



Agenda

Unpacking Migration in the Caucasus and Beyond

Regional Online Conference

All times are in Yerevan, Tbilisi, Baku time (GMT+4)

September 27, 2022

11:00-11:30	Online check-in of participants
11:30-12:00	Opening remarks Sona Balasanyan , CEO, CRRC-Armenia Werner Thut , Deputy Regional Director, Swiss Cooperation for the South Caucasus
Section 1	Migration in global crises: Challenges and opportunities of hosting refugees of war in the South Caucasus
12:00-13:00	Session 1.1 Panel discussion Migration in global crises: Challenges and opportunities of hosting refugees of war in the South Caucasus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Armen Ghazaryan, Head of Migration Service of Armenia• Sanja Celebic Lukovac, The Chief of Mission of IOM Georgia• Kemlin Furley, UNHCR Representative in Georgia Moderator: Sona Balasanyan , CEO, CRRC-Armenia
14:00-16:00	Session 1.2 Invited papers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valentina Chupik: New types of migration to and from Russia• Mary Alik Karamanoukian: Diaspora in Armenia: Immigration and Political Integration of Syrian Armenians• Gayane Vardanyan: Return Migration Decisions: Evidence from the Irish Mass Migration at the turn of the twentieth century• Irina Molodikova: Transnational migration network of Caucasus peoples as anti-integration channel (Chechens' case)• Tina Tsomaia: Migration coverage by the Georgian Media Chair of session: Sara Melkonyan , Research and Development (R&D) Officer at CRRC-Armenia



Section 2

Research fatigue: Ethical considerations of studying people on the move

Session 2.1 | Panel discussion

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16:00-17:00

- **Ruzanna Tsaturyan**, Researcher, Institute of Archaeology & Ethnography NAS RA
- **Manon-Julie Borel**, PhD candidate, University of Bern
- **Giulia Messmer**, Project Manager, Safe Passage Foundation

Moderator: **Hayk Smbatyan**, Deputy Research Director, CRRC-Armenia

Session 2.2 | Keynote address

17:00-17:30

Exploring Crisis and Migration in Armenia and the Region: Opportunities and Challenges

Sara Melkonyan, Research and Development (R&D) Officer at CRRC-Armenia

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Section 3

Collaborative inquiry: Research methodologies on the move

Session 3.1 | Panel discussion

Collaborative inquiry: Research methodologies on the move

10:00-11:00

- **Aram Vartikyan**, Director of Migration Competence Center at YSU
- **Nona Shahnazaryan**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Archaeology & Ethnography NAS RA
- **Anna Minasyan**, President at Advanced Social Technologies NGO, Managing Partner at Mosaic

Moderator: **Hasmik Tamamyian**, Institutional Development Consultant, CRRC-Armenia

Session 3.2 | Invited papers

11:00-13:00

- **Anna Kuleshova**: Portrait of Russian emigration-2022 on the example of those who ended up in Armenia and Georgia
- **Nona Shahnazarian**: Post-Soviet Armenian Migrants in the North Caucasus: Institutionalizing discrimination, corruption, and disorder.
- **Olga Khabibulina**: Cultural and language practices of Georgian Migrants Residing in Poland.

- 11:00-13:00
- **Tamar Nadibaidze:** The economy of knowledge in migration policy – Understanding Georgia’s migration policy within the modern world system
 - **Ani Avetisyan:** Comprehensive survey results on household and population migration in Armenia in 2019-2022
 - **Giulia Messmer:** “We are like birds caught by humankind and locked in cages. We know nothing.” Gendered Impacts of Migration Regimes: Structural Violence, Vulnerability, and Masculinities
- Chair of session: **Hayk Smbatyan**, Deputy Research Director, CRRC-Armenia

Section 4

Research and Dialogue for Action

Session 4.1 | Panel discussion

(Evidence-based) Action! Does policy count on data?

14:00-15:00

- **Karine Kuyumjyan**, Head of Population Census and Demography Unit at National Statistical Service of RA
- **Varduhi Dadunts**, Country Director of PIN’s office in Armenia
- **Anna Hovhannisyan**, Population and Development Programme Analyst, UNFPA Armenia

Moderator: **Carel Hofstra**, the Country Representative of ICMPD-Armenia

Session 4.2 | Panel discussion

We need to talk: Building a dialogue infrastructure echoing migration

15:00-16:30

- **Armen Ghazaryan**, the Head of Migration Service of Armenia
- **Zareh Sinanyan**, High Commissioner for Diaspora Affairs of Armenia
- **Ilona Ter-Minasyan**, Head of Office of IOM in Armenia
- **Artur Sargsyan**, The Head of Migration Department of MFA of Armenia
- **Carel Hofstra**, Country Representative of ICMPD-Armenia

Moderator: **Sona Balasanyan**, CEO, CRRC-Armenia

16:30-17:00

Session 4.3 | Wrap up

Lilit Yezekyan, Research Director, CRRC-Armenia

