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Call for Papers

Workshop Session: Accessing healthcare institutions: what is at stake during negotiations to conduct fieldwork

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Research in healthcare institutions have a rich tradition in sociology. Empirical fieldwork in medical settings helps us to understand many aspects of contemporary societies. However, access for sociologists to healthcare institutions is far from being granted. Relations between the medical profession and social sciences researchers reveal multiple forms of collaboration in which the autonomy of sociological projects can be undermined or challenged. In a context where ethical concerns and administrative regulation of research data are playing an increasingly important role, this workshop addresses the issues surrounding access to healthcare institutions for social scientists. The aim of this panel is to explore current trends revealed by concrete experiences of negotiations, to identify difficulties and obstacles that characterise the new challenges of sociological research. For example, are we witnessing increasing tensions between social sciences and healthcare institutions? Do the obstacles that researchers may encounter show a concern to protect vulnerable patients, a lack of understanding between different scientific cultures, or power games? Do they reflect a distrust of external criticism, or a vulnerability of healthcare institutions? The aim of this workshop is to document through concrete research experiences, current issues regarding access to healthcare institutions, and to stimulate sociological interpretation of the current conditions for social sciences research in health and medicine.

Proposals may be submitted in French or English.

Deadline for submitting abstracts: 5 January 2024

Length of abstracts: max. 2000 characters

Language(s) of the workshop: French and English

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