

Abstract

This thesis is focused on the analysis of the family policy in Italy. After briefly describing the characteristic features and development of the Italian welfare state and the family policy, there will be analyzed a series of the relevant legislative changes in that field. The next parts deal with demographic trends and changing forms of Italian families. The following parts describe particular measures that are used by the state, regions or municipalities to support families in Italy. The final part contains brief conclusions about the Italian familialistic model and its sustainability and proposes recommendations for improvement.