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Selected Upcoming English Language Events

- Training: [Basics of Econometrics and Statistical Analysis with STATA](#), Yerevan, Armenia, July 2-4, 6, 9-11.
- Seminar: [Georgia and the Soviet Union](#), Tbilisi, Georgia, July 10.
- Teacher Workshop: [Developing Online Platforms for Social Science Courses in Azerbaijan Using CRRRC's Moodle](#), 2nd session, Baku, Azerbaijan, July 10.

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

**Welcome to CRRRC team!
Thank you for all the work!**

Zhala Mammadova is the new Program Manager at CRRRC Azerbaijan. Zhala brings a wide range of experience in research and NGO leadership. She has just returned from obtaining a Master's Degree in the US. You can reach her at zhala@crrc.az.

We are very grateful to our outgoing Program Manager, Sabina Rustamova, for her three years of exceptional work. Sabina's energy and enthusiasm inspired all of her colleagues. We wish her luck at Columbia University where she will pursue an MSW.

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The research community discusses globalization and regional advantage in Yerevan

Tbilisi Summer Seminars!

CRRRC together with GFSIS and American Councils has launched a summer seminar series in Georgia. The series covers a wide range of topics including migration, conflict, public health and more! Look out for the announcements.

If you have any questions, contact Jennifer Weedon at jen@crrc.ge.

Armenian Lecture on Regional Advantage and Migration

On June 13, 2007, twenty-three representatives from NGOs, businesses and the academic sector took part in a two hour lecture by AnnaLee Saxenian, Dean of the iSchool and Professor of City and Regional Planning at the University of California at Berkeley entitled "Regional Advantage in a Global Economy."

The lecture examined how foreign-born high-skilled workers from Taiwan and Israel are transforming developmental opportunities for formerly peripheral regions as they build professional and business connections to their home countries. Regions in India and China are following the same trend.

In a process more akin to "brain circulation" than "brain drain" these immigrant engineers and entrepreneurs are transferring technical and institutional know-how between distant regional economies faster and more flexibly than most large corporations. The talk concluded with a discussion of whether "brain circulation" holds promise for other regions and countries, including Armenia.