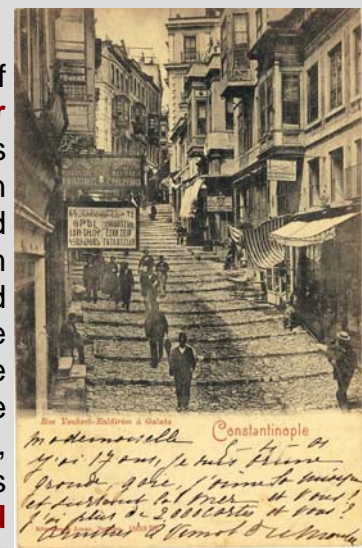




## MY DEAR BROTHER: Armenians in Turkey 100 Years Ago

An unusual exhibition opened at the Brunei Gallery, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), on May 1. **“My Dear Brother: Armenians in Turkey 100 Years Ago”** provides fascinating insights into life towards the end of the Ottoman Empire through a large collection of postcards of daily life and scenery from across the region. The exhibition of both enlarged images and original postcards was conceived and put together by **Osman Köker**, based on his book by the same name (Istanbul: Birzamanlar, 2005). The postcards are from the collection of **Orlando Carlo Calumeno** and have already been displayed in Istanbul, Yerevan, Geneva, Paris, Munich, Cologne and Frankfurt. The **Armenian Institute** has organised the exhibition which is sponsored by the **Diana and Panos Katsouris, St Sarkis Charity Trust, SOAS, Katsouris Bros Ltd, and Bedo and Tania Eghiayan.**



The postcard exhibition, with maps and texts, is displayed on the lower ground floor of the Brunei Gallery. The Armenian Institute plans a range of events to complement the exhibition including a lecture series, films, oral history workshops, music and storytelling. Two of the storytelling events will take place at the Brunei with stories shared by the peoples of the region and the music performed will also reflect this diversity.

An oral history-based community exhibition, supported by the **Heritage Lottery Fund**, runs simultaneously on the ground floor of the Gallery, displaying objects of that era found today in London Armenians' homes. Rugs, metal-work, pottery, clothing and other textiles are among these pieces. The original uses of these items is explained in accompanying texts and videos, alongside photographs of their present place in the household.

**Brunei Gallery, SOAS, University of London**

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Open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.30-5.00

Admission free