

Body and Habitus: the experience of disability structural framework

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Abstract:

From a sociological perspective, disability can be conceived as a Social Field (Bourdieu). As such, it has an specific logic, an specific nomos, and within it a special kind of Capital is in dispute. It is a symbolic capital, of social recognition, which primary capital the body. Agents involved in this field have the objective to obtain the legitimation of their bodies, evaluated from "legitim body" (the healthy, beautiful and good body), under the medical promise of healing (impos-sible to comply). Thus, their objective is the obtaining of a devaluated legitima-tion, the one of a body-no-legitim-legitimated.

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