

The objective of this study is to analyse the major sociological problem of structure versus agency in the maternity and abortion dilemma. The maternity and abortion dilemma also deal with a topic of decision making which is more philosophical or psychological issue than sociological. That is why the author of this thesis can focus on the theme of structure and agency with new prism. In this thesis the connection among several scientific disciplines: philosophy, psychology, sociology and demography, is illustrated. In the theoretical part, some of the sociological concepts of human conduct and the theories of decision making are being studied. In the second part, these concepts and theoretical findings are being discussed from the empirical point of view. Finally in the third part of this study, attention is paid to the concrete maternity and abortion dilemma. Numerous of empirical surveys are analysed to find out many factors and correlations which relate to the decision making in the dilemma.