

Editorial Foreword

Dear readers,

This 15th issue of the Review of Applied Socio-Economic Research is an invitation to meditate on various critical themes of common concern, from education to economics, anthropology and IT, constantly present in our lives irrespective of our expertise. The variety of topics illustrates the variety of circumstances we have to face every day.

Alexandra Cotae deals with the issue of professional multiculturalism in the medical field, starting from an analysis of the definitions of multiculturalism in the literature, with three main approaches in the public discourse (ideological-normative, programmatic-political, demographic-descriptive) and the preponderance of socio-human fields. The article authored by Alina Monica Danciu et al. discusses the problems associated with global E-waste, or WEEE, and its effects on communities. The authors have their only proposals of reducing WEEE through proper regulations and systematic supply chain revisions. Education as a fundamental right and permanent concern both of relevant authorities and of all of us is approached by Manuela Epure and Ruxandra Vasilescu, with a particular focus on the Black Sea region cooperation in education, pointing out the opportunities and the barriers that impede proper cooperation for improvement of educational programs.

Nikolaos Satsios and Mohga Bassim are concerned with the issue of money saving, with a case study in Pomak households (Cyprus). They emphasize on the factors that influence the saving motives. The results of their research may be useful in designing public policies to encourage increases in household saving rates by emphasizing saving for more personal desires, besides a precautionary or retirement saving purpose. Ulrica Söderlind is present again with an interesting discussion from an anthropological point of view about alimentary theology among Christians in Israel, Palestine and Jordan.

Sara Arab has a book review contribution to this issue of our review on the work of Arturo Escobar, *Encountering development: the making and unmaking of the third world*.

Enjoy your reading!

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