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Perception of Risk of Adolescents – Risks from a perspective of Adolescents, Sciences and Media

The main focus of this project is the exploration of subjective risk perception of adolescents, whereas adolescents are involved actively into the scientific process. The results should highlight the subjectively perceived risks of adolescents. Referring to this, a systematic analysis of these risks will be effected. Accompanying, deviations to objective risks will be picked out as a central theme by researchers. To explore interactions of sciences, media and risk perception of adolescents it is necessary to involve adolescents actively. Within this so-called research-education-cooperation pupils of the secondary school ,Gymnasium Schlierbach' together with researchers of the Institute for Pharmaeconomic Research, the Austrian Institute of Ecology as well as the Institute for Social Ecology will investigate risk perception of adolescents and therefore fundamentally contribute within an area characterised by immense need for future research. By means of selected methods (e.g. social simulation, elicitation of questionnaires, media monitoring) the adolescents apply themselves accompanied by project team members, among others, to different risk perception of young women and men, adolescents, adults as well as to risk presentation in exclusive media. Teachers and pupils are going to be made familiar with methods, which can be integrated in everyday life at school on the long run. Accompanying, the project will be evaluated by the Institute for Development of Education and School. The results will be played back to the project partners and validated communicatively. Furthermore the results should be embedded in the configuration of long term cooperations between schools and researchers on the one hand, and in the integration of the research-educationcooperation into the mission statement of ,Gymnasium Schlierbach' on the other hand.









