

Abstract

This thesis deals with the influence of maternity on the relationship of women to work. Its goal is to reveal and show if women's relationship, motivation and access to paid work at work change after experienced maternal experience, alternatively how maternity affects women's subsequent work strategies. As a theoretical basis I chose the assumption that currently a women's work is an integral part of her life, an emancipatory tool, a means of self-determination, giving her the opportunity to realize her inner potential and creative abilities. Work has an irreplaceable position in a woman's life. Maternity brings a woman unique and unrepeatable experience, which can mean a rethinking of existing values, relationships, and priorities, and may require a revision of existing work strategies. To understand the interaction between work and motherhood and possible subsequent changes in the approach to work, I chose to research method of semi-structured interviews with an emphasis on careful listening to women's narratives.

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