

Description for the general public

The purpose of the project is to research the relationship between poverty and human rights, and also to determine the obligations of public authorities vis a vis persons living in extreme poverty; something which could improve their living conditions in the long term.

The research is divided into four stages. The first stage entails determining the nature of the research area, based on the findings of social sciences, in particular social politics, economics, history and sociology. The second stage will analyse the activities aimed at poverty reduction reflected in international human rights law and in the law of other countries. The third stage of the research focuses on the Polish constitutional order. At this stage, the research will be used to determine the constitutional standard of protecting the rights of persons living in poverty. Finally, during the fourth stage, this previously determined human rights protection standard will be compared with Polish legislation in order to identify its potential deficits and to provide proposals for necessary normative solutions.

Despite the increased interest in this theme among scientists around the world and the actions undertaken by the international community to reduce poverty, research into the relationship between poverty and human rights has not been previously conducted in Poland. The realisation of the project should close this gap and will have significant influence on the development of human rights and constitutional law.