

Rafael Ishkhanyan

Rafayel Avetisi Ishkhanyan ([Armenian](#): Ռաֆայել Ավետիսի Իշխանյան, 9 March 1922 – 6 February 1995) was an [Armenian philologist](#) and [historian](#). He was a professor of the [Yerevan State University](#).

Biography

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In 1939, Ishkhanyan entered the department of [Armenian language](#) and literature of [Yerevan State University](#). He fought in [World War II](#). After the war, he continued his studies and graduated from Yerevan University in 1949.

His works are generally dedicated to the earliest history of the Armenian people, to the comparative linguistic analysis of ancient languages, and to printing. He is one of the authors of Armenian Soviet encyclopedia.

He was a Deputy to the Supreme [Soviet Armenia](#) in 1990-1996.

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Ishkhanyan claims that Armenians "were the aborigines of the Armenian plateau who have been living there continuously since the fourth millennium B.C.E at the latest".^[1] Similar claims were promoted in nationalist novels such as those of Sero Khanzatian, published in the 1970s.^[2]

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