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SOCIAL INEQUALITIES AND POVERTY

Abstract

We live in the period of high and fast technical and technological progress, in the period in which human destinies are burdened by new temptations and new challenges, period in which globalization process activities multiplied individuals and groups of people who were pushed from the center of social life to its margins. Poor and developing countries, where there are more and more people who live below the poverty lines, suffocating themselves by misery which leaves them hopeless and without human dignity, deal especially hard with the “new breakthroughs”. Fortune and gains brought by new technologies are unequally distributed in the world. Spectacularly rich world was created from one side, and from the other side seriously impoverished world dominated by horrible poverty and deprivation. In that context the paper analyzes phenomenon of vertical social inequality, poverty and social exclusion with special overview of the Bosnian-Herzegovinian contemporary reality in which those phenomena are vivified.

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