

## AUA Law Department Hosts Lecture on Meaning of Republic

YEREVAN - The American University of Armenia (AUA) Department of Law convened a distinguished panel of speakers to discuss national perspectives on the meaning of "Republic," on May 26.

Panelists included AUA Law Department Dean Tom Samuelian who presented the legal aspects of the Republic of Armenia,, and French Ambassador Henry Cuny , who spoke on the spirit of Marianne and the development of Republican Governance.

Karl Fickenscher (Deputy Director of USAID) offered the U.S. Constitutional perspective, and Aram Manukyan (Reader of Armenian Independence Declaration; Deputy 1990-1999, Armenian National Assembly, contrasted Republic Day with Independence Day and analyzed the differences between the first Armenian Republic and the third Armenian Republic.

"I am happy that our Law Department students took the initiative in organizing this panel discussion. A republic is an ideal, a model that can always be improved upon in terms of self governance, and this discussion reminded us of our responsibility as citizens in this regard," stated Dean Samuelian.

The free event was attended by approximately 50 people, including students, members of the press, government representatives, and members of international organizations. *Calif. Courier.*