

Research Connections — E-Bulletin

CRRC-Azerbaijan Discusses Gender Based Violence

What are the root causes of Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Azerbaijan? And how to fight it? CRRC-Azerbaijan office together with the United Nations Population Fund is undertaking a series of seminars on the occasion of *16 Days of Activism against GBV*. On November 21, 2008, CRRC hosted a round-table discussion on *Grassroots Response to Gender Based Violence: Policy Implications*. Representatives from the Women's Crisis Center, Women's Association for Rational Development, YUVA-Humanitarian Center, Baku State University, and NGO activists participated in the discussion. Early marriages and low levels of education were named among the factors that lead to GBV. The participants proposed policy options for the eradication of GBV, which included a general educational and awareness-raising campaign on women's rights. More events on the topic are coming up this month (see the event below). [Read more...](#)

Selected Upcoming Events

- Seminar: [Gender and Gender Based Violence in Azerbaijan: Qualitative Approach in Research](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, December 4 – Farideh Heyat (ENG).
- Training Workshop: [Data Analysis with SPSS](#), Baku, Azerbaijan, December 5-12 – Anar Valiyev (ENG, AZE).
- Methodological training: Implications of Econometric Modeling: Logit and Probit Models (with SPSS), Yerevan, Armenia, December 16-20 – Rouben Gevorgyan (ARM).

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

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Answering questions while baking

Caucasus Barometer 2008 Proceeding

Caucasus Barometer, which is a continuation of the Data Initiative, is underway. The data collection is in process in all three South Caucasus countries. As a reminder, the 2008 dataset, together with all the documentation will be free to download from our [website](#) in a couple of weeks. Meanwhile, you can check out a blog post by Onnik Krikorian on how the field work is proceeding by clicking [here](#).

CRRC Opens Cycles of Data Training



Working in groups

How to identify a good survey? What are the main components of successful survey research? What are the main methods of social research? All 80 participants of the CRRC Data Training can already answer these questions.

CRRC has started a Data Training cycle, which will consist of six modules and cover the following topics: Introduction to Survey Methods: Quantitative vs. Qualitative; Identifying a Good Survey; Basic Data Analysis, Advanced Data Analysis; Data Presentation; and Questionnaire Development.

In November, CRRC Regional Director Hans Gutbrod held the first module of the training for two different groups: NGO representatives and those who have studied abroad in the US and/or Europe. The trainees were introduced to the main methods of social research, strengths and weaknesses of those methods, and what works better in the South Caucasus. Moreover, the trainees were active in asking questions and interacting with each other; they were given an opportunity to work in groups and identify chronological sequence of survey. Besides, training participants use the online learning platform for interaction and better understanding of training materials.

The next session of the training will be offered this month by Aaron Erlich, who will talk about how to identify a good survey and what can go wrong with a survey. For more, write to [Nana](#).

CRRC Welcomes New Fellows

The CRRC-Regional office welcomes two new fellows — Keeli Nelson and Sabrien Kent. Keeli has a master's degree in International Affairs from American University's School of International Service in Washington D.C., whereas Sabrien holds her MBA in health management and BUMS in herbal medicine from the Jamia Hamdard University, India. [Read more...](#)

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