LECTURE

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## GENOCIDE AND MASS ATROCITY

The Lost Tribes of the Great Valley: Genocide and the Landscapes of Memory in California



In the wide-ranging talk, journalist and author Mark Arax will speak to the multiple intersections of genocide, memory, racism and the human landscape of the Great Central Valley.

Reflecting on his own experience as the descendant of survivors of the early-20th-Century genocide of the Armenians of the Ottoman Empire who found refuge in California, Arax will explore how violence has shaped and reshaped California's environment, culture, and politics.

Mark Arax has been called a "21st Century John Steinbeck" for his books that pry open the soul of California. His unique style—combining history, biography, memoir and reportage—delves deeply into the land and its people. His books include the memoir In My Father's Name, the essay collection West of the West, the bestselling The King of California, and his latest The Dreamt Land: Chasing Water and Dust Across California.



