVID GRIGORIAN

Dr. Daron Acemoglu, the Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics at M.I.T. and Dr. David A. Grigorian, co-founder of Policy Forum Armenia, will present "Armenia's Economic Development: Prospects for Growth and Risks of Failure," on Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR), 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA. In this special forum, economist Daron Acemoglu will discuss his acclaimed book *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty* (2012, co-authored by James A. Robinson). *Why Nations Fail* addresses a question that has stumped the experts for centuries: Why are some nations rich and others poor, divided by wealth and poverty, health and sickness, food and famine? Economic analyst David Grigorian will address the specific case of Armenia today—drawing on Acemoglu's general model and his own experience with the particularities of Armenia and the economic challenges it faces.

Dr. Daron Acemoglu is the Elizabeth and James Killian Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He received a Ph.D. in economics at the London School of Economics in 1992 and in 2005 he received the John Bates Clark Medal awarded to economists under forty judged to have made the most significant contribution to economic thought and knowledge. His books include *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy* (with James A. Robinson), which was awarded the Woodrow Wilson and the William Riker prizes, *Introduction to Modern Economic Growth*, and *Why Nations Fail*.

Dr. David A. Grigorian is a Senior Economist at the International Monetary Fund's Monetary and Capital Markets Department in Washington, D.C. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Maryland at College Park (2001). In his current position, he deals with a wide array of emerging market economies covering issues such as sovereign debt restructuring, public debt management strategy, and capital market development. He is a co-founder of Policy Forum Armenia ([www.pf-armenia.org](http://www.pf-armenia.org)), a 501(c)3 non-profit think tank aimed at strengthening discourse on Armenia's economic development and national security.

The NAASR Bookstore will open at 7:00 p.m. the night of the lecture. The program is free and open to the general public.

More information about this program may be had by calling 617-489-1610, faxing 617-484-1759, e-mailing [hq@naasr.org](mailto:hq@naasr.org), or writing to NAASR, 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, MA 02478.

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