LOVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEAF AND HEARING IN THE LATE MODERNITY

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MY RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1) How much does language and cultural differences play into their relationship?

2) How important is it for their roles, identity and values in the family life and social life?

3) How can Deaf Studies and the selected sociological theories contribute to an understanding of the cultural tensions and dilemmas?
SHORT HISTORY

Deaf Marriage - based on a strong solidarity and kinship in the Deaf community
IN THE LATE MODERNITY

New mobility in Deaf Culture’s love-relationship
WHY IS IT SOCIOGICALLY INTERESTING?
couples-interviews in Danish sign language
5 Deaf-hearing couples living in Denmark and ages from 25 to 55 yrs old
video-taped and transcription
interactionism - between theory, empiri and researcher’s role
sensitive sociology - a relation between informants and the researcher
My insider-position as Deaf researcher
HOW CAN SOCIO-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEAF AND HEARING?

- Social interaction and stigma (Goffman)
- Power-relations, symbolic violence and reproduction of the social space (Bourdieu)
- The hidden dimension - use of the senses (Edward Hall)
- Deaf Studies; Deafhood and colonialism (Ladd), oppressions power, (Lane), individual versus collective (Mindess).
ANALYSIS ON 3 LEVELS

- 1) Family-life and identity
- 2) The cultural dimension
- 3) The social dimension
1) FAMILY-LIFE AND IDENTITY

- Deaf-, hearing- and couple identity
- Sharing of practical responsibilities at home
- Being with kids
- Use of the telephone
Identity

- woman and white
- Deaf?
- mom
- wife
- 35 years old
- working
2) THE CULTURAL DIMENSION

- Cross deaf and hearing worlds
- Social norms
- Deaf time / hearing time
3) THE SOCIAL DIMENSION

- Reactions from the environment
- Relations with friends and neighbours
- Role as interpreter, auditory facilitator and 'helper'
- Relations with other family-members
MY STUDY’S CONTRIBUTIONS ON RESEARCH FIELDS AND PROFESSIONAL

- family and marriage with diversity
- Deaf Studies
- Deaf culture and history
- across cultural studies
- interaction studies
- minority - majority
- multicultural studies

Professional: ex. deaf services, family-consultants, cooperation between deaf and hearing on working places or other fields.
THANK YOU..........

ANY QUESTIONS?