Summaries

Nina Shukina Social policy in the transforming Russian society in fraction of social practices of its actors

The article is about the peculiarities of reproduction of poverty and low social status of lonely elderly people through the mechanism of social policy. The article is based on the results of analyzing texts of official documents, newspapers and interviews with the experts and a client of a social service. The author raises the question on a contribution of social policy and social work both into a formal increase of weal and multiplication of suffering. It regards, in that number, the frustration of social workers in the transforming Russian society, who everyday play the role of scapegoats facing human suffering and having misery resources to relieve them.

Budimir Toukumtsev Reduction of poverty among the industrial workers

The article considers an issue of reduction of poverty in the Russian state during last years. The author discusses an opportunity of decrease of poverty level among the people working in the industry — those who works, but cannot afford normal quality of life for themselves and their families on the salary received. In mid-nineties these people were named «the new poor». Nowadays, after more than 10 years past, this class of people is not disappeared. It still composes an essential group among the workers of manufacture and the population as a whole.

Vladislav Bocharov, Julia Vas’kina The comparison of the living standards of medical workers and teachers and its change during realization of national projects

The article describes some problems connected with a low living standard and inconsistent processes occurring in the structure of incomes and size of wages of medical workers and teachers in view of realization of national projects «Public health services» and «Education». Dynamics of nominal and real wages, average per capita income, financial position of families and level of inquiries of surveyed categories of workers is analyzed on the base of survey conducted in 2001 and 2006 under the monitoring of labor relations within the public health and education services of Samara Region as well as the statistical information and interview with experts.

Ludmila Shilova Evaluation of primary health care by the patients (in Lipetsk and Tumen oblasts)

Modernization of Russian health care is aimed on strengthening of the primary medical care. Therefore, it is important to study the attitude of service users to the work of organizations of primary care. The article presents materials of interviewing the patients in four health centers (polyclinics) in two regions of Russia. The patients evaluate how services are provided, compared quality and accessibility of services that are free of
charge and those which require fees, as well as of medications that are provided as a privilege to certain users’ groups. The service users evaluated preventive services, possibilities of co-ordination of general practitioners’ and specialized care, relations with doctors. The data show that accessibility of services in polyclinics is hindered due to big time losses for working patients who have obligatory medical insurance certificates as well as for the patients from the low income groups due to the wide structure of commercial services and expensive medications.

_Everett Cherrington Hughes_ **Mistakes at Work**

In his essay «Mistakes at Work» (1951) Everett Cherrington Hughes considers mistakes and failures at work as a necessary component of any occupation or profession that affects upon its functioning in a wider social setting. Viewing this theme in the light of comparative study of occupations, the author shows that a division of labour presupposes a delegating of mistakes and risks by laymen to professional men and specialists. This delegating allows for laymen to maintain assurance in situations with which they are not able to handle themselves. In turn, different occupations have their own strategies of protecting themselves against conviction in error or mistake and against their recognizing by laymen itself. Hughes discusses three such strategies which he defines as art, cult and ritual.

_Tatiana Kuteynitsyna_ **Vocational training graduates: a year and a half later**

The article presents different types of the professional career of the vocational training graduates and establishes the factors affecting for these realizations. The author explains in detail the first steps of the vocational training graduates in the start of coming to the labour market. Job search channels, job placement procedures, and workplace satisfaction are considered. The paper demonstrates vocational training effectiveness of the vocational training graduates to hold a workplace on the labour market.