



– Institute's Colloquium –

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Partizipative Gesundheitsforschung in der Bochumer Hustadt: Zwischen Hochhäusern, sozialen Einrichtungen, Theorie und Praxis

The paper presents the collaborative health project 'QUERgesund' and introduces the different agents that interact and collaboratively create knowledge in and about a particular multi-diverse quarter in the Ruhr. The inner Hustadt in Bochum was conceptualized as part of the 'Universitätsrahmenstadt' in the 1960s. It accommodates 1100 flats in four to fourteen level high-rise buildings. Around 3000 people from over 40 nations and with different socio-cultural backgrounds live here, constituting a heterogeneous neighborhood. On the one hand many of the inhabitants face discrimination concerning education, health and employment, on the other hand ethnic and social communities constitute an important health promoting resource. 'QUERgesund' is a culturally sensitive and collaborative health project, which aims at developing health promoting and demand-oriented facilities together with residents. Besides the implementation of concrete measures the project team focuses on probing and developing collaborative methods.

QUERgesund is coordinated by a local association of multicultural child, youth and migration welfare service. QUERgesund cooperates with 'HULAbor' (City Lab) that is affiliated with the university of health, located at the central of the quarter and used as an experimental space for events and encounters. A committee of health experts navigates QUERgesund and residents, social workers and scientists research, reflect and work together to initiate changes in the Hustadt. As a first step scientists from university together with inhabitants and students conducted a needs and status analysis about health perception and promotion in the quarter. Interview guidelines were collaboratively conceptualized and negotiated by health experts, ethnographers, students and residents.

The paper discusses the innovative approach of the project and reflects the advantages and pitfalls of collaborative research.

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Everybody is welcome!