



Making Persons with Disabilities Full Citizens – New Knowledge for an Inclusive and Sustainable Social Model

Being an 'active citizen' involves exercising social rights and duties, enjoying choice and autonomy, and participating in political decision-making processes, which are of importance for one's life. Amid the new challenges facing contemporary welfare states, debate over just how 'active' citizens can and ought to be has redoubled. Presenting research from **the first major comparative and cross-national study of active citizenship and disability in Europe**, two volumes analyse the consequences of ongoing changes in Europe: What opportunities do persons with disabilities have to exercise Active Citizenship?

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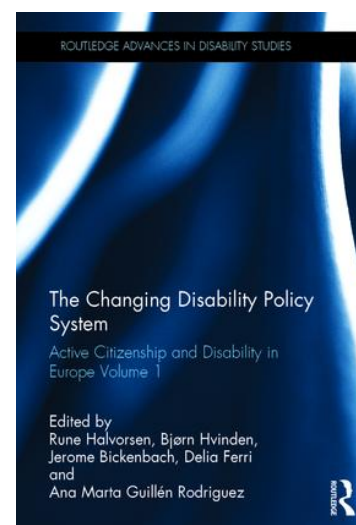
The two volumes identify the policy implications of a process-oriented and multi-dimensional approach to Active Citizenship in European disability policy. They will appeal to policymakers and policy officials, as well as to researchers and students of disability studies, comparative social policy, international disability law and qualitative research methods.

The Changing Disability Policy System

Active Citizenship and Disability in Europe. Volume 1

Volume 1 approaches the conditions for Active Citizenship from a macro perspective in order to capture the impact of the overall disability policy system. This system takes diverse and changing forms in the nine European countries under study. Central to the analysis are issues of coherence and coordination between three subsystems of the disability policy system, and between levels of governance. This book identifies the implications and policy lessons of the findings for future disability policy in Europe and beyond.

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Understanding the Lived Experiences of Persons with Disabilities in Nine Countries

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Based on retrospective life-course interviews, the volume examines the scope for agency on the part of persons with disabilities, i.e. the extent to which men and women with disabilities are able to make choices and pursue lives they have reasons to value. Drawing on structuration theory and the capability approach, the volume investigates the opportunities for exercising Active Citizenship among men and women in nine European countries.

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