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Women in Central and Eastern European Labour Markets: Who is in Favour of Gender Inequality?

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Gender equality in the labour market is often evaluated on the basis of economic indicators which show that women and men fare rather equally in Central and Eastern Europe. Critics however state the importance of the historical, cultural and social context of transition for the evaluation of gender equality. This context of women's work can be captured to some degree by people's attitudes to women's role in the society, which is an alternative indicator used in this paper for evaluating gender equality in the labour market.

The paper aims first to compare results of economic and alternative indicators of gender equality in order to investigate whether results are robust for different measures. A second part of the paper examines attitudes to gender equality, the impact of socioeconomic background on these attitudes and changes of attitudes over time.

The analysis will compare results between countries in Central and Eastern Europe. Results will be benchmarked using a group of pre-1990 OECD countries. Data derives from the World Value Survey and the International Social Survey program.

The presentation will discuss preliminary results of this paper on which I will work during my Short Term Scientific Mission at the Institute of Sociology.

Biography

Sylke V. Schnepf is a Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences, University of Southampton. She obtained a Master in political sciences, psychology and law in 1999 (Open University Hagen, Germany) and a PhD in Economics in 2005 (University of Hamburg, Germany). Her main research interests are gender equality in Central and Eastern Europe, inequalities in educational achievement and determinants of giving to international development organisations.

Přednáška a následná diskuse bude v angličtině.