

Vicken Cheterian

Country	Switzerland
Country of Birth	Lebanon
Practiced Languages	Hyw, En, Fr
Field of Influence	Education, International Relations, Advocacy
Positions Held	Lecturer , University of Geneva Lecturer , Webster University Geneva Columnist , Agos



Vicken Cheterian is a Swiss-Armenian researcher, author, and lecturer in international relations, specializing in conflict studies, particularly in the Middle East and the Caucasus. He was born in **Beirut, Lebanon**, in 1967.

Cheterian holds a PhD in International Relations from the [University of Geneva](#), earned in 2006. He began his career as a journalist at the *Monday Morning* in Beirut, and from 1990 onward, became a columnist for the renowned [Neue Zürcher Zeitung \(NZZ\)](#), while also contributing occasionally to [Le Monde Diplomatique](#).

Following the independence of Armenia, Cheterian moved to the country and later worked across the region, including in Abkhazia, Chechnya, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan, as a media development consultant. In 2002, he co-founded the **Caucasus Media Institute**, which was renamed the [Caucasus Institute](#) in 2008.

Cheterian currently teaches history and international relations at the [University of Geneva](#). He previously worked at [Webster University Geneva](#) from 2012 to 2023. He previously taught at [SOAS University of London](#) from 2012 to 2014. In addition to his academic work, he is a regular columnist for the Istanbul-based Armenian weekly [Agos](#).

His notable books include *War and Peace in the Caucasus: Russia's Troubled Frontier* (Hurst & Columbia University Press) and *Open Wounds: Armenians, Turks and a Century of Genocide* (Hurst & Oxford University Press). These works, which explore regional conflict and historical trauma, have been translated into several languages.

Cheterian plays a critical role in documenting and analyzing issues that affect Armenia and the Armenian diaspora. Through his academic research and journalism, he offers deep insights into Armenia's political dynamics, its conflict with Azerbaijan, and the evolving relationship between the diaspora and the homeland—contributing to greater global awareness and advocacy.

Sources:

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