

ASCN

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PROGRAMME

AN INITIATIVE OF GEBERT RÜF STIFTUNG IN COOPERATION
WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG

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ASCN is a programme aimed at promoting the social sciences and humanities in the South Caucasus (primarily Georgia and Armenia). Its different activities foster the emergence of a new generation of talented scholars. Promising junior researchers receive support through research projects, capacity-building trainings and scholarships. The programme emphasizes the advancement of individuals who, thanks to their ASCN experience, become better integrated in international academic networks. 2010 marked the first year of the programme's implementation phase. Approximately 100 scholars benefited from ASCN in 2010. The ASCN programme is coordinated and operated by the Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE) at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland).

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MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2010

RESEARCH AND CAPACITY BUILDING

- 9 research projects funded, involving more than 40 scholars (including 19 PhD candidates)
- 3 trainings in research methodology for the social sciences, involving 40 researchers

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 4 MA students enrolled in a semester-long exchange programme at the University of Fribourg
- 4 students admitted to the annual MAS programme in European integration, University of Basel
- 13 PhD candidates and associate professors received research grants for work in Switzerland
- 2 PhD candidates supported with a year-long scholarship
- visits by 3 different professors

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Series of public conferences on the South Caucasus, Bern (Switzerland)
- Publications of books on the South Caucasus and on Eastern Europe
- Eastern European Day, international conference, Fribourg (Switzerland)

All beneficiaries come from the South Caucasus.
In 2010, the programme was limited to Georgian scholars.

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