

Research Connections — E-Bulletin

CRRC Announces the Carnegie Research Fellowship Program

CRRC is proud to announce the Carnegie Research Fellowship Program. The program offers exceptional social science research opportunities in the United States for scholars from the South Caucasus. Scholars in the social sciences may apply for individual, non-degree research opportunities at universities and institutes in the United States. The research period lasts up to four months, starting either September 2008 or January 2009.

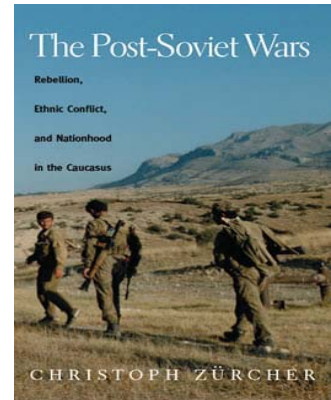
Up to three scholars from the South Caucasus will be selected to join a selected group of excellent researchers from Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, as part of a prestigious program administered by the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER). All costs for the scholars are covered, including round-trip airfare. The deadline for applying for the scholarship is April 30. For more information, please contact nana@crccenters.org.

Selected Upcoming Events

- Fellowship Presentation: [Making Deposit Insurance Work for Transition: Form, Substance, and Implementation](#), Yerevan, Armenia, April 15 – Hayk Zayimtsyan (ARM).
- Training Event: [Social Capital Questionnaire Design](#), Tbilisi, Georgia, April 16-20 – Richard Rose (ENG).
- Fellowship Presentation: [Restructuring Schools in Armenian Neighborhoods: Does Social Capital Matter?](#) Yerevan, Armenia, April 25 – Armine Asryan (ARM).

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

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CRRC Book of the Month

[The Post-Soviet Wars: Rebellion, Ethnic Conflict and Nationhood in the Caucasus](#) by Christoph Zürcher

Zürcher's book examines wars in the Caucasus and places those case studies within the context of the international quantitative literature that attempts to explain why internal wars occur. The book is available at [CRRC-Georgia](#) upon request.

Understanding and Reporting Labor Market Data



Journalists attend media training

On March 19-20, 2008 IREX's Core Media Support Program and USAID Armenia's Social Protection Systems Strengthening Project, in partnership with [CRRC-Armenia](#), organized a training for journalists, principally from Armenian regions, entitled "Understanding and Reporting Labor Market Data."

Among the presenters were Grigor Gyurjyan - Labor Economist, Hasmik Ghukasyan - Poverty Expert/Statistician, Anna Hovhannisyanyan - Legislative Liaison Expert at USAID Armenia, and Leah Kohlenberg - Media Consultant at IREX. They presented on Armenian and international labor legislation, showing official and unofficial statistics on the labor market, and describing sources of information on employment and unemployment in Armenia. The participants had a chance to gain hands-on skills for finding relevant information on the web, interpreting corresponding information and writing news articles. Thirteen journalists were awarded certificates upon completion of the training.

Within the two day training program, CRRC-Armenia Program Manager Arsen Aslanyan presented some findings on employment, unemployment and migration from CRRC's Data Initiative (DI) survey, and explained how those data were gathered, analyzed and interpreted, drawing the attention of the audience to the peculiarities associated with interpreting survey data. Gohar Khachatryan, CRRC Librarian/Information Specialist, also trained journalists on how to conduct Internet research on employment/unemployment data. Slides in Armenian can be accessed [here](#).

CRRC DI Presentations

CRRC's Data Initiative (DI) 2007 has been available online for two months. There has already been heavy demand for this dataset on the South Caucasus ([download here](#)).

For organizations, CRRC can also offer targeted in-house presentations. To request more information, please contact [CRRC-Regional](#) Office.

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