

## ***The social model of disability new contributions: a sociological critic reflection***

### **Abstract:**

Repudiating the "personal tragedy theory", which reduce disability to a simple medical impairment, the social model takes as the start point the critic of the notion of disability proposed by the Union of Impaired People against Segregation (UPIAS) IN 1976: the division between biological and social is questioned. Disability and dependence come from a capitalist production system that demands an special kind of labour force, adjusted to a "normality and physical capability" pattern. Also, the term of oppression is used to indicate the hierarchical relations generated by the social, sexual and racial labour division in a capitalist society. In addition, relations between disability and body or disability and gender, cultural dimensions or overly mechanistic explanations are questioned. These aspects, and other ones, of the social model of disability will be analysed here.

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