

Editorial Foreword

Dear readers,

Welcome back to an exciting issue of our scientific review, in line with topical and critical themes, raising problems which challenge us all to want to know more, to go further with our own research in an attempt to find solutions. The themes approached by the authors focus this time more on social policies, social protection, accountability, volunteering projects, the power of communities, social entrepreneurship, working life and job satisfaction amongst teachers as the pillars of the society with an important role of shaping nations – current issues extensively debated worldwide.

We would like to extend our thanks to our new collaborators who were interested and desirable to join our valuable pleiad of authors, who found in our review a suitable forum of debate.

Following an already traditional line opened by REASER, the papers published in this volume are authored by researchers from various countries, uniting their voices to put up issues of common concern. Maria Alessandra Antonelli and Valeria de Bonis raise the issue of European welfare policies, of their effectiveness and efficiency and the efficiency of social spending, of the accountability and honesty of public officials. Social protection and social insurance of the population in the Republic of Kazakhstan is debated by Raikhan Sutbayeva, Aliev Irak Zholmurzaevich and Dababrata Chowdhury.

The improvement of the quality of services and of life is the concern of Ahmad H. AlAssaf and Abas Salem Rawashdeh, who try to identify the organizational and administrative obstacles to the development of ministries in Jordan. Another social issue is raised by Nicoleta Bunduc, dealing with the power of communities and how it can help people in need to re-establish their emotional balance. Kristina Dabovic approaches the possibility of developing a city brand for Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro, bringing strong arguments in favour of so many capacities and natural beauties still unexplored and undisclosed by the tourism sector, while Jelena Obradovic also from Montenegro, deals with food production and condition of livestock in her country for a higher level of satisfaction of the needs of the population. An overview of the implications that social entrepreneurship practices have on optimizing the work of social workers is provided for us by Florina-Loredana Demian and Adina Rebeleanu. The status and condition of teachers in Bangladesh, their working life and job satisfaction is the theme of an extensive study authored by Razzak BM, Ali Akkas and Dababrata Chowdhury.

Enjoy your reading!
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