

Research Connections — E-Bulletin

CRRC Releases 2006 Data Initiative Data

With much acclaim, CRRC released its Data Initiative data from across the South Caucasus. CRRC launched the data release with a series of presentations. Special presentations were given at the home of the Regional USAID Director and the UN, among other organizations. “The data represent some of the most exciting information on developments in the South Caucasus currently collected,” says Hans Gutbrod, CRRC Regional Director.

The datasets and questionnaire can be downloaded from our [regional website](#).

Selected Upcoming [English](#) Language Events

- Seminar: [Is the Armenian Dram Still Competitive?](#) February 7, Yerevan, Armenia.
- Seminar: **Overseas Development Aid and its Effect on the Regime Stability of Recipient Countries**, February 8, Baku, Azerbaijan.
- Regional training: **Policy Paper Writing**, February 23-24, Yerevan, Armenia.
- Seminar: [Education and Politics in Plato and John Dewey](#), February 21, Tbilisi, Georgia.

For more events, particularly those in local languages, please go to our country websites listed below.

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CRRCAzerbaijan Director Anar Ahmadov presents the Data Initiative to the int'l community in Baku

CRRC Book of the Month

[The Weakness of Civil Society in Post-Communist Europe](#) by Marc M. Howard

Using both quantitative and qualitative methodology, Howard compares civil society in the former East Germany and Russia. Highly relevant reading for the South Caucasus.

Fellowship Highlight — Samvel Manukyan



Samvel Manukyan
CRRC Fellow

Analyzing the regional CRRC Data Initiative (DI) database, Manukyan constructed several typologies of the societies of South Caucasus' capitals and used mathematical methods to explain socioeconomic, political and other trends in the region. For instance, he introduced the term “traditionality index,” which is a function of various elements of social behavior. Manukyan found that men and women in Tbilisi had the most liberal behavior, followed by Yerevan; and that people were most conservative (traditional) in Baku. Manukyan also studied the reconstruction of national self-identification across the South Caucasus capitals.

In his 150-page report, Manukyan developed tools (indices) to measure how the three South Caucasus capitals follow specific attitudinal patterns. The fellow cooperated with Irakli Sakandelidze from Georgia and Inshallah Gafarov from Azerbaijan. Manukyan's research creates a framework to investigate the continuing transitions in the capital cities of Baku, Tbilisi and Yerevan.

[More Details](#)

CRRC Launches Blog

CRRC launched a [blog](#) in the fall to popularize its research and provide commentary on social science developments in the South Caucasus. We welcome your visit!

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