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In this chapter the importance of social values as fundamental elements for the construction of inclusive societies is analysed. Different studies that I developed in the last 15 years of research carried out at ICS will be presented having social values as main object of analysis. Based on data from the European Values Study (EVS) and the European Social Survey (ESS), three lines of research will be addressed: 1) the structure and salience of values; 2) the dynamics of values; 3) the consensus of values; and 4) the impact of values. 1) Concerning the analysis of values' structure and salience the validity of the scale of values developed by Schwartz (1992) in different European countries will be tested, and it will also be presented a study in which the meanings of the Schwartz values are discussed in light of other value scales, namely Rockeach (1953) and Inglehart (1997). 2) According to Inglehart's theory, the dynamics of values, i.e. the change of value priorities is, in western societies, associated with socio-economic development. This perspective is discussed using a multilevel analysis where the impact of the economic factor is evaluated at two levels: individual and structural. (3) The differences between countries concerning the degree of consensus around values' priorities will be analyzed from two different perspectives: one, based on Schwartz's assumptions according to which socio-economic development has a homogenizing role on values' priorities; another one following the work from Billig (1984), Vala (1993, 1998) and Almeida (1990), that defend that socioeconomic development promotes autonomy and facilitates the individualization of value options, which contributes to individual internal inconsistency and consequently, according to our suggestion, for greater inter-individual differentiation and less social coherence. 4) Finally, different studies will be presented showing the fundamental role of values, both at the individual level and at the structural level, in opposition to immigration and anti-discrimination policies.