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Abstract participation

The lecture describes the possibilities and limitations of the participation of service users. Participation is defined as the involvement of individuals, groups and communities in decision-making processes which affect them directly or indirectly. Empowerment is regarded as a fundamental precondition of participation by which individuals and groups and communities enhance their capacity to be informed, make choices and transform these choices into desired actions and outcomes.

The presentation shows and discusses forms of and approaches to participation and gives concrete examples of participation practices in service user organizations. Finally, it deals with the neoliberal misinterpretation of empowerment.

The Lecture underlines that participation is a matter of power and the transfer of power as a measure of participation.

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