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Subject matter of the research project

“Development of the Modern Ukrainian Society:
Sociological and Politological Dimensions”

The Department provides educational services to prepare:

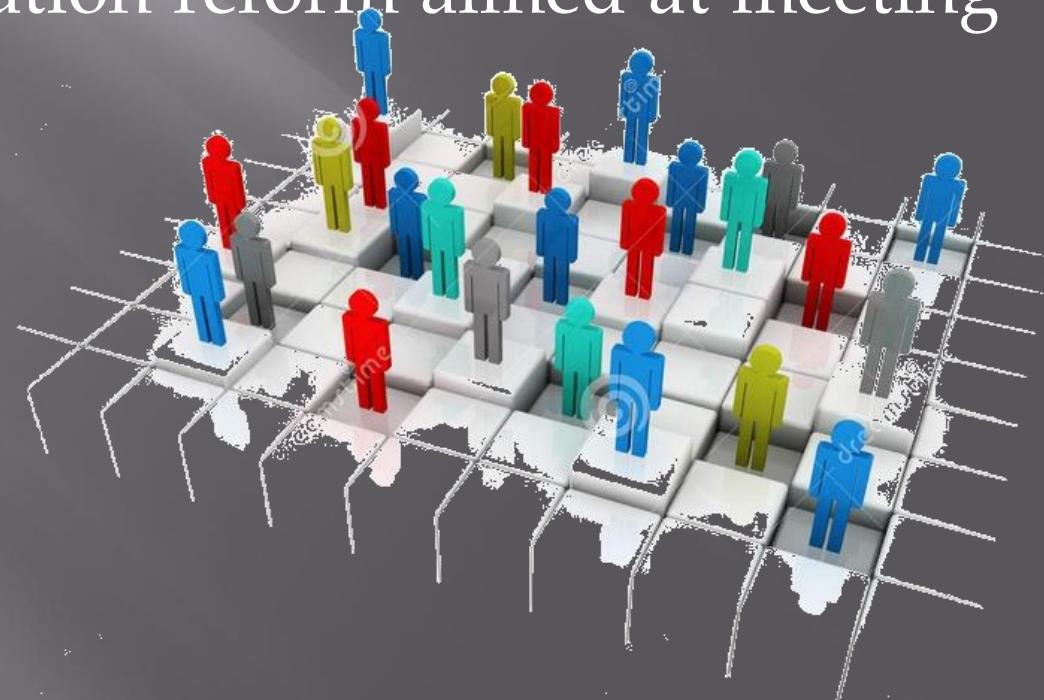


“BACHELORS”
in the field of
“Sociology in
Administration”;
“MASTERS”
in the field of
“Sociology in Human
Resources
Management.”

Project 1

«Local-Level Public Authority: Overall Performance»

Goal: to look into particular characteristics of operation of local government bodies against the nature of their authoritative powers, as well as Ukraine's decentralization reform aimed at meeting citizens' needs.



Practical importance

To identify the degree to which the real performance of public governing bodies and state officials is effective by analyzing service quality categories at the level of local government bodies, as well as such services communication, e.g. creating opportunities and further granting people free access to administration.

Project tasks

1. To explore issues arising in the domain of people-local governing bodies interaction in both Ukrainian and Western European contexts, carry out a comparative analysis.
2. To analyze practices applied by EU member states as regards effective models of communication between public authorities and people. To prioritize communication policy directions for Ukrainian local authorities in the context of setting on-the-spot and efficient ties between various levels of local government and the community.
3. To identify features of administrative services provision specific for local governing bodies of Ukraine and those of EU countries.

Sociological research under the project

1. Monitoring of direct administration practices, aimed at revealing whether mechanisms of holding local referendums, as well as communication between locally elected governors and voters are effective; conducting public hearings, consultations, local initiatives etc. in Ukraine and EU states.
2. Monitoring of information resources exploited by local authorities, i.e. websites, social networks, mass media.
3. Monitoring of inter-municipal communication at different governance levels, i.e. nationwide and local.

Project 2

«Problems of Migrants' Social Adaptation»



Goal: There is an urgent need to explore such social categories as 'refugees' and 'internally displaced persons,' the latter being rather recent ones for both Ukraine and European community. They ought to be examined against the up-to-date circumstances with social transformations highly activated because of local/regional military and political conflicts.

Practical importance

The modern world turns out to be unprepared to counter socioeconomic and ethical challenges, hence such negative phenomena as xenophobia and racism have been on the increase. This is why a thorough study of the changes that occur in the social structures of the European community as a result of refugee in-flows will make it possible to draft recommendations on how to adjust social policies for migrants' integration.

Project tasks

1. To identify effectiveness of the state policy exercised in both Ukraine and EU countries towards persons who abandoned their permanent places of residence in search of asylum to refuge from military and political conflicts.
2. To analyze changes occurring in both European and Ukrainian social structures given that the primitive stratification (offered at the level of state) recognizes only two categories: i) persons who remained in the territory where armed conflicts take place, and ii) those seeking asylum, i.e. temporarily dislocated persons; however, each group is de facto inhomogeneous having more complicated stratification.
3. To study overall performance of administrative bodies set up in military conflict zones, i.e. civil-military administrations.

Sociological research under the project

1. Monitoring of managerial decisions across the entire top-down command structure aimed at uncovering social problems faced by migrants and host communities; defining whether state policy exercised towards persons who abandoned their permanent places of residence in search of asylum is adequate and efficacious.
2. Conducting a survey among EU citizens in order to identify social sentiments as regards their attitude to migrants and further detecting key factors for potential shifts in social structures.
3. Carrying out a public opinion poll in the contact zone on whether the locals are satisfied with civil-military administrations' operations.

Project 3

«Ukraine's New Police: Evaluation of the Reform Efficiency»

Goal: To study efficiency of the reform conducted in Ukraine's law enforcement agencies.

In 2015, there began the first stage of reform within Ukraine's Ministry of Internal Affairs.

- establishment of the National Police with the objective to replace law enforcement agencies' staff in a qualitative manner, as well as setting their focus on providing high quality services to citizens.



Practical importance

Setting up service centres within the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine has become one of the reform directions. The priority was given to administrative services simplification, decentralization, service upgrade, adoption of state-of-the-art technology. According to the statistics, following one year that the reform was under way, there is an increase in crime and road traffic accidents. The research that is planned to be implemented will foster uncovering systematic errors in the operations of law enforcement agencies, especially those aimed at interaction with citizens, and fault correction.

Project tasks

1. To carry out region-wise evaluation of the reform efficiency on the part of Ukrainian citizens, identify their trust in law enforcement agencies.
2. To analyze performance of service centres established within the police, unveil their strengths and weak points.
3. To study new policemen's attitude to the reform of Ukraine's law enforcement system.

Sociological research under the project

1. Monitoring of crime rate in Ukraine, as well as statistics of road traffic accidents and citizens' trust in law enforcement agencies.
2. Monitoring of the new police service centres' overall performance, conducting an opinion survey to reveal the degree to which people are satisfied with the reform under way.
3. Polling newly recruited policemen as to the operations of the law enforcement system being reformed.

Meaningful results of the research activity

1. Carrying out sociological research on “Street Children” in Donetsk-city within “Let’s Preserve Childhood” UNICEF project, 2008.
2. Carrying out sociological research on “Attitude to the Youth Policy and Examining Needs and Interests of Young People Living in Donetsk-City” under the aegis of Department for Family, Youth Issues and International Relations, part of Donetsk City Council’s Executive Committee, 2010.
3. Expert participation in the “National Convent of Ukraine regarding the EU” task force, drafting recommendations within the project on “Inter-Regional Cooperation between Ukraine’s Eastern Regions and EU Countries,” 2011.
4. Carrying out sociological research on “Overall Performance of Local Government Authorities: Interaction and Responsibility” in cooperation with the National Institute for Strategic Studies’ regional affiliate, customized by the Presidential Administration of Ukraine, 2012.
5. Participation in the international project for elaborating and teaching a discipline called “Visegrad and Ukraine: Findings of International Sociological Research” in accordance with Visegrad Foundation program, 2011-2013.

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