

Research Connections — E-Bulletin

Policy Analysis for Azerbaijani Public Health Professionals

The need for analytical research skills among public employees is increasingly recognized within the Azerbaijani Government. CRRC-Azerbaijan has been contracted by the Public Health Reform Center to provide a series of trainings on policy research. On January 19th and 30th, Bayaz Zeynalova, CRRC Country Director, and Elshad Mikayilov, Program Manager, and Dr. Anar Valiyev conducted two training sessions attended by 15 participants on public policy analysis and social research methodology. The sessions are planned to continue and cover data collection, data analysis, usage of statistical software and program evaluation. This is the largest training cycle CRRC has provided for a state organization so far. It illustrates that the Azerbaijani Government is increasingly interested in building research capacity, a very welcome development. For more information, contact [Turana](#).

Selected Upcoming Events

- Presentation: [Opportunities for Teenagers Leaving Orphanages](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, February 13 — Aghanemat Aghayev (ENG).
- Workshop: [Migration and its Effects on the Economy](#), Yerevan, Armenia, February 19-20 — Leah Kohlenberg, Heghine Manasyan and Grigor Gyurjyan (ARM).
- Orientation Training: [Accessing and Using Jstor](#), Yerevan, Armenia, February 27 — Gohar Khachatryan (ARM, ENG).

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

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Policy Analysis Training

Survey on the Parliament Available Online!

Last month we made the dataset on Georgian public opinion about parliament available on our website. The survey was carried out before the parliamentary elections. We encourage you to use the data, not least since it also has questions on social capital. Some slides are already posted on the CRRC [blog](#). You can view all of the survey documentation on our [website](#) as well.

Data Analysis Training for Young Researchers in Georgia



Working with data

How does SPSS — a statistical package — work and how do you extract data from the datasets? CRRC offered a data analysis training as the third module of the training cycle. Arpine Porsughyan and Nana Papiashvili, CRRC Regional Research Associates, trained two groups of people, which included 12 NGO representative and 16 young professionals.

The majority of the training participants had no knowledge of SPSS; they were trained on how to do frequencies and basic data manipulation. At the end of the theoretical part of the training, participants together with the trainers analyzed data in order to apply theory to practice.

In the fall, CRRC began offering a free cycle of monthly trainings. The first module, by Hans Gutbrod, introduced various survey methods; Aaron Erlich built his training on his own experience and shared knowledge on how to identify a good survey. The next sessions will be on advanced data analysis and data presentation and the last session will show trainees how to build their own questionnaire.

If you would like to sign up for this training cycle (which is part of the EU-funded Caucasus Barometer Project), or would like to express your interest in future trainings, email [Nana](#).

CRRC Welcomes New Fellows

CRRC Regional and Georgia offices welcome two new fellows. Robia Charles, a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at UC Berkeley and also currently an affiliated doctoral student at the Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science in Berlin, Germany, and Cemal Ozkan, a recent law post-graduate from School of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of London. Read [more...](#)

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