

Original scientific article**UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN TIMES OF CRISIS, WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**Sabira GADŽO-ŠAŠIĆ¹

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Through content analysis method, this paper examines the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Convention, UN CRPD) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). The analysis involves a desk study of available reports, relevant regulations, laws, and other pertinent documents with the objective to assess the opportunities and limitations for the implementation of the Convention and its underlying social model in BiH. Furthermore, the paper aims to highlight how the crises, that marked the 21st century, had negative impact on the Convention's implementation in the country.

Specifically, the analysis draws attention to a set of rights that persons with disabilities find difficult to exercise in the BiH society. These include: equality and non-discrimination, awareness-raising, accessibility, equality before the law, independent living and inclusion in the community, work and employment, participation in political and public life, as well as participation in cultural activities. Unfortunately, access to these rights is made even more difficult by adverse changes resulting from a series of consecutive crises.

KEY WORDS:

BiH; UN; Persons with disabilities; Crisis; Rights; Disenfranchisement;

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SAŽETAK:

U radu se primjenom metode analize sadržaja (analizom dostupnih izvještaja o primjeni UN Konvencije o pravima osoba s invaliditetom u Bosni i Hercegovini (BiH), važećih propisa, zakona i ostalih dokumenata od značaja za temu) ukazalo na mogućnosti i ograničenja primjene odredaba sadržanih u Konvenciji Ujedinjenih naroda o pravima osoba s invaliditetom u BiH, ali i socijalnog modela na kojem se bazira kompletna Konvencija. Cilj je bio ukazati kako su krize koje su obilježile 21. vijek negativno uticale na primjenu odredaba sadržanih u spomenutoj Konvenciji u BiH.

Posebno je ukazano na grupu prava (ravnopravnost i nediskriminacija; podizanje svijesti; pristupačnost; jednakost pred zakonom; neovisno življenje i uključenost u zajednicu; rad i zapošljavanje; sudjelovanje u političkom i javnom životu; sudjelovanje u kulturnom životu) koja osobe s invaliditetom teže ostvaruju u bosanskohercegovačkom društvu, a čija primjena je dodatno usporena negativnim promjenama proisteklim iz kriza.

KLJUČNE RIJEČI:

BiH; UN; Osobe s invaliditetom; Kriza; Prava; Obespravljenost;