

Research Connections — E-Bulletin

Promoting Policy Analysis for the Azerbaijani Parliament

Along with providing training workshops and seminars to the general public, CRRC has conducted a number of external trainings aimed at strengthening collaboration with various state organizations and agencies. From June 17-18, 2009, CRRC conducted a training workshop entitled “Policy Analysis for the Legislative Process” for the permanent staff of *Milli Mejlis* (Parliament of Azerbaijan). This workshop was a component of a broader cooperation between CRRC and USAID’s Parliamentary Program administered by Development Alternatives Inc (DAI). Ten participants honed basic-to-intermediate policy analysis skills through practicing selected methods in cost/benefit, cost/effectiveness and multi-attribute analysis. Furthermore, they acquired skills in developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks. The workshop was delivered by Anar Ahmadov, doctoral candidate at London School of Economics and Political Science and former CRRC Country Director.

Selected Upcoming Events

- Workshop: [Academic Writing](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, July 13-14 – Robia Charles (ENG).
- Summer Seminar: The Art Nouveau Architecture of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia, July 16 – Nestan Tatarashvili (ENG).
- Presentation: [Corruption in Armenia: Public Opinion, Behavior and Expectation](#), Yerevan, Armenia, July 14-21 – Heghine Manasyan (ARM).
- Lecture: [The Findings of Azerbaijani Life History Survey](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, July 17 – Anar Ibrahimov (AZE).

For more events, please go to our country websites listed below.

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Anar Ahmadov leading the training

New Fellowship for Scholars in the Region

CRRC and the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) are happy to announce a two-week workshop opportunity for South Caucasus scholars in the Social Sciences and History. The workshop will be conducted at UCB from November 7-21, 2009. Scholars will develop syllabi and teaching materials, explore innovative teaching and research techniques and prepare a literature review. For more information go to our [website](#).

CRRC Fellows Contribute to Capacity Building Among Young Researchers



Research design training

CRRC Welcomes New Summer Fellows

CRRC welcomes two new fellows this summer: [Julia Hon](#), a Master’s student in Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies at the University of Washington in Seattle, joined CRRC-Regional office, and [Alexander Georgieff](#), who is presently pursuing his B.A. from the University of Rochester in Russian Studies and History, is interning this summer at the CRRC-Armenia office.

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In its fourth month, the CRRC-Georgia office’s Junior Fellowship Program (JFP) has been very successful. The JFP was designed to train young researchers to do high level social science research. To date, five CRRC fellows have been receiving intensive trainings by international and local researchers on numerous social science research topics. Besides trainings, fellows have the opportunity to work on research projects with CRRC, including field work.

In June, CRRC fellows began to pass on their research skills onto other young researchers. The seven module training cycle has been designed for young researchers who seek to gain research skills. The training cycle includes the following topics: Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods, Research Design, Focus Groups, Questionnaire Development, two modules on Data Analysis through SPSS and a module on How to Present Data Effectively. The fellows have already started conducting the trainings in pairs or with local CRRC trainers. The trainings are held three times a week, in Georgian.

If you would like to sign up for the next training cycle (both in Georgian and English), send an email to nana@crrccenters.org.