

ABSTRACT

The main goal of this diploma thesis is analysis of importance of social capital in process of international migration of two migration groups in Czechia. Specifically were researched immigrants from Ukraine and Vietnam living in Czechia and their specifics.

The thesis contains of theoretical and empirical parts. The goal of theoretical part is mainly an analysis of related scientific literature and researches. This part of the thesis deals with process of international migration, social capital, social capital in the context of international migration and importance of temperament in relation to international migration. The thesis also provides a brief introduction to history of migration tendencies of both researched groups in Czechia. The following empirical part is based on own questionnaire survey. Respondents were chosen from immigrants who are connected to non-governmental organizations. Collecting of questionnaires was organized as so called “snowball” method of picking of respondents in coordination with cooperating non-governmental organizations.

Quantitative statistical analysis of the collected data shows that social capital is an important factor for both studied migration groups, which aids them and which they utilize in all parts of the migration process. No statistically significant difference in the degree of social capital was found between the observed migration groups. However, there are differences in what influences the degree of social capital, and in what way the respondents utilize it.

The final part of this work shows results of the analyses in a broader context and compares them with known literature and research on the topic. Fulfillment of goals of this work is evaluated, and future research in this area is discussed.

KEY WORDS

INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION, SOCIAL CAPITAL, THEORIES, CONCEPTS, CZECHIA, IMMIGRANTS