

## Research Connections — E-Bulletin

### CRRC Regional Training on Questionnaire Development

CRRC launched a series of regional trainings designed for researchers from the South Caucasus. Dr. Gary Pollock, a professor from Manchester Metropolitan University, conducted the first four-day training on questionnaire development. The session covered question wording, issues related to data analysis, fieldwork and coding. Moreover, the training integrated the CRRC Data Initiative (DI), e.g. the participants were asked to develop possible questionnaire modules for the DI survey. Groups designed and presented their work during the training.

The same training on questionnaire development will be carried out locally in all of the South Caucasus countries. There will be three other trainings coming soon. For more information, contact the [Regional Office](#).

### Selected Upcoming Events

- Fellowship Presentations: Towards More Effective Urban Transport Policy: Understanding the Travel Behavior of Tbilisi Residents; Does Kinship Matter? A Study of Placement Stability of Children in Georgia; Risk Behaviors among Adolescents in Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia, March 25 – CRRC Fellows (ENG).

- Presentation: [Handbook on Microeconomic Theory \(by Walter Nicholson\) Translated into Armenian](#), Yerevan, Armenia, March 5 – Dr. Aram Arakelyan (ARM).

- Training: [How to Interpret Labor Statistics](#), Yerevan, Armenia, March 19-20 (ENG/ARM).

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

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Dr. Gary Pollock speaks at training

### CRRC-GE Fellows Present

On February 19, CRRC-Georgia organized a presentation of three 2007 fellowships on the following topics: “How Poverty Separates Families: Impact of Migration on Families and Children in Georgia,” “Evaluation of State Obstetric Care Program for the Population Living below the Poverty Line,” and “Generational Relations and Intergenerational Solidarity in Modern Georgian Society.” For the articles, please contact [Kristina](#).

### Lecture on Inflation in Armenia by IMF Resident Representative



Dr. Nienke Oomes gives interview to journalists

CRRC-Armenia and the Department of Economics of Yerevan State University jointly organized a lecture entitled, “Inflation in Armenia: What is Happening to Armenian Prices?” The lecture, followed by discussion, was conducted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative in Armenia, Dr. Nienke Oomes. Oomes focused on issues such as inflation targeting and measurement, the activity of the Central Bank, the rapid increase of food prices and the low inflation rate.

According to Oomes, Armenian inflation is relatively low compared to other CIS countries and Armenian prices are also low compared to prices in developed countries. However, Armenian import prices are relatively high compared to other CIS countries. One of the recommendations of the IMF Resident Representative in Armenia was to facilitate the reduction of Armenian import prices by improving infrastructure, thereby reducing transportation costs and increasing competition between importers.

The lecture was attended by over 100 guests, researchers, students, NGO representatives, government officials and business people interested in socio-economic development in Armenia, including representatives from Yerevan State University, the Agribusiness Teaching Center, Russian-Armenia University and Millennium Challenge Armenia. Moreover, the lecture attracted the attention from media outlets. For more information, including the PowerPoint presentation, please go to the CRRC-Armenia [website](#).

### CRRC Data Downloads

CRRC’s Data Initiative (DI) 2007 has been available online for a month. There has already been heavy demand for the unique dataset on the South Caucasus, with more than a hundred downloads. For dataset downloads, [click here](#).

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