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The Social Representation of PTSD in Syrian Women Refugees and their Utilization of Social Services in Canada

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Main points:

- The context and purpose of the study and its objectives.
- Research questions.
- Pluri-methodology.
- Current progress of the research and its challenges: the reframing of *PTSD*.

The current project

- Purpose of the study and its objectives
- The relevance of the SRT
- Research questions: What is their social representation of their own diagnosis and how does this understanding guide, orient their access/utilization of the social services ? How does the SR of PTSD in their case workers guide their professional social work practices towards their clients -refugees?

The Pluri-methodology

- The research strategy: observant participation in different sites.
- Sampling: (=40): criteria: Syrian women refugees and their case workers.
- Methods of collecting data: focus groups, individual interviews.
- Technique: The Associative Network (de Rosa, 2003).

PROGRESS & CHALLENGES

- Canadian context (research, ethics, and socio-political concerns)= the slow process of recruiting.
- REFRAMING “PTSD” into “WELL-BEING”.
- Maybe change the entire problematic?
- Next step: analysis and recruiting more case workers ?
- What’s next?