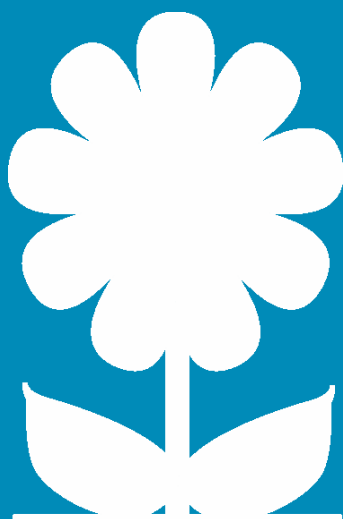




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Male or Ill? Body, Identity and Health in Physical Therapists' Clinics

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ABSTRACT

There is none masculinity crisis but a renewal of what to be a man is – show recent researches in Gender studies. Thereby, we noticed clients have been asking themselves about manliness and about their own body since they were confronted with their self-image during a physical therapy treatment. Considering that most of mind-body techniques promote changes not only in the physical but also in a psychological level, we were curious to understand how a physical therapist treatment does invite men to think what manhood is about. Indeed, the outcomes show that for most men their body is a place for both pleasure and grief. It is described as a lifelong dialectic process for building the real man in whom pain is frequently present. We have also noticed that Physical Therapy in parallel with a careful listening could help men to think up a new manly identity less aggressive with them and others around, under a Gender's studies sight.

Keywords: Body, Manhood, Health, Gender's Studies.

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The Underlying Mechanisms of the Recognition Processes of Skilled Migrants' Professional Qualifications in the European Union

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ABSTRACT

Skilled immigration has been playing an increasingly central role in the European policies. One of the purposes is to solve the shortage of skilled human resources as well as cope with the demographic challenges. However, several observations in the European context, including third country nationals and individuals born in Eastern Europe, continue to signal obstacles in the recognition of professional qualifications and skills of migrant workers, their underutilization in the labour market and the existence of wage differentials. The professional qualifications and skills attained by migrants, in the country of origin, are simultaneously an element of economic empowerment and distinction. Their formal and informal recognition, or non-recognition, can influence the results obtained not only in accessing the labour market, but also within the market itself. In this sense, recognition, acts as a mechanism that guides immigrants to the different segments of the labour market. In this research we focus on the Portuguese case, since scarcer scientific attention has been given to skilled migrants from peripheral pre-enlargement countries. Recently conducted studies about Portuguese skilled emigrants, particularly on nursing professionals, suggest disparities in status and wages when compared to natives. How to explain these differences? What are the underlying factors and mechanisms? How do they interact? What's the degree of influence of institutional, organizational and social contexts? To answer these questions we adopt an interdisciplinary and a multilevel approach, thus contributing to highlight the articulations of the various factors and mechanisms that produce inequality, between migrants and natives, in the labour market.

Keywords: European Union, Skilled Migration, Recognition of Professional Qualifications.