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Sundar Henny, *Armenian pilgrimage to Jerusalem during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries: a preliminary appraisal of Armenian and non-Armenian sources*

Sundar Henny is an historian of early modern Europe. He is currently an Ambizione Fellow at the University of Berne and during this academic year a visiting scholar the Center of Mediterranean History at the University of Haifa. His doctoral thesis (University of Basel, 2012) dealt with autobiographical writing in seventeenth-century Zurich: a revised version appeared as *Vom Leib geschrieben: Der Mikrokosmos Zürich und seine Selbstzeugnisse im 17. Jahrhundert*. Sundar Henny has conducted postdoctoral research on the early modern reception of the Greek geographer Strabo at the University of Cambridge and Princeton University. His current project, funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation, is entitled *Navel of the World: Cross-Cultural Encounters at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (1400–1600)*.

In this presentation, I aim to present what can be known about Armenian pilgrimage to Jerusalem at the end of the Middle Ages and the beginning of the early modern era. Despite the great tradition of Armenian pilgrimage to and presence in the Holy City, we are lacking a comprehensive and coherent account for the period in question. In a preliminary effort I draw together the extant scholarship and relevant bodies of sources in order to provide a guideline for further in-depth research on the topic.