

Abstract

The following thesis deals with the possibilities of family policy, but also other policies' influence in diminishing child poverty. The possibility is tested through the perspective of Europeanization aspects and if they could be identified in one country, in this case the Republic of Serbia, by applying new instruments to reduce the child poverty. Serbia is a country with notable potential on one hand, and still immense sustainability issues on the other. This is why the emphasis of this research paper is on the influence that European Union can have on the Republic of Serbia all in service of the child poverty eradication. The accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union is still in process however certain similarities, as well as some differences, found in the creations of public policy in Serbia, bear an EU seal. The comparison of certain strategies both in the EU and in Serbia will provide further explanations. Europeanization aspect in the case of Serbia is to a certain extent unavoidable, but how it is going to be received and implemented is up for discussion. Throughout the thesis many different terms, themes and approaches will occur all the while being guided with the specific set of goals and research questions. All of which due to the fact that it is the issue of poverty, i.e. child poverty that is being examined, a complex appearance for which we have to take into consideration the many faces of poverty, tangled causes, and an abundance of consequences. The current political, social and economic situation of the Republic of Serbia is nothing to be envious about, but there is a lot of potential and will for change and growth. There are lessons to be learned, both from the national past as well as the neighbors' present, and it is in the examples and guidance that the strength to combat child poverty should be found. This thesis will present these debates, while shining light and emphasizing all possibilities.

Key words

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