

Economic measurement of social cohesion in plural societies***L. Klimenko, A. Ermishina***

The article analyses various interpretations of the social cohesion concept in contemporary literature, ways of operationalizing the concept for measuring the degree of social cohesion. The authors compare two approaches: one of them assumes the existence of value consensus in a socially cohesive society while another does not one. The modern definition of social cohesion emphasizes the importance of tolerance to the diversity of values and cultures in society based on increasing the well-being of all its members. Thus, the economic component turns out to be a universal factor of social cohesion both in Western and Asian societies with their special system of values and ways of modernization.

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