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**[Policy Attitudes towards Women in Azerbaijan: Is Equality Part of the Agenda?](#)**

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The paper published in the 21st edition of the [Caucasus Analytical Digest](#) presents an account of how two competing policy approaches coexist in the policy attitudes towards women in Azerbaijan. The first one is largely informed by the dominant national discourse that regards women as guardians of national traditions and emphasizes traditional women's roles as mothers and housewives. The second one is the global feminist agenda that penetrates Azerbaijan thanks to its involvement in the various international institutions and activities of the local NGOs.

The paper argues that many of the adopted state policy documents that attempted to combine these competing approaches and translate international obligations to the 'local soil' often fell short in addressing the discriminatory practices towards women in Azerbaijan.