

ABSTRACTS

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THE PROBLEM OF ECOLOGICAL INFERENCE

Statistical methods for ecological inference are advanced. The drawback of ecological inference at present is not with the availability of statistical technology but the lack of information. More reliable inference can be made with the combination of aggregate and individual level data, i.e. survey data. Recent developments within the last ten years in sophisticated statistical methods bring the solution of ecological inference close to data analysts.

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**GROWTH FUNCTIONS, DIFFUSION OF INNOVATIONS, SOCIAL
CHANGES**

Owing to the spectacular currency of infocommunication technologies, the diffusion of innovations has become one of the most exciting research topics in the social sciences in the past decade. The present study deals with the most basic types of growth functions and then inspects the broad applications of this diffusion of technological innovations. The second half of the study surveys the endeavors which seek to apply the use of growth functions to the broadest possible areas of social change via the long waves of economic development and logistic substitution processes.

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**“GENDER CULTURE” AT A LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
GENDER RELATIONS AND ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE**

Our research examined the gender segment of organisational culture at a local municipality. In the present study we analyse results from focus group discussions with employees at a municipality. In the analysis we discuss what characteristics gender culture has in an organisation where the majority of executives and employees are women. In case of such a gender composition, is organisational culture supportive of women? What characteristics do our research subjects attribute to women and men in general, and to their male and female colleagues? What do they think of the fact that the organisation has a female majority and how do they judge the issue of equal opportunity? The focus groups enabled us to provide a “rich” and deep description of the examined aspects.

Lilla Péter

**THE PRESTIGE OF HUNGARIAN EDUCATORS FROM ROMANIA
DURING THE ROMANIAN EDUCATIONAL REFORM**

The Romanian educational system was one of the most centralized ones before the change of the political system, thus, it is not accidental that after the change of the political system the decentralization of education seemed to be a real claim. As one of its consequences the Romanian education has been the scene of permanent changes for the past one and a half decades, and the changes influenced in several points the work and the situation of the teachers. Against such a background our basic research question emerged which aimed the relationship between the educational reform and the teachers. In this study we present only a segment of the results of our research, namely the presentation of the opinion that a strata of the Hungarian teachers from Romania has about the social appreciation of their profession. The results shows that the teachers from Hargita County are not satisfied with the social appreciation of their profession either, they consider that it is worse than of other intellectual categories. Further on, the inquired teachers are unsatisfied with the "official" appreciation of the profession, at the same time the appreciation of the different teachers profession is in relationship with the activities on the different levels of education. The Hungarian teachers from the small region see the rise of esteem of the profession in the solving of the problems of financing, of educational policy and of the teachers vocational courses.

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