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| **Titre de la présentation de recherche** Understanding how the context of living in poverty contributes to individuals’ vulnerability |
| **Contexte/Objectifs**The social exclusion framework (Adam, Potvin, 2016) considers that situations of poverty are the result of exclusionary mechanisms which limit access to rights, resources and capacities required for a good quality of life. These mechanisms shape « the various settings of everyday life:  where we learn, work, play and love » (WHO, 1986), and it is important to understand how they interact with the context in which individual actions are carried out. In the present research project, we sought to answer the following question: how do limitations on individuals’ access to rights, resources and possibilities for capacity building interact with the context in which they carry out their actions?**Méthodes**A cross-sectional, qualitative research design based on an ethno-sociological perspective, and a life history analysis was used. Data was collected by way of semi-directed individual interviews (n=12) with individuals who frequent a community organization for food insecurity. A thematic analysis was then performed in the interview content.**Résultats**The results allowed us to elaborate the concept of *acting in context*, in order to understand how limitations in access, generated by exclusionary mechanisms, interact with the context in which individual action is deployed. Six elements were found to interact: agency, resources, capacities, extrinsic threats, interactional threats and opportunities. **Discussion**Our results suggest that exclusionary mechanisms modify the interplay of the elements involved in the concept of *acting in context*, thereby creating situations of vulnerability. These situations are characterized not only by a higher risk of being exposed to threats without the necessary resources and capacities to deal with these, but also by a limitation of the possibilities for seizing opportunities to improve one’s outcome. Adam C, Potvin L (2017). Understanding exclusionary mechanisms at the individual level: a theoretical proposal. *Health Promotion International.*1;32(5):778-789.World Health Organization (WHO; 1986). Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion. World Health Organization, Geneva.**Mots-clés :** exclusionary mechanisms, poverty, vulnerability, health promotion. |