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Editorial

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This issue 2/2013 of the ERIS Web Journal (EWJ) is an open issue and not focussed on a specific theme. Four articles have been selected by the editorial board.

The first article by I.A. Grigoryeva is focussing on the development of social work in Russia. Comparing the development of social work and the development of the Russian economical system Grigoryeva points out that there is a strong connection between both aspects. Social work in Russia, as it is in modern society, had to emerge to work on the side effects of the rapid change from a communist to a capitalist society.

The second article by E. Jovelin is also on the topic of social work as a profession. However, rather than taking the development of the profession as a whole into account he takes a specific look at the question of why people decide to become a social worker. He is focussing especially on the reasons of young people from foreign origin. He answers this interesting question in linking the motivation of people to a theory of recognition.

The third article by Andrej Kállay, Miriam Slaná, Ondrej Botek, Martin Vereš and Lukáš Pavelek tries to illustrate the connection and interdependency between social inclusion and civil society in different aspects. This connection is shown by the example of unemployment rates, poverty and age structures and widens the focus with regard to questions about the Roma population in Slovakia.

The last article you can find in this issue is putting research designs and methods of social space analyses in the centre. Spatscheck uses the social-spatial orientation of social work. The socio-spatial "key idea" is, that social work always "happens" within a spatial environment. The individual situation of a client can only be fully understood in the context of his/her everyday life within the surrounding local, national and international structures. Social Work needs methods to analyse these situations and Spatscheck is providing an overview about some tools for social work research.

In addition readers can find three book reviews and a research report from the University of Ostrava on socio-spatial-segregation.