ABSTRACT

BIOPOLITICS AND THEIR PRACTICAL USE IN HEALTH POLITICS. Gender difference in health insurance systems showed in the example of private health insurances – by focusing on the use of technics and technologies during pregnancy and birth

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Abstract:

Central aim of this work is the sociological analysis of connections between biopolitics and health insurance. Biopolitics here mean the development and manifestation, or more exactly the embodiment or incorporation of disciplinary methods, which are transferred in the “natural” appearance of the body. Further aim of this research is the analysis of sociological and historical backgrounds of biopolitics, which influence health and insurance systems until today. In this analysis discourses about health and illness are as well included as the registration of illnesses with a focus to gender aspects.

Data basis are the catalogues of the benefits of private health insurances, as well as general and medically registered health data of men and women. The aim of the analysis is to find out if financially higher insurance tributes from women until the age of fifty are to be justified or not.

Furthermore the results are examined including new biotechnological research and their practical use in reproductive medicine and genetics. Planned or expected changes in the health insurance system are thereby examined as result of these technics and technologies. New developments and interactions between biotechnological research and their implementation in the health insurance system are analysed including actual expert knowledge. The effects of technical and technological use and its future results are examined with a view to social, health and gender politics.

Gender aspects are especially focused on refering to the implementation of reproductive medicine and genetic engeneering in the health insurance system: With the aim to find out, if changes in the health insurance system as effect of the use of these new technics and technologies cause even higher financial tributes for women. Or if the inclusion of new
technics and biotechnologies are being transferred in the general rise of financial tributes for men and women.