PhD Abstract

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Working Title

The PhD project seeks to investigate the impact of welfare states on the social stratification of people with impairments. This PhD project will provide theoretical and empirical insights into welfare regimes and their impact on disability policies. The assumption of disability policy regimes is made, which are seen as a bundle of policies that structure social positions in welfare, work, and everyday life of people with impairments and that govern the societal disability structures. To investigate different social realities of disability policy, the author has chosen a comparative perspective. The comparative perspective of the cumulative dissertation is mainly a cross-country perspective. Furthermore, one part of the cumulative dissertation focuses on a regional comparison of Swiss cantons. The author compares the social position of people with impairments within the political economy and the organization of living conditions and disability care. The cumulative dissertation applies secondary data analyses and comparative research methods. The PhD project will provide results that are of interest for social sciences, disability studies, and policymakers, such as in the disability field or in social policy and social work.