Work in Progress:

Developing Methods of Praxeology to Perform Document-analysis: Capturing the Neoliberal Health Policy and the Impact on Nurses

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The three unique studies as parts of a common methodological construction

- Three unique studies – but with a strong homology
- Contributing to a common social practice on the area of health- and social care, with a specific interest in nurses
- Based on the development of the matrix in the first major study in the investigation of the two minor studies
- Using the same methods of praxeologic institutional document-analysis
- Elements in a common Neoliberal production-field of welfare state governing strategies
The paper-disposition as a description of the work process, and examples to methods:

Methods: Approaching policy as strategic representations of power:

• The notions as objects and preliminary studies
• The search for documents
• Selection of documents
• Building up data from a key document and making tools for investigation
• Data examples of the strategies
• Outline of a Neoliberal production-field of welfare state governing strategies
The over-all influence of the neoliberal politics, the methods trys to capture and adress

Discussion: The neoliberal welfare state as a structure of professional orientation

• Framing from Bourdieu: A broader political change, where the neoliberal politics seeks to dissolve the existing collective structures through merging the political and economic de-regulation to the social area

• The strategies are transformed as tools in the administration of the state as answers to crises and globalization

• They work by merging the different areas of politics, which combines economic rationality, and self-care ideology into evidence based models of knowledge production

• The findings in the three studies suggest the strategies do maintain and reproduce the existing divisions between professions and between professions and dependents

• The dominant professions withhold and expands their positions based on socio-economic and educational background

• What this type of undermining of all collective structures that can be obstacles to the market, such as the need of care to marginalized groups, is indeed of relevance to for example the future nurses.