

EDUARD DANIELYAN

1944 – 2017



On the 25th of July, 2017, the talented scientist, researcher of the Institute of History of NAS RA, Head of the Ancient History Department, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, Full Member of the Armenian Philosophical Academy Eduard Danielyan, who was always standing close to philosophy, the manifestation of which is the circumstance, that he actively worked in the editorial team of WISDOM starting from the first days of the journal's foundation, passed away.

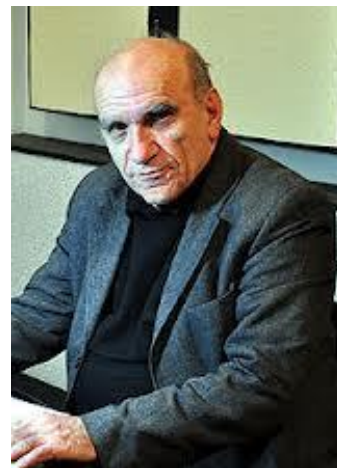
Eduard Danielyan was a wonderful colleague, devoted Armenologist and, as he said, remained faithful to the Armenological School of Armenian History by Khorenatsi.

Professor Danielyan was born in 1944 on the 18th of February in Yerevan. In 1961-1966 he studied and graduated from the Faculty of Geography at Yerevan State University, in 1966-1972 the Faculty of Foreign Languages (English Language) at V. Brusov Yerevan State Linguistic University, in 1968-1971 he was PhD student at the Institute of History of NAS RA. In 1972 he defended his PhD thesis with the following topic “The Reflection of Antic Cosmological Views in Anania Shirakatsi’s

Cosmology and Ashkharhacuyts”. In 1988, he defended his second doctoral dissertation on the following topic “Armenian-Byzantine Political Relations at the Sassanid Persia and at the Beginning of the Arab Caliphate”.

In 1971-1978 he was a Researcher at the Institute of History of NAS RA, in 1978-1989 was a Senior Researcher, till 2010 was Leading Researcher and since 2010 was the Head of the Ancient History Department, Chief Researcher. At the same time Professor Danielyan was the Head of the Chair of Area Studies till 2006.

Since 2015, E. Danielyan was the founder and Editor-in-Chief of English-language electronic journal *Fundamental Armenology* (<http://www.fundamentalarmenology.am/1/Home.html>).

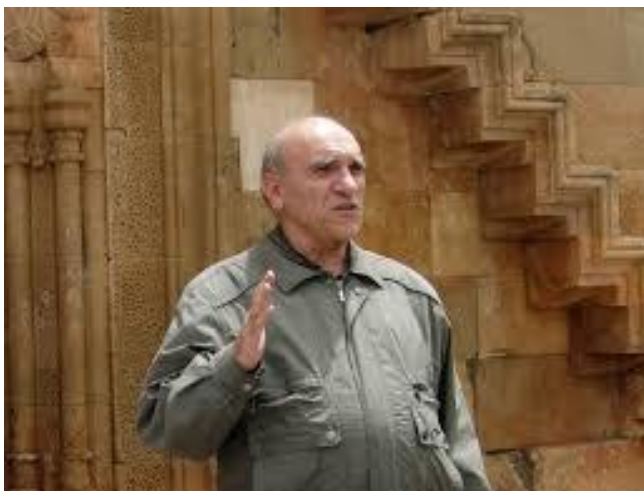


E. Danielyan carried out prolific scientific activities. He investigated the issues of Old Armenian and Early Medieval political and spiritual, as well, as natural-philosophical historical thought.

The results of those researches were summed up in his valuable theoretical heritage

on Armenian historiography, particularly, in his five monographs (*Armenian Cosmographic Works of 7th Century on the Structure of Universe* (in Russian) – 1978; *Spiritual Bases and Historical Significance of Proclaiming Christianity as a State Religion in Armenia* (in Armenian) – 1997; *Armenian Political History and Armenian Apostolic Church (VI-VII centuries)* (in Armenian)- 2000; *History of Gandzasar* (in Armenian) – 2005; *Gandzasar Monastery* (in Armenian) - 2009) and more than 200 scientific article.

The Eduard Danielyan’s scientific activities were not confined to theoretical generalizations, lecturing and teaching only. He founded and headed a hiking club and, together with students involved, he always organized on regular basis hiking tours to the landmarks and centers of Armenian culture. His students cherish his memory – as an encouraging and inspiring Teacher.



At one of his lectures in Noravank Monastery¹.

During my scientific career twice I had special chances to deal with him in person, revealing his professionalism and him as a constructive critic of scholarly work, as well as, a person – always eager to support and encourage young scholars. The first encounter was when he published his review (*Herald of the Social Sciences*, Yerevan, NAS RA *Gitutyun* publication, 2006, No 1, 2 pp. 238-239) on the first book of my two-volume monograph “Argumentation Issues in the Context of History of Armenian Philosophical Thought” (Yerevan, NAS RA *Gitutyun* publication, Book 1 – 2005, Book 2 – 2009). And the second chance was granted when he introduced his official review (11 December, 2012) and gave his official speech during the defence of my second Dissertation submitted for Doctor of Science Degree on the topic “Yerevan School of Argumentation (Methodological and Epistemological Analysis)”.

The name and the memory of Eduard Danielyan will remain forever in the hearts of the Armenian scientific community, particularly, among the Armenologists, historians, philosophers, colleagues, and students.

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¹ Noravank is a monastery complex of Armenian Apostolic Church – built between 13th and 14th centuries. It is located 3 km north-east from Amagu village in Vayots Dzor province of the Republic of Armenia. According to Stepanos

Orbelyan, in the early Middle Ages it was already a holy place.