

Migrants and the Social Security Systems in the inbound states – the dialectic tension between the costs and the benefits

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Abstract

The 1st article of the Human Rights Universal Declaration declares that “all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights”, adding in the 22nd art. that “everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international co-operation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State (...)” It’s perfectly known that the occidental suffers a serious demographic problem where the age pyramid is reversed, i.e., the natality is decreasing, and the longevity is growing. As a result of this reality, the social security systems have a serious negative perspective by their financial systems, being in debate its possible bankruptcy to the relatively mid-term, as there are enough working-age people to feed financially and, this way, enter in rupture in the need supports to those who need this structure, specially the oldest ones. There are movements defending the entry ban of migrants in the occidental countries, arguing that they are a higher cost to the social systems. Others, consider the migrants as the only way to save the financial system, supporting their public safes by the result of their work and, this way, being a financial source of the social withstand of the old age citizens of their countries. This conference and the paper aim to debate this question by multiple international conventions dealing with this issue, as well as, based on updated international statistics, aiming demonstrate that occidental states need these financial incomes generated by the migrants as a salvation and not a nightmare to the inbound states. In fact, there is a dangerous dialectic tension between the costs and the benefits that needs to be discussed to promote an essential education for Human Rights.

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