

Historical Evolution of Social Security and its Types

The topic of the thesis is “Historical Evolution of Social Security and its Types” and its main purpose is to describe how social security works during different eras and also to analyze how particular points of view have changed. Various approaches occurred in more than three thousand-year history of social security. Some of them are up-to-date even today and another are useless for practical implementation into contemporary social security systems. This comparison is also one goal of the study.

I have chosen the topic because every individual is interested in its living standard in case of getting ill, becoming disabled, old age etc. but there are only few studies examining social security from legal angles.

The paper is divided into three main chapters. First chapter is introductory and composes of three parts. Part One defines basic terminology used in the paper e.g. social security and its special Czech equivalent "sociální zabezpečení" as well as social services and social welfare. Part Two explain aims and aspects of social security. And finally Part Three presents basic principles which create some sort of ideological background.

Second chapter is subdivided into six parts and each of them has from three to six subparts. The whole chapter focuses on the actual historical evolution of social security from its oldest roots to social and political changes in early 90's and makes an outline of the most important legislation on social security especially in Europe.

The last chapter is the shortest and it's not subdivided. It illustrates tendencies in social security and their progress. It also tries to explore the future orientation of social security and predict necessary changes which have to be implemented.

The outcomes of the thesis are drawn in the Conclusion. The most common type of social security - social insurance - originated in 19th century but everything indicates that it isn't outdated yet, even though The World Bank has expressed another opinion.