CRIA: 2009 Autumn Issue

The Caucasian Review of International Affairs' (CRIA) Autumn issue has arrived.

Since 2006, the non-profit, quarterly academic journal has been publishing works from a wide array of international scholars, analysts, and researchers. Committed to providing a better understanding of regional affairs, the CRIA is unique as a free, peer-reviewed online academic journal devoted to covering the South Caucasus.

In the interest of promoting an exchange of ideas and dialogue on this fascinating part of the world, the CRIA publishes papers, comments, book reviews, and interviews, as well as its weekly <u>Caucasus Update</u>, all of which provide in-depth analysis on affairs in the Caucasus as well as the wider region.

Representing several different academic institutions, the CRIA's international <u>advisory</u> and <u>editorial</u> boards lend their expertise and experience to the journal, and its readership continues to grow. Further, the CRIA was recently added to Columbia International Affairs Online, and is now included on a large <u>list</u> of international citation indexes and research databases, and in numerous universities' e-journal catalogues. Several mutually beneficial <u>partnerships</u> have been established as well, including one with the CRRC.

Kartvelophiles will find plenty to pique their interest. The <u>headline paper</u> for the Summer '09 issue analyzes patterns of balance and bias in several international newspapers' coverage of the 2008 Russia–Georgia war. The current autumn issue includes a paper by <u>Alexi Gugushvili</u> on the reform of the old-age pension system in Georgia and an <u>interview</u> with CRRC's Regional Director Dr. Hans Gutbrod and its Georgia Country Director Koba Turmanidze.

And do not forget to browse the back issues, too, and check out Aaron Erlich's <u>review</u> of Magnarella's "The Peasant Venture" for a fascinating look at a work that goes beyond standard political and economic themes. In addition, other noteworthy pieces by Dr. <u>Papava</u> of the GFSIS, Lasha <u>Tchantouridze</u>, and Till <u>Bruckner</u>'s paper on the government's efforts to house IDPs can also be found in the back issues.

Finally, for all who are interested, the CRIA accepts papers, comments, and book reviews on a rolling basis (see our <u>submission guidelines</u> for further details), and all manuscripts are carefully considered. Submission deadlines for the Winter 2010 and the Spring 2010 issues are December 15, 2009, and March 15, 2010, respectively. Feel free to e-mail www.cria-online.org with any questions or comments.