



Migration and integration issues of Azerbaijanis in the United States: a look from the outside and inside

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by the European Commission under the Thematic Programme on Migration and Asylum. In 2016 he got the DAAD scholarship for the program "Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists" and was conducting the research project entitled "Migration and integration issues: the case of Azerbaijanis in Germany" at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany). His research activities has been funded by the OSI and the Soros Foundations Network, Eurasia Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York, DAAD, Asian Development Bank and other sources.

Rufat Efendiyev is currently working on migration and integration issues of Azerbaijanis in the United States at the CCIS, as a Fulbright Visiting Scholar. Developing his paper on this topic, he will highlight the emigration phases in post-Soviet Azerbaijan, describe the socio-demographic characteristics of Azerbaijani population residing in the U.S. and tell about the In-Depth Interview technique he used with migrants in order to reveal the key drivers, "pull" and "push" factors for Azerbaijani migrants. In general, the study is devoted to deeper understanding of the migratory behavior of Azerbaijanis in the U.S., from the point of view of consideration of various key drivers for immigration and their socio-economic nature. Another equally important aspect of the study to be discussed is an integration aspects in the U.S.

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