

Epistemological reflections for a Disability Sociology

Abstract:

In this article, I want to focus on analysing the specifically sociological dimension of disability, distinguishing it from health sciences dimensions, but observing the implications of these distinct dimensions. Our intention is not to claim for sociology all the disability analysis field. The *habitus* concept can be very useful, articulating subjective and structural components, to analyse the situation of persons with disabilities, although still is needed more empirical research to test it. But we cannot do it without accompany the *body* notion merged from habitus with another one, which is *self-concept*, that points to mental aspects. The first premise in the analysis is start from *epistemological doubt* and show an analytic posture critic about how the disability concept has been constructed, and how the common component (which is the more social) has been subsumed in a large and practically uncompassable classification of medical impairments and sub-impairments.

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