

## Research Connections — E-Bulletin

### CRRC Holds Data Analysis Training with Counterpart Int'l

On January 16-25, 2007 Counterpart International's Civil Society Project (CSP) and CRRC-Azerbaijan organized a training course "Statistics and Regression for Policy Research." The course was designed and conducted by Dr. Doug Wissoker of the Urban Institute, Washington, DC in collaboration with the staff of CSP and CRRC. This workshop aimed to equip Azerbaijani government and NGO sector executives and analysts engaged in policy research and analysis with essential tools and techniques in statistics and regression.

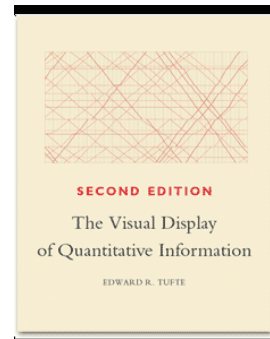
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### Selected Upcoming [English](#) Language Events

- Research Seminar: [Integration Dilemmas in Azerbaijan's Economic Development: Europe, Asia or Eurasia?](#), March 7, Baku, Azerbaijan.
- Lecture: [The Danger of Misjudging Motives: Abkhazia from the Inside](#), March 7, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- Lecture: [Georgia and CEDAW: Does International Law Reach Women?](#), March 27, Tbilisi, Georgia.

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

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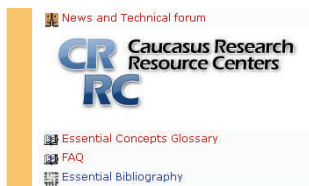
The most important volume on displaying your data

### CRRC Book of the Month

[The Visual Display of Quantitative Information](#) by Edward Tufte

This book is the bible for all those interested in visually presenting data. The book has been purchased and is available in CRRC-Georgia and CRRC-Armenia.

### Fellowship Highlight — CRRC Moves Fellowships Online to Support Training for Fellows



CRRC's Moodle platform—making learning accessible

### CRRC 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!

CRRC has brought e-learning to the academic community in the South Caucasus by putting its 2007 fellowship application online, using software called [Moodle](#). Moodle is an open-source learning managements system (LMS). This system is similar to a fee-based LMS, such as Blackboard, prevalent in the United States. A competitive cohort of candidates registered for this year's fellowship application process!

Using an online platform allows CRRC to reach many more constituents with limited resources; it also lets applicants to CRRC's fellowship program receive training *before* they submit their research proposals, as well as during the research process. Moodle also promotes a much higher level of regional cooperation, as scholars can interact through the platform. "We believe this is a great model of capacity building, and we are happy to share our experience," says CRRC Regional Director, Hans Gutbrod.

If you are interested in innovative models of training, or want to see how Moodle works, please contact us at the CRRC Regional Office.

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