Abstract

The thesis on ‘Social security rights for migrant workers – Experiences for Vietnam from International and EU legal instruments’ is taken in the context of an increased flow of labor migrants at international, regional and national level. Being both sending and host country of migrant workers, Vietnam is on the way to improve its legislation in this matter. Therefore, the thesis formulates recommendations for the Vietnamese legislator, based on benchmarks deducted from international and EU legal instruments. At international level, all related instruments of UN and ILO are examined. The outcome of this part is that international instruments provide valuable standards on migrant workers’ social security and play an important role in raising awareness of states in protecting these rights. However, these instruments are not always sufficiently detailed to have a direct and strong effect on domestic laws. The European Union on the other hand has developed a rich and complex coordination of social security systems of the Member States. EU regulations provide a valuable long-term benchmark for many countries wanting to improve the protection of migrant workers’ social security rights. When formulating recommendations based on these benchmarks, the practical context of Vietnam has been taken into account. Accordingly, recommendations have been formulated both in the short term and the long term.