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Abstract

What really means today to work in Greece? The last four years have changed the ways that the work is organized and regulated, of course this had a major impact on society, this is what we are going to explore in this paper.

Due to the Memorandum that the Greek government and Troika (IMF, EU, ECB) have signed and the objectives that it set, the legislation has dramatically changed, but did those objectives achieved (e.g., flexibility in the labor market, wages and productivity etc)? And what was the impact of those changes in society.

We are going to give the outline of the evolution and prospects of the economic fundamentals of Greece, subsequently we will describe the course of employment and unemployment and the percentages that full and part-time employment has. The illustration of the types, forms, specializations of labor that are -currently- the prevailing trend and the analysis of the social impact (of those), mainly exploring the possibility for someone to experience a major setback in living standards or even to be found in a state of absolute poverty, is our next step.

Finally we are going to make a comparative reference to the distribution of occupations in Greece, the ways that were connected to the economy, during the 2000-2009 period, and how there were affected by the current crisis.