

Sandra Obiol Francés

Child benefit system in Spain

Child Benefit (*prestaciones familiares por hijo a cargo*) is the only monetary, regular and direct allowance to contribute bringing up children in Spain. Therefore, the Family Allowance System might be seen as a privileged watchtower where it is possible to observe complex and dynamic relationships between the family, the State and the market. Moreover, it shows its influence on the wellbeing and on the dynamics of inclusion or exclusion.

This paper analyzes the Spanish economic allowances targeted to children and its evolution since its last reform in 1990. The main goal is to contribute to our understanding of the level of compromise acquired by the Spanish State for the family care. This study tries to draw the boundaries between public and private areas and discover the inequalities related to the cost of child bearing and education.

Sandra Obiol Francés

Universitat de València , Spain

e-mail: Alejandra.Obiol@uv.es