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Field of study:	economics and management
Supervisor:	Klus, Martin, doc. PhDr. PhD. MBA
Dissertation topic:	Social networks and their impact on the public sector and the quality of democracy in selected countries
Dissertation language:	English language
Study form:	external
Annotation:	The influence of social platforms on the public sector and the quality of democracy in individual countries of the world is currently absolutely indisputable. In a positive sense, e.g. in the ability to address the information provided by the public sector towards the citizen, to expand citizen participation in democratic processes in democratic political institutions, or to strengthen freedom of speech in them. But also in connection with the negatives, such as e. g. the rapid spread of false information or hateful speech, but also “closing of citizens” into the so-called bubbles in which the polarization and radicalization of society is growing, what can even directly threaten democracy itself in the given countries. Different countries have chosen different approaches to solving these problems, therefore the primary scientific goal of the dissertation will be to examine and compare different approaches of selected countries and groups of countries (EU) to this issue.

Field of study:	economics and management
Supervisor:	Doc. JUDr. Mgr. Daniel Krošlák, PhD. LL.M.
Dissertation topic:	Theoretical and Practical Aspects of Ethics and Integrity in the Public Administration of the Slovak Republic
Dissertation language:	English language
Study form:	external
Annotation:	<p>This dissertation analyzes the theoretical foundations and practical operation of ethics and integrity within public administration in the Slovak Republic. In the theoretical part, the Ph.D. candidate focuses on the analysis of regulations such as the Ethical Code for Public Employees, sector-specific ethical codes, and other documents that define the framework for integrity within public administration. This also includes the practical implementation of these regulations and documents, both in the activities of the Civil Service Council and within the functioning of selected central government bodies. The conclusion of the work highlights gaps in the current system and suggests possibilities for its improvement to help increase citizens' trust in public employees and state institutions.</p> <p>The dissertation will utilize a combined methodological approach, integrating theoretical analysis with empirical research. The theoretical part will primarily include the study of relevant legal regulations (e.g., the Civil Service Act), ethical codes, other documents, as well as professional literature on the topic of integrity in public administration. In the empirical part, the Ph.D. candidate will focus on collecting data on the practical implementation of ethical norms in selected state institutions. This will involve a suitably set combination of quantitative and qualitative research methods. From quantitative methods, statistical methods (e.g., for processing cases of ethical standard violations) and questionnaire surveys (e.g., to ascertain awareness of the content of ethical codes among a selected sample of public employees) will be primarily used. To complement the obtained quantitative data, the Ph.D. candidate will also conduct semi-structured interviews with key representatives of the examined bodies, including representatives of the Civil Service Council and employees of selected central administrative bodies who are directly involved in monitoring compliance with ethical standards. The result of combining these methods will be a comprehensive view of the current state of ethics and integrity in public administration in the Slovak Republic, based on which specific recommendations for the development and strengthening of ethical standards and mechanisms for increasing integrity in Slovak public administration will be proposed at the conclusion of the work.</p>

Field of study:	economics and management
Supervisor:	prof. Mikuláš Sidak, DrSc.
Dissertation topic:	Innovations of Public Administration in the Slovak Republic in the context of European integration
Dissertation language:	English language
Study form:	external
Annotation:	Public sector innovation is at the forefront of politicians, public authorities and society. European states are at various stages in the conceptualization and implementation of the respective strategies. Therefore, we need to carry out in dissertation project measurable scientific and research analyzes of public sector innovations (new trends in the EU and in selected European countries). Dissertation work's intention is provided key conclusions, pillars and effective tools for implementation and application of innovations in the area of public administration and to prepare proposals de lege ferenda.

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