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# *Welfare-Mix between Family, Voluntary and Professional Workers in the Case of Dementia*

## Resumen

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## Abstract

The starting point of this lecture is the argument that only multi-professional and networked aid promotes the independence of people with dementia and maintains the psychosocial relief of their supporting family members. We will ask how the social meaning of co-production in case of dementia can be captured, in accordance with the substantive dimension of

co-production in dementia.

First the relation of activity and dementia comes in the foreground. On the one hand the current normativity of activation reveals that the person with dementia not only contradicts the today promoted activation model, but passively undermines it. The person concerned can live out 'active ageing' no longer and will speak to the writing on the wall of an activation society. On the other hand, 'activity' is a bottom

up praxis of professionals, families and volunteers in the care and support of people with dementia and issues the co-production of these players.

Research logically is asked how the tension can be captured. The phenomena of co-production are conceptualized on the one hand at the three societal levels (micro, meso, macro), on the other hand within the three auxiliary systems professionals, families and volunteers. The relation between help systems and levels of society is methodically reconstructed through the use of qualitative methods (expert and group interviews, ethnomethodological observation).

The interpretative pattern analysis ('Deutungsmusteranalyse') of activation is accessed for the societal dimension. It allows the reconstruction of the representation of the society within the individual subject.

The lecture will combine sociological and social work analysis. It will consider the demographic development

which comes with a dramatic increase of the number of persons with dementia and will discuss the resulting problems of exclusion and precarization. 'Active Aging' may sound as a cynical project for those who care for those with dementia as long as 'Activation' is conceptualized as a bottom down project and not as bottom up politics who empower all three auxiliary systems discussed in this lecture.

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