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Meeting of Czech and Slovak EVS 2017 teams

Bratislava, June 13, 2017

Place (host organisation): Institute for Sociology, Slovak Academy of Sciences and the APVV research project No. 15-0653 *Values in the Dynamics of Societal Changes in Slovakia and Europe* (2016 – 2020) in the frame of which EVS 2017 survey will be held in Slovak Republic.

Present: The Czech team: Ladislav Rabušic, Petr Fučík, Roman Chytílek, Beatrice Chromková – Manea; the Slovak team: Katarína Strapcova, Silvia Miháliková, Zuzana Kusá



Director of the Institute for Sociology and the leader of the APVV project prof. Silvia Miháliková opened the seminar Methodological Issues of studying values – European Values Study 2017



Programme

Morning: Working part of the meeting (10:30 – 13:40)

- debating (substantiating) proposals of national items to add the Master Questionnaire with interest to increase Czech and Slovak comparability
- dealing with the translation issues and sensitivity of cultural contexts
- issues related to methodological requirements and selection of the field work agency
- Informing about plans of conference and publication activities
- Proposal of common publications (for instance, we agree on preparing and publishing EVS 1991-99-2008-2017 based common monograph on development of value orientations of Czechs and Slovaks in 2018 which is the year of the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the common state and the 25th anniversary of its split up) and monothematic journal issues with the idea to extend invitation to the next EVS national teams too.

Afternoon: Methodological Issues of studying values – European Values Study 2017

Seminar of the APVV project and the methodological section of the Slovak Sociological Association

There were the three presenters:

Dr. Petr Fučík (Faculty of Social Studies Masaryk University Brno) presented **EVS2017 and Family. Utilizability of EVS2017 for research tasks from the area of sociology of family.**

Peter Fučík dealt in his presentation with possibilities of indicating attitudes, values and behaviours linked with the concepts of deinstitutionalisation of family/marriage, changes of gender roles, fragility of relations, emerging adulthood and natality decline/delay. He summarised indicators/items contained in the EVS2017 and attempted to reconstruct their theoretical framing or embeddedness. He also formulated several proposals of additional indicators and substantiated their assets.

Doc. Dr. Roman Chytílek (Faculty of Social Studies Masaryk University Brno) presented **“If the Elections will be held tomorrow” Party preferences, identifications and sympathies in EVS 2017 questionnaire.**

Roman Chytílek dealt with the troubling situation caused by omitting the question asking to report *previous vote choice* from the EVS 2017 questionnaire and replacing it by the new question that shall measure current party preference (“*Which political party appeals to you most?*”). He suggested that the translation and the use of this question in Central and East Europe societies (and mainly their party systems) faces some nontrivial contextual problems. He debated them and proposed some solutions.

Dr. Zuzana Kusá (Institute for Sociology Slovak Academy of Sciences) presented **EVS 2017 and study of peripeteia of Social universalism.**



Zuzana Kusá reacted in her presentation to the growth of particularistic solidarities in Slovakia and also in other CEEC and pointed at universal solidarity (civil solidarity) as one of the crucial European values still contained in human right conventions and fundamental documents of European Union. She presented combined methodology of study of the development of solidarity attitudes proposed in the research project APVV 15-0653 that comprises political discourse analysis, qualitative research (focus groups debating three EVS2017 items) and, of course, analysis of the data from the four EVS waves held/to be held in Slovakia. She also presented first findings of the focus groups debates related to the issue of “guaranteeing that basic needs are met for all, in terms of food, housing, clothing, education, health data” that indicated rather sharp deviation from supporting social universalism.

There was vivid and informed debate after each presentation often targeted to the 2017 EVS wave in Slovakia. The seminar was attended with more than 20 colleagues from academy, Comenius University and university students



*Petr Fučík presented his paper
Left: Zuzana Kusá, Slovak EVS team, Ladislav Rabušic, Czech EVS team*



Roman Chytilék during his presentation



Participants

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