

Research Connections — E-Bulletin

Partnering with ISET for Economics Training

On July 2-10, 2007, CRRC-Armenia organized sessions on “The Basics of Econometrics” and “Statistical Analysis with STATA.” Twenty statisticians and other researchers participated in the 20-hour training. In addition to the theoretical part, the computer based training also involved exercises to develop practical skills using concrete examples from the CRRC Data Initiative (DI). At the end of the training the participants took tests. Of those who participated, 17 passed and received certification of successful completion. The training was conducted by Karine Torosyan, Ph.D. in Economics (Oregon State University), who teaches Statistics and Econometrics at the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET).

Selected Upcoming English Language Events

- Training: [Data Processing and Analysis](#), Yerevan, Armenia, September 17-18 — Dr. Gary Pollock.
- Seminar: [Political Trust and Patterns of Identification among Azerbaijani Youth](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, September 20 — Dr. Rauf Garagözov.
- Training: [Cost-Benefit Analysis for Public Policy](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, September 28-29 — Sohrab Farhadov.

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

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Dr. Karine Torosyan teaches econometrics

Georgia Migration Project

CRRC-GE has teamed up with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC) to undertake research in to migration trends in Georgia. Over the next month, focus groups will be carried out all over Georgia with returnees from European countries and with the general public to gauge awareness about migration issues. Stay tuned for the research results.



Anar Ahmadov trains ministry officials

CRRC-Azerbaijan Trains Official on Policy Analysis

On July 3-5, 2007 CRRC-Azerbaijan staff team conducted a training, “Writing Effective Policy Papers: Analyzing and Communicating Public Policies” for the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of Population (MLSP) of Azerbaijan. This unique workshop was specifically tailored to the needs of the ministry and equipped executives and analysts with essential tools to handle problem identification, policy formulation and decision-making issues confidently and effectively.

Have Research Interests in the South Caucasus?

If you are interested in conducting research projects in the Caucasus, please contact us. We can help you by providing on the ground advice and information. Please contact Aaron Erlich, Regional Development and Outreach Coordinator to find out more aaron@crcc.ge.

Twelve employees from different departments at the ministry, primarily department and division heads and senior fellows took part in this training workshop. The workshop developed policy analysis skills of the participants through teaching and applying such techniques in policy analysis, as the “eight-fold path,” benefit/cost analysis, cost/efficiency analysis, and multi-goal analysis. Through group exercises and individual work, the participants applied newly acquired skills in writing effective policy papers to concrete cases from their practice. The actual face-to-face interaction was preceded and followed by online interaction and testing using CRRC-Azerbaijan Moodle server at <http://moodle.crcc.az>.

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