Rethinking the Politics of Disability Research in the Vietnamese Context: How Can Disability Voices ‘Speak Back’? To Whom? With Whom?

As a critical scholar from the global South, I am interested in exploring the politics of disability research and activism in engaging girls and women with disabilities. Specifically, I ask: What theories and methods can participants in the global South use to re-shape their experiences in the context of power imbalance between global North and South? I reflect on a collaborative and participatory research project that I am leading in Vietnam to provide a space for critically engaging and challenging Northern discourses on disability. I argue that activist scholars can challenge power dynamics by reflecting on their privileges, while making space for Southern voices to be heard.

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