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Poverty and social exclusion in urban area

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Abstract

The article summarizes information about poverty and social exclusion in the context of the Czech Republic. The Czech Republic has as a post-communist country different experiences with poverty and unequal distribution – before 1989 it officially does not exist, it was a one of the most equal countries on the world. After Velvet revolution many things has changed. Unfortunately, “jungle capitalism” and neoliberalism defined a direction of post-revolution steps. Poverty, unemployment, creating of ghettos – were growing problems for the weakening state.

The next part of this paper is about separation and segregation, which are results of social polarization. Impact of this is visible in the structuring of space – creating of gated communities on the one hand and creating of ghettos on the other hand.

In the last part is presented one excluded locality with interesting history – transformation from living miner’s colony to a ghetto.