

## Research Connections — E-Bulletin

### Richard Rose - Counting People Helps Make People Count

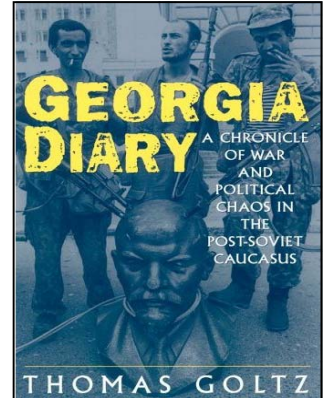
Richard Rose, a renowned specialist in the field of Social Capital, visited Georgia to deliver trainings on designing Social Capital questionnaires at CRRC. In addition, he offered a public lecture setting out the case for conducting surveys entitled “Counting People Helps Make People Count”. As Rose argued, surveys give a direct voice to people, show how they are living, what they are thinking, and identify both what the problems are and who has them. He contrasted this bottom-up approach with a top-down approach to policy, and suggested that it has a special place between journalism, which tells one-off stories and ethnography or anthropology, which tell complex stories that become difficult to generalize. Professor Rose is currently writing a book, *Transition and After*, which will reflect many of the themes he shared with us in Tbilisi. See his fascinating [list of publications](#), many of them relevant to a transitional environment.

#### Selected Upcoming Events

- Fellowship Presentation: [Creating Democratic Armenia Together: the Problem of Adaptation of Diaspora Armenians in Armenian Society](#), Yerevan, Armenia, May 7 – Anahit Mkrtchyan (ARM).
- Regional Training: [Survey Sampling and Data Weighting](#), Tbilisi, Georgia, May 15-19 – Robert Thomas Sims (ENG).
- Training: [Writing Effective Policy Paper](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, May 15-16 – Leyla Karimli (AZE).
- Methodological Training: [Issues within Higher Education System in Armenia](#), Yerevan, Armenia, May 22 – Hrant Harutyunyan (ARM).

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

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#### CRRC Book of the Month

[Georgia Diary: A Chronicle of War and Political Chaos in the Post-Soviet Caucasus](#) by Thomas Goltz

The book highlights the multiple angles of the Georgian civil war and classifies well what exactly was going on. Goltz recounts time spent in Sukhumi before and during and after the withdrawal of Georgian troops from Abkhazia. The book is available in [CRRC-Georgia](#) library (book review [here](#)).

### Migration in Georgia: Launching the “Development on the Move” Project



Round Table Discussion

#### CRRC Blogs Renewed

As you might already know, CRRC is running two different blogs: [Social Science in the Caucasus](#) and [CRRC-Armenia](#). If you have accessed the site lately, you probably noticed a new label cloud, which will help you to easily search the topic of your interest. CRRC plans to post more blogs on the Data Initiative (DI). Stay tuned and read the CRRC blog [here](#)!

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The International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET) and CRRC launched the “Development on the Move (DOTM)” Project. The aim of this project is to map how migration impacts development in multiple dimensions. DOTM is funded by the Global Development Network and coordinated by the Institute for Public Policy Research in London. 250 proposals from throughout the world competed to participate in this project, and CRRC, together with ISET, was selected as one of the six winning teams.

Various stakeholders from the Georgian Government including National Bank, international organizations (OSCE, ILO, IOM), embassies, NGOs and leading Georgian researchers participated in the event.

After introducing the project to the audience, a focused debate followed, highlighting various migration impacts. These include remittance impacts on labor and real estate markets, changing gender roles in families, drug abuse in the absence of social control, de-skilling through low-level exploitative employment abroad, as well as various potential positive impacts, such as attitudinal change, language learning and exposure to specialized education.

CRRC is planning a specialized mailing list for those interested in the topic, and the Danish Refugee Council is launching migration-specific website for Georgia in the next few weeks. For more information please contact [CRRC-Regional](#) office or visit the following [website](#).