

Abstract

The aim of my master thesis *Catcalling through women's eyes: a case study* is to present the issue of catcalling from the perspective of women as frequent victims of this type of harassment. The thesis is divided into two parts, theoretical and empirical. In the theoretical part I will discuss what catcalling is, what it can look like and where we can encounter it. I will also look at the power aspects of this type of harassment and what effects it can have on women's mental health. In the empirical part I will then discuss my research. This is qualitative research where I have chosen semi-structured interviews as my method and my communication partners are women who have some experience with catcalling. Therefore, I use the interviews to find out how the women in question define catcalling, what their personal or mediated experience of it is, and what strategies or responses they choose when they have to cope with this type of behaviour. I am also interested in what the effects of catcalling on mental health may be and whether the women in question feel affected by their experience of catcalling in other areas of their lives.

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