

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

MSc in Education (Research Design and Methodology)

Research topic: [Departments of Education in Armenia: The Impact of Institutional Frameworks on Academic Identity Construction](#)

PhD in Sociology

Research Topic: Teaching as Problem and Concept of Sociological Theory: Perspective on Sociological Analysis of Education

Master of Sociology, with Honors

Research Topic: The Institutionalization Problem of Interactive Teaching Methods in Armenian Higher Education: Sociological Analysis

University of Oxford

Department of Education
October 2014 - October 2015

Yerevan State University
Department of Sociology
November 2009 - June 2012

Yerevan State University
Department of Sociology
September 2007 - March 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

BA Courses:

Sociology of Education (YSU, Faculty of Sociology)

Basics of Qualitative Research (YSU, Faculty of Sociology)

Quantitative Analysis (YSU, Faculty of Sociology)

MA Courses:

Media Text Analysis (YSU, Faculty of Sociology)

Evaluation Methodologies (YSU, Faculty of Sociology)

Qualitative Research Methods (YSU, Faculty of Sociology)

Mixed Methods Research (YSU, Faculty of Sociology)

Designed and Delivered Training Courses:

Drawing Scientific Conclusions

Looking Outside Your NGO

Yerevan State University
September 2013 - October 2014

Research Skills for Civil Society Organizations

Research Skills for Social Scientists

Higher Qualification Committee
December 2019

American University of Armenia
Extension Department
February 2019

CSO DePo: CSO Development Program
December 2018

RA Institute of Education, Eurasia International University, "Societies" Expert Center
Training cycles over December 2009 - March 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[Caucasus Research Resource Center \(CRRC\) Armenia Foundation](#)

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Expert for the Youth Study Armenia

Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC) Armenia Foundation

Alternative Media Resources Project Coordinator

RA Ministry of Education M. Mashtots Institute of Ancient Manuscripts Matenadaran

Leading Specialist at External Relations Unit

Armenian National Quality Assurance (ANQA) of Higher Education

Sociologist

Eurasia International University

Education quality assurance consultant

Ohanyan Educational complex

Teacher

Sociologist

Armenian International Policy Research Group

Researcher

Armenia, Yerevan

August 2016 - May 2019 (Research Director)
May 2019 to present (CEO)

Armenia, Yerevan
December 2016 - July 2016

Armenia, Yerevan
February 2012 - October 2013

Armenia, Yerevan
January 2013 - March 2014

Armenia, Yerevan
September 2011 - May 2012

Armenia, Yerevan
September 2009 - January 2013

Armenia, Yerevan
June 2005 - September 2012

Armenia, Yerevan
June 2006

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Teaching human rights project

Donor of the project: Ohanyan educational complex

Teacher

Development of teaching process training course

Donor of the project: Ohanyan educational complex

Teacher

Armenia, Yerevan
September - November 2010

Armenia, Yerevan
October - December 2010

The birth of book project
Donors of the project: UNDP and RUSAL ARMENAL
 Evaluator
Association of Accredited Universities
 Researcher
Intercultural bridge project
Donors of the project: UNDP and RUSAL ARMENAL
 Proposal Writer
 Evaluator

Armenia, Yerevan
 September 2008 - September 2009

Armenia, Yerevan
 March - June 2008

Armenia, Yerevan
 June - August 2007

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Armenia 2018: Realities and Perspectives

Organizer: Armenian Research Center in Humanities

Delivered topic: The Teacher, a Woman: Fused Personal and Contested Professional Biographies

Armenia, Yerevan
 July 2018

SUSESS (Summer School in Sociologies of Education)

Organizer: Department of Social Sciences of the University Federico II

Delivered topic: Different Values, Indifferent Contexts: Teaching Human Rights from Europe to Armenia

Italy, Napoli
 July 2018

13th Annual Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA)

Organizer: ESA

Delivered topics: The Armenian Youth in the Post-Soviet Context: Some important findings from the Armenian Youth Study 2016

Youth, Place Identities and Changing of Social Space Structures: The Case of Post-Soviet Armenian Rural Communities

Greece, Athens
 August 29 - September 01, 2017

6th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States: 25 Years of Urban Changes

Organizer: Charles University Prague

Delivered topic: Symbolic structure of Urban Places: Yerevan Outlook

Czech Republic, Prague
 September 2015

Outcomes Based Course Design and Management

Organizers: "Societies" Expert Centre, Eurasia International University, State Linguistic University after V. Bryusov

Organizing Committee Member, Session Leader

Armenia, Yerevan
 September 2011

The 39th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology: Sociology at the Crossroads

Organizer: Yerevan State University

Participant

Armenia, Yerevan
 June 11 - 14, 2009

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN ARMENIAN

Balasanyan S.A. (2012) The features of the phenomenological perspective on the sociological analysis of education. *Pedagogy Methodological Journal*, 3, pp. 16-21.

Balasanyan, S. (2011) "Teaching" as a Sociological Concept. *Bulletin of Social Sciences Scientific Journal*, 4, pp. 140-145.

Balasanyan, S. (2011) Conceptualization Problems of Education in Armenian reality, *Rule and Reality International Juridical Scientific Journal*. 7(189), pp. 27-30.

Balasanyan, S. (2009) Mass Media as a Means of Self-Identification of Armenian Society. *Yearbook of the Faculty of Sociology*, pp. 21-29.

Balasanyan, S. (2009) The Localization Problems of Higher Education Globalization, *Pedagogy Methodological Journal*. 3-4, pp. 77-86.

Balasanyan, S. (2008) Participative Monitoring of Teacher Evaluation Programs (the Case of Ohanyan College). *Pedagogy Methodological Journal*, 7-8, pp. 11-20.

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN ENGLISH

Knauer, H., Alderman, H., Balasanyan, S., Bakhshinyan, E. (2021) Promoting school readiness through a preschool feeding program: A nutritional nudge to improve at-risk preschooler's cognitive development. [IFPRI discussion paper](#).

Balasanyan S. (2018) Public perceptions of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in Armenia: longitudinal data analysis. *Prospects for peace in Nagorno-Karabakh: International and domestic perspectives*, Yerevan: Caucasus Institute, pp. 124-148.

Gilbreath, D. and Balasanyan, S. (2017) Elections and election fraud in Georgia and Armenia. *Caucasus Survey* 5 (3), 238 -258. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474904117724571>.

Balasanyan, S. (2017) From Pedagogy to Quality: The Europeanisation of Higher Education in Post-Soviet Armenia, *European Educational Research Journal*, 17 (4), 584 - 601. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474904117724571>.

Balasanyan S. (2017) The Educational Dimension of Armenian Statehood and the Major Issue of National Identity. *Collection of*

- Balasanyan, S. (2013) National Identity Crisis and Safety in the Changing World: Reference to Cultural Symbols. *Bulletin of Baltic Pedagogic Academy*, 110, pp.163-169.
- Gevorgyan, H. and Balasanyan, S. A. (2013) Sociological Perspective on the Phenomenon of Teaching. *Banber - Bulletin of Yerevan University*, 139.5, pp. 40-46.
- Balasanyan S.A. (2011) From Mass Media to Self-describing Society: An analysis of Armenian Mass Media as a Social System According to N. Luhmann's theory. *Banber - Bulletin of Yerevan University*, 134.5, pp. 40-48.

BOOKS IN ARMENIAN

- Balasanyan, S. (2014) *Instructional Society: Sociological Conception of Education*. Yerevan: YSU Publication.
- Note: The Book was approved by the Yerevan State University, Faculty of Sociology Scientific Board*
- Vermishyan, H., Balasanyan, S., Grigoryan, O., Kerobyan, S. (2015) *Local Identities in Yerevan: The Structures of Urban Space*. Yerevan: YSU Publication.
- Balasanyan, S. and Vardanyan, N. (2018) Research Skills for Civil Society Organizations. [Online] Available from: https://hkdepo.am/up/docs/CRRC_Research_Skills_for_CSOs.pdf. [Last Accessed 12.12.2019].

BOOKS IN ENGLISH

- Mkrtichyna, A., Vermishyan, H., Balasanyan, S. (2016). *Independence Generation*. Yerevan: FES Publication.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Balasanyan, S. (2022). University Research in Armenia: The Aftermath of Independence. In: Chankseliani, M., Fedyukin, I., Frumin, I. (eds.) *Building Research Capacity at Universities*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-12141-8_9
- Balasanyan, S. (2021) The Teachers, a Woman: Fused Personal and Contested Professional Biographies. In: Boscoboinik, A., Shahnazaryan, G. and Hovhannisyan, S. (eds.) *Gender in Research and Politics*. LIT Verlag.
- Balasanyan, S. (2020) Lessons from the History of Pedagogical Methods for Culturally Responsive Teaching and Learning. In: Porto, G. *Education Systems Around the World*. IntechOpen. <https://doi.org/10.5772/intechopen.90695>.

SELECTIVE REPORTS IN ENGLISH

- Ruta, A., Balasanyan, S., Shahnazaryan, G. (2019). *USAID/Armenia Gender Analysis Report*. [Online] Available from: <https://banyanglobal.com/resource/usaaid-armenia-gender-analysis-report/>. [Last Accessed 12.12.2019].
- CRRC-Armenia and GIZ (2017) *Economic Integration of Syrian Armenians in Armenia*. [Online] Available from: https://www.crrc.am/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/EISRA_Needs_Assessment_Report_Final.pdf. [Last Accessed 12.12.2019].

ESSAYS IN ARMENIAN (published from 2008-2012, all in "Narcis" Literary-Artistic Journal)

Titles: (1) Revival of Mind Keepers; (2) To Choose the Absurd; (3) Sender-Receiver: the Human; (4) The Mindworld-Station; (5) Social Pantomime; (6) The Society in Brackets or... (The Society); (7) Non Material Everything.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

RA Ministry of Education and Science	Armenia, Yerevan
State Committee of Science	2018-2019
Effective Young Researcher Award in Social Sciences	
Luys Foundation (study in UK, University of Oxford)	Armenia, Yerevan
	2014-2015
AGBU Scholarship (study in UK, University of Oxford)	United Kingdom, London
	2014-2015
Heinrich Boell Foundation Scholarship for Young Researchers in South Caucasus Region	Georgia, Tbilisi
	2014
RA Ministry of Education and Science	Armenia, Yerevan
State Committee of Science	October 2013 to October 2014
Young scientific workers' research support project 2013	
Research topic: Local Identities in Yerevan City	

INTERNSHIPS

Oxford Learning Institute	United Kingdom, Oxford
	March 2014-April 2014

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native in Armenian, fluent in English and Russian

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office Suite, STATA, SPSS, Nvivo, MaxQDA