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SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

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The contribution outlines the development and the legal regulation of European Union since the Treaty of Rome till the summit in Nice. The most important legal sources relating to social security in EU are presented, as well as their impact on the systems of social security in the candidate states, in particular Slovenia. There is no legally binding super-national system of social security. The harmonization of social security originates primarily in the economical aims of EU.

*Keywords:* social security, European Union, legislation in EU.

Srečo Dragoš  
THE POLITIZATION OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
RESEARCH REPORT

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Since Christianity, and amongst its variants in particular Catholicism, is the most proselytising religion, the question arises about the relationship between Catholic action and other kinds of action, those that are not based on creed. How does the Roman Catholic Church in Slovenia understand this problem and how does it respond to it? The presented research analysed the presence of the RCC in the biggest media in Slovenia during the campaign for parliamentary election at the end of 2000. Markedly outstanding turned out to be the following topics: the relationship between religion and politics, the issue of religious provision in the military, the issue of religious contents in public education, and the attitude of the RCC towards the press and electronic media. The conclusion of the paper resumes the main issues regarding the RCC's strategy, the proceedings of political parties and the political culture in Slovenia, which have been subjected to significant shifts with potentially damaging consequences for the RCC and the whole society.

*Keyword:* Christianity, religion, Roman Catholic church, clericalism, cultural struggle, politics, election.

Tanja Lamovec  
USERS' INITIATIVES AND THE STATE

*Dr. Tanja Lamovec is a professor of psychology, now retired, and the leading activist in the psychiatry users' movement in Slovenia.*

The author presents various forms of advocacy, as they were developed in Slovenia (peer and collective advocacy and self-advocacy), and her own activities in this field, particularly within a psychiatry users' association named Paradoks. She describes the commonest problems met by users and the forms of their solution in the framework of advocacy. She also points out the as yet unresolved problems in the relation between users and the state, which include, apart from financial issues, especially the issue of (in)adequate legislation.

*Keywords:* advocacy, community mental health, legislation, psychiatry users' training.

## ABSTRACTS

Jasna Cajnko

### ARE SOCIAL WORKERS IMPERILLED?

*Jasna Cajnko is a social pedagogue and director of Centre of Social Work Ruše.*

The author presents her views on the necessary knowledge and professional orientation of the employees of centres of social work. She ponders over the question whether social workers lose their identity, if they continue their training in the fields of other, however similar and related professions, and what is the impact of such a decision on the development of social work.

**Keywords:** social work, professional identity, professional boundaries, professional training.

Tanja Cink

### STRESS AS A CULTURAL FUNCTION

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Stress in the workplace is a factor that can also point to the quality of working life and of life in general. If it is not assured to employees, there is a great danger that they will not be capable to adapt to requirements and will develop a negative attitude towards their organisations. In this case, the cohesion or identification of the employees with their organisations (organisation culture) is shaken and the progress, even the existence of the organisation is imperilled. Consequently, the task of every organisation is to develop tools to preserve a climate that will not threaten employees but will rather be a source of contentment.

**Keywords:** stress, stressors, organisation culture.