

Research Connections — E-Bulletin

Researching the Armenian-Georgian Border

CRRC has just completed a research project for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in cooperation with AmCham-Georgia and the Association of Young Economists of Georgia. Entitled “A Study of Economic Relations Between Georgia and Armenia: The Development of Regional Trade Related Growth in Samtskhe-Javakheti,” the research, which involved capacity building of local researchers, included in-depth interviews on all levels of the Georgian government, a survey at the Ninotsminda border crossing (the only Armenian-Georgian border crossing in Samtskhe-Javakheti) and market research. Building on lessons learned, we will offer a practical research training late October. We will also keep you updated on any public presentations.

Selected Upcoming Events

- Lecture: [Political Trust and Patterns of Identification among Azerbaijani Youth](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, October 5 — Dr. Rauf Garagözov (ENG).
- Training: [Foundations of Quantitative Analysis: Basic Descriptive Statistical Methods](#), Baku Azerbaijan, October 26-27 — Gürsel Aliyev (ENG).
- Seminars: E-governance & Risk Management, Yerevan, Armenia (date TBD) — Albert Poghossyan (ARM).

For more events, particularly those in local languages, please go to our country websites listed below.

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A photograph taken while researching the Ninotsminda border crossing

New Fellowship!

CRRC-Azerbaijan has teamed up with UNICEF to offer an exciting new fellowship for those interested in conducting research on children in poverty in Azerbaijan. If you are interested in this topic and live in Azerbaijan, this is for you! To find out more about this fellowship opportunity, please contact Rena Rzayeva (rena@crcc.az).



Dr. Gary Pollock discusses relational datasets

CRRC Cooperates with INTAS and Gives Training

For the last year, CRRC has been undertaking research with INTAS on a project entitled “Youth Transitions and Their Family-Household Contexts in the South Caucasus” in cooperation with a team of professors from the United Kingdom and Germany. The project has successfully carried out a unique survey, which documents the life history of adults who grew up in the transition years. Team members are currently working on analyzing the results

Have Research Interests in the South Caucasus?

If you are interested in conducting research projects in the Caucasus, please contact us. We can help you by providing on the ground advice and information. Please contact Aaron Erlich, Regional Development and Outreach Coordinator to find out more aaron@crcc.ge.

However, local researchers lack the skills to perform the types of analysis usually done on a such a dataset. In response, Dr. Gary Pollock, a professor participating in the project, gave methodological trainings in all three countries of the South Caucasus on several sets of techniques related to event history and sequence analysis. For example, using advanced SPSS (a statistical program) coding, Dr. Pollock taught researchers how to conduct survival analysis. Survival analysis is a technique to determine the average length of time people perform an activity (i.e. stay in job). This type of analysis becomes very interesting when broken down by type of job. One can see, for example, managers have less stable jobs than farmers. Stay tuned for the academic articles and presentations as they emerge.

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