

## Research Connections — E-Bulletin

CRRC-UNICEF Research Fellowship

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In September 2007, the Caucasus Research Resource Centers together with UNICEF announced the First Annual Research Fellowship on Children in Poverty in Azerbaijan. This fellowship supports social science research that addresses pressing child poverty issues. The program focuses on various causes, forms and consequences of child poverty, delivery systems for social services for girls and boys, social exclusion, monetary, non-monetary poverty, deprivation, disparities, and discrimination issues, preferably within a narrow geographic focus. In order to give the research international recognition, the final research results must be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal. The information on the research fellows and their work will be available on [www.crrc.az](http://www.crrc.az) website. To find out more, contact our Program Associate in Azerbaijan: [rena@crrc.az](mailto:rena@crrc.az).

### Selected Upcoming Local Language Events:

- Training: "[The Basics of Statistical and Econometric Analysis using SPSS](#)," Yerevan, Armenia, Dec. 10 – Ruben Gevorgyan (ARM).
- Presentation: "[Economic Development in the Shaki-Zaqatala Economic Zone](#)," Baku, Azerbaijan, Dec. 14 – Narghiz Abdullayeva (AZ).
- Conference: "[Labor Market Trends in Armenia](#)," Yerevan, Armenia, Dec. 18 – jointly organized with USAID/SPSS project and Armenian State Employment Service (ARM).

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

### CRRC Georgia Moved to a New Office

CRRC Georgia staff moved to a bright new office in downtown Tbilisi. CRRC-Georgia is now proud to be located in the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET) building. For more on the new office and to help in finding the image on (see above) Google



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### CRRC – Georgia is Making Researchers Immerse



CRRC – Georgia conducted a 3-day research training on October 28-30, 2007, which took an immersion approach. After a basic introduction, a discussion of the use of particular materials and a review of some model research papers, the participants were immediately sent to work in groups to plan, prepare and conduct research fieldwork. The training was prepared and led by Dr. George Welton, who has extensive training and research experience. Participants came from the non-governmental sector, research institutes and public organizations such as the Ministry of Education. The training focused on researching finance in higher education, using Tbilisi State University as an example. For the exercise, the all of the participants switched into the roles of either student, teacher or government official. The participants developed work-plans in the first day. These were then amended by the trainer and returned to groups at the beginning of day two. Research consisted of some limited polling, stakeholder interviews (students, teachers, government administration and experts) and analysis of existing research undertaken that connected to the subject. The training also generated real output: a small research paper as a product that students could take home.

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### CRRC Welcomes a New Staff Member

This month CRRC regional office welcomed a new staff member – Nana Papiashvili became CRRC Regional Research and Outreach Associate. Over the last three months Nana worked for CRRC-Georgia on migration research project in cooperation with the Danish Refugee Council. She holds an MA in International Relations and European Studies from Central European University and BA in Humanities from Tbilisi State University of Economic Relations. You can reach her at [nana@crrccenters.org](mailto:nana@crrccenters.org)  
Welcome, Nana!