



The U.S. Embassy in Armenia

Introducing U.S. standards in policy analysis: writing and speaking retreats for young Armenian experts

Dates: June 4-6, July 2-4, September 10-12, 2021

Language: English, Armenian

Location: Aghveran, Armenia

The Caucasus Institute announces an open call for young scholars, policy columnists and researchers from think tanks, NGOs, media, universities and research centers in Armenia to participate in three ***weekend writing and public speaking retreats*** that will take place on ***June 4-6, July 2-4 and September 10-12, 2021*** in Aghveran.

The course will concentrate on conveying U.S. academic practices and skills in writing and speaking through experience sharing and practical tasks, which will boost participants capacities in *conceptual approaches to policy analysis, research design and logic, and working with sources and data verification, public presentation* etc.

The retreats will be summed up with a final writing assignment. Best pieces will be posted on CI website and/or blogs.

The experts include:

- **Georgi Derluguian**, New York University Abu Dhabi, PONARS Eurasia
- **Guest US scholar**, PONARS Eurasia
- **Alexander Iskandaryan**, Caucasus Institute, PONARS Eurasia
- **Gor Petrosyan**, Caucasus Institute
- **Hrant Mikaelyan**, Caucasus Institute
- **Nina Iskandaryan**, Caucasus Institute

The retreats are organized by the Caucasus Institute with the support of the *U.S. Embassy in Armenia*.

All expenses related to participation (transportation, accommodation and meals) will be covered by the Caucasus Institute.

Eligibility:

- PhD students, young scholars, policy columnists and researchers from think tanks, NGOs, media, universities and research centers in Armenia,
- Professional interest in the field of social sciences and humanities,
- Having a research topic to work on during the retreats,
- Availability to attend the three retreats for their full duration without exceptions,
- Fluent English writing and listening comprehension

Application procedure:

Interested candidates who comply with the eligibility requirements can apply to contact@c-i.am sending their **CV** *with indication of TOEFL or IELTS score (if available)* and a **research topic** which can be either a current academic research topic or any topic of academic interest they are willing to pursue in-depth. The deadline for applications is **Sunday, May 23**. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed online.