

Education

- 2014 - 2015 Msc Education (Research Design and Methodology), University of Oxford, Department of Education
Research topic: Departments of Education in Armenia: The Impact of Institutional Frameworks on Academic Identity Construction
- 2009 - 2012 Candidate of Sociological Sciences, PhD in Sociology, Yerevan State University, Department of Sociology
Research Topic: Teaching as a Concept and Problem of Sociological Theory: Perspectives of Sociological Analysis of Education
- 2007 - 2009 Master of Sociology, with Honors, Yerevan State University, Department of Sociology
Research Topic: The Institutionalization Problem of Interactive Teaching Methods in the Sphere of Armenian Higher Education: Sociological Analysis (Defended with Honors)

Experience

- Assistant professor, Yerevan State University
- 2013 - ongoing **BA courses delivered:**
Sociological theories (Department of Sociology, Migration Competence Center)
MA courses delivered:
Media text analysis (Department of Public Relations)
Evaluation methodologies (Department of Sociology, Migration Competence Center)
Mixed methods (Department of Sociology)
- 2019 - ongoing General Director, Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC) Armenia
- 2016 - 2019 Research/Deputy Director, Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC) Armenia
- 2016 - 2018 Methodology Expert, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Project "Shell youth research studies, Armenia"
- 2013 - 2014 Career Counselor and Lifelong Learning Projects (LLL) Designer, M. Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts Mate-nadaran
- 2012 - 2014 Quality Assurance Consultant, "Urartu" University of Applied Psychology and Sociology
- 2012 - 2013 Project Coordinator, Caucasus Research Resource Centers (CRRC) Armenia, Project "Alternative media resources"
- 2011 - 2012 Sociologist, Armenian National Quality Assurance (ANQA) of Higher Education
- 2011 - 2014 Researcher, "Trust" Social work and Sociological Research Center
- 2009 - 2013 Quality Assurance Consultant, Eurasia International University
- 2009 - 2014 Founding Director, "Societies" expert center NGO
- 2005 - 2012 Sociologist, "Ohanyan" Educational Complex
- 2006 Researcher, Armenian International Policy Research Group
- Mar - Apr 2014 Intern, Oxford Learning Institute, Oxford, United Kingdom

Scholarships and Awards

- 2018 - 2019 State Committee of Science, RA Ministry of Education and Science, Yerevan, Armenia
Effective Young Researcher Award in Social Sciences
- 2014 - 2015 Luys Foundation (study in UK, University of Oxford), Yerevan, Armenia
- 2014 - 2015 AGBU Scholarship (study in UK, University of Oxford), London, United Kingdom
- 2014 Heinrich Boell Foundation Scholarship for Young Researchers in South Caucasus Region, Tbilisi, Georgia
Research topic: The Teacher: A Woman
- 2013 - 2014 RA Ministry of Education and Science, State Committee of Science,
Young scientific workers' research support project 2013
Research topic: Local Identities in Yerevan City

Publications

Journal Articles in English

- Developmental Science
Article: "Promoting school readiness through a preschool feeding program: A nutritional nudge to improve at-risk preschooler's cognitive development ", Knauer, H., Alderman, H., Balasanyan, S., Bakhshinyan, E. (n.d.) (Submitted 19 Nov. 2019, under review)
- Prospects for peace in Nagorno-Karabakh: International and domestic perspectives, Yerevan: Caucasus Institute, pp. 124-148
Article: "Public perceptions of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in Armenia: longitudinal data analysis", Balasanyan S.A. (2018)
- Caucasus Survey 5 (3), 238 -258. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474904117724571>
Article: "Elections and election fraud in Georgia and Armenia", Gilbreath, D. and Balasanyan, S. (2017)
- European Educational Research Journal, 17 (4), 584 - 601. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474904117724571>
Article: "From Pedagogy to Quality: The Europeanisation of Higher Education in Post-Soviet Armenia", Balasanyan, S. (2017)
- Collection of scientific articles of the International Conference - "Issues of Education in the 21st Century", YSU publ., pp. 268-275
Article: "The Educational Dimension of Armenian Statehood and the Major Issue of National Identity", Balasanyan S. (2017)
- Bulletin of Baltic Pedagogic Academy, 110, pp.163-169
Article: "National Identity Crisis and Safety in the Changing World: Reference to Cultural Symbols", Balasanyan S. (2013)
- Banber -Bulletin of Yerevan University, 139.5, pp. 40-46
Article: "Sociological Perspective on the Phenomenon of Teaching", Gevorgyan, H. and Balasanyan, S. A. (2013)
- Banber - Bulletin of Yerevan University, 134.5, pp. 40-48
Article: "From Mass Media to Self-describing Society: An analysis of Armenian Mass Media as a Social System According to N. Luhmann's theory", Balasanyan S.A. (2011)

Journal Articles in Armenian

- Pedagogy Methodological Journal, 3, pp. 16-21
Article: "The features of the phenomenological perspective on the sociological analysis of education", Balasanyan S.A. (2012)
- Bulletin of Social Sciences Scientific Journal, 4, pp. 140-145
Article: "Teaching" as a Sociological Concept ", Balasanyan S.A. (2011)
- Rule and Reality International Juridical Scientific Journal. 7(189), pp. 27-30
Article: "Conceptualization Problems of Education in the Armenian reality", Balasanyan S. (2011)
- Yearbook of the Faculty of Sociology, pp. 21-29
Article: "Mass Media as a Means of Self-Identification of the Armenian Society ", Balasanyan S. (2009)
- Pedagogy Methodological Journal. 3-4, pp. 77-86
Article: "Localization Problems of Globalization of Higher Education", Balasanyan S. (2009)
- Pedagogy Methodological Journal, 7-8, pp. 11-20
Article: "Participatory Monitoring of Teacher Evaluation Programs (the Case of Ohanyan College)", Balasanyan S. (2008)

Publications

Books in English

- **Independence Generation**
Mkrtichyna, A., Vermishyan, H., Balasanyan, S. (2016)
Yerevan: FES Publication

Books in Armenian

- **Instructional Society: Sociological Conception of Education**
Balasanyan, S. (2014)
Note: The Book was Approved by the Yerevan State University Faculty of Sociology Scientific Board
Yerevan: YSU Publication
- **Local Identities in Yerevan: The Structures of Urban Space**
Vermishyan, H., Balasanyan, S., Grigoryan, O., Kerobyan, S. (2015)
Yerevan: YSU Publication
- **Research Skills for Civil Society Organizations**
Balasanyan, S. and Vardanyan, N. (2018)
Available online: https://hkdepo.am/up/docs/CRRC_Research_Skills_for_CSOs.pdf

Book Chapters

- **Post-Soviet Research Capacity in Armenia.** In: "University Research Capacity in Former Soviet Countries", Chankseliani, M., Fedyukin, I. and Froumin, I.
Balasanyan, S. (2020)
(Work-in-Progress, expected publication 2020-2021)
- **The Teachers, a Woman: Fused Personal and Contested Professional Biographies.** In: "Gender Sensitive Research and Teaching", Boscoboinik, A., Shahnazaryan, G. and Hovhannisyanyan, S. (eds.)
Balasanyan, S. (2020)
(Submitted 22 Nov. 2019, under review, expected publication - Spring 2020)
- **Lessons from the History of Pedagogical Methods for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning.** In: "Education Systems Around the World", Porto, G.
Balasanyan, S. (2020)
(Accepted, open access, online first publication available from: <https://www.intechopen.com/online-first/lessons-from-the-history-of-pedagogical-methods-for-culturally-responsive-teaching-and-learning>)

Selective Reports in English

- USAID/Armenia Gender Analysis Report
Ruta, A., Balasanyan, S., Shahnazaryan, G. (2019)
Available online: <https://banyanglobal.com/resource/usaaid-armenia-gender-analysis-report/>
- Economic Integration of Syrian Armenians in Armenia
CRRC-Armenia and GIZ (2017)
Available online: https://www.crrc.am/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/EISRA_Needs_Assessment_Report_Final.pdf

Essays in Armenian

- Titles: (1) Revival of Mind Keepers; (2) To Choose the Absurd; (3) Sender-Receiver: the Human; (4) The Mindworld-Station; (5) Social Pantomime; (6) The Society in Brackets or... (The Society); (7) Non Material Everything.
(published from 2008-2012, all in "Narcis" Literary-Artistic Journal)

Languages

Armenian native

English fluent

Russian fluent

Computer Skills

Microsoft Office Suite, SPSS, Nvivo, MaxQDA