

## Research Connections — E-Bulletin

### New Staff at CRRC Armenia and Azerbaijan Offices

CRRC-Armenia office welcomes [Jenny \(Yevgenya\) Paturyan](#) as a new program manager. Jenny has received her PhD in Political Science from Jacobs University Bremen, Germany. She earned her MA degree in Integrated Social Sciences from the same university and also an MA in Political Science and International Affairs from American University of Armenia. Jenny has been research fellow for CRRC working on the MAAC corruption survey. CRRC-Azerbaijan also welcomes back a program manager [Yulia Aliyeva](#), who returns to this position from her extended maternity leave. Yulia was a fellow of the Heinrich Böll Foundation (2006) and she has also been a senior lecturer in Gender Studies and Social Work at Baku State University since 2008. [Lyudmila Sotova](#), CRRC-Azerbaijan new librarian and information specialist received her BS degree in Library Science from Kyiv National University of Culture and Arts (Ukraine). She worked at Khazar University as the Deputy Director of the Library Information Center since 2008.

### Selected Upcoming Events

- Public Lecture: [The Fallacy of Misplaced Objectivity in Social Science Research: A Logical, theoretical, and Empirical Exposition](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, December 7 – Appa Rao Korukonda (ENG).
- Presentation: 2009 Armenia Corruption Household Survey, Yerevan, Armenia, December 11 — Hans Gutbrod (ENG).
- Workshop: [Youth Transitions and Their Family-Household Contexts in the South Caucasus](#), Yerevan, Armenia, December 18 – working group (ARM).

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

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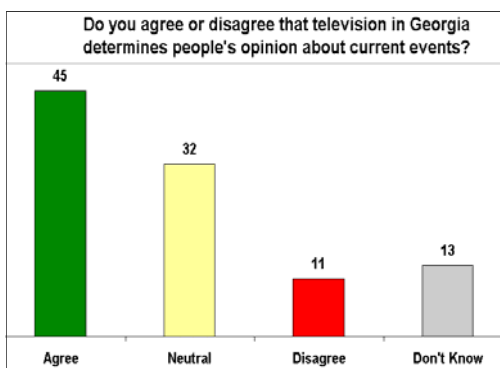


Junior Fellows 2009

### Junior Fellowship 2010 Announced!

Do you want to gain a set of skills missing in Georgia? Do you want to work hard and open the doors for international opportunities? If so, then this opportunity is for you! CRRC Junior Fellowship Program foresees six months of paid fellowship at CRRC-Georgia office. Fellows will be required to write policy papers and contribute to complex research projects. For more information click [here](#).

### CRRC Research on Media in Georgia



#### Major Highlights

- Russian Analytical Digest: [Georgian Attitudes to Russia: Surprisingly positive](#), by Hans Gutbrod and Nana Papiashvili.
- eScholarship: [Religiosity and Trust in Religious Institutions: Tales from the South Caucasus \(Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia\)](#), by Robia Charles.

CRRC recently undertook a major study of Georgian Media. The research included a public opinion survey of 1,768 respondents in Georgia conducted in October, focus groups, media monitoring of main television stations and interviews with journalists, and media professionals. The study is a part of a larger EC funded program implemented by EPF.

As research shows, news broadcasts are the most popular TV programs in Georgia, with more than 84 percent watching TV news every day, most for between half an hour and two hours. The research also mentions that there is a great demand for professional and unbiased reporting in Georgia. The majority of respondents consumes TV fairly critically, using diverse news sources before making up their minds. Although TV is the most important source of information, 86 percent of the respondents read a weekly paper, and 80 percent read news magazines at least once a month. In addition, 33 percent receive information from the radio each day. Internet usage is also growing, with 12 percent accessing the net daily.

The findings of the study were presented at a major media conference in Tbilisi November 10-12, 2009. The summary report is now available [here](#).

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