

## Research Connections — E-Bulletin

### CRRC's Survey Sampling Course

How to collect data appropriately? How to sample people to avoid bias? You will have answers to these and more complicated questions by participating in CRRC's online Survey Sampling Course. Scholars from all three South Caucasus countries are invited to apply. Participants need a working knowledge of statistics (or maths), be fluent in English and must commit to weekly Skype calls and to doing homework assignments. Participants that complete the course successfully receive credit for the course. Lucy Flynn, CRRC's statistical consultant, will be running the three months long course. Lucy brings both extensive practical (statistics for US fisheries) and teaching (statistics, computer programming, English) experience, so participants can expect a course structured to meet their needs. The course book will be Sharon Lohr's *Statistical Sampling*. For full details write to Lucy now, or no later than September 15 at [lucy.flynn@crrccenters.org](mailto:lucy.flynn@crrccenters.org).

### Selected Upcoming Events

- Public Lecture: [News from the Field: Joint Azerbaijan-German Excavations in the Prehistoric Site of Kamiltepe, Mil Steppe, Agjabedi](#) (organized by American Research Institute of South Caucasus (ARISC) and CRRC), Baku, Azerbaijan, September 8 — Barbara Helwing and Tavakkul Aliev (ENG).
- Lecture-training: [Understanding Institutional Economics: How to Deal with Income Distribution Using Household Survey Databases](#), Yerevan, Armenia, September 15 — Shushanik Hakobyan (ENG).
- Workshop: [New Developments in Neuroscience and Psychotherapy](#), Yerevan, Armenia, September 28-29 — John Arden and Ruzanna Ohanjanian (ENG).

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

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Geysar Gurbanov

### CRRC Azerbaijan's New Program Associate

CRRC welcomes its new program associate, Geysar Gurbanov. Geysar has recently graduated from Baku State University with a degree in Law. Geysar's professional experience includes working with British Council, OSCE, the Council of the European Union and IREX. Before joining CRRC, he has worked as an executive director at the NATO Information Center in Azerbaijan. Read more [here](#).

### CRRC Surveys Attitudes toward the European Union in Georgia



#### "What is Going On?" CRRC Data in the Media

The most recent issue of [Investor.ge](#), the journal of the American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia, features a short article by two CRRC Fellows, using CRRC data. The piece covers attitudes on trade, social capital, and political participation in the three South Caucasus countries, plus a special section on politics in Georgia. Check it out [here](#).

Do Georgians consider themselves Europeans, Georgian and European or Asian? In July 2009, CRRC-Georgia conducted a nationwide survey on attitudes toward the European Union. Over 1700 households were selected through a random sample for this survey, sponsored by the Eurasia Partnership Foundation.

According to the survey, the population is enthusiastic about Europe, with only 4% saying they have a negative perception of the EU. Moreover, if there were a referendum, over 80% of the respondents would vote for EU membership. But Georgians also want to balance. They think that Georgia should have strong economic and political cooperation with the USA, Russia and the EU at the same time. These are just snapshots: the survey includes about hundred questions, covering NATO, the level of knowledge about the EU, and attitudes to various European countries. Moreover, there are migration questions: would Georgians leave, if they could? And where would they go?

Interested in the data? Eurasia Partnership Foundation, together with CRRC, will make the survey results and the dataset (please note that it requires special statistical software) publicly available shortly. For more survey results, or to find out about presentations, contact Nana at [nana@crrccenters.org](mailto:nana@crrccenters.org).

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