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## **SUBJECTIVE PERSPECTIVE TO SOCIAL EXCLUSION AMONG YOUNG ADULTS IN SOUTH-EAST FINLAND AND NORTH-WEST RUSSIA**

The marginalization of youth causes both human suffering and economic loss for the society. Thus, the inclusion and participation of young people are among most important aims for youth and social policies. For social work, objective measures to social exclusion like the standard of living and opportunities to work or study make it possible to tackle different aspects of exclusion. Another perspective to the same phenomenon is the subjective sense of exclusion which can differ from objective measures both at individual level and in international comparisons.

In this presentation, social exclusion is scrutinized from the subjective perspective. The comparison between the South-East Finland and North-West Russia is carried out by the perceived social exclusion index (Layte et al. 2010). The subjective approach to social exclusion makes it possible to compare the countries which differ significantly from each other culturally, economically and politically. The special interests in the presentation are in the social support and quality of services.

The presentation is based on a survey data which has been gathered 2011 from South-East Finland and North-West Russia. In this study, young adults are age group from 16 to 29 years old. The number of respondents is in S-E Finland 1400 and in N-W Russia 1700.

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