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These tensions are due in particular to the necessity of composing between various modes of engagement that should allow at the same time the recognition of the singularity of the lived situation and the equal treatment of different situations according to the principle of public service. By alleviating somewhat the call for a critical stance, it was possible to give a sociological description of what is at stake in the “proximity relations”. At the end of the article, it is then possible to provide some elements of a new critic able to take into account the importance of those new forms of social work and to analyse their limits and negative aspects.

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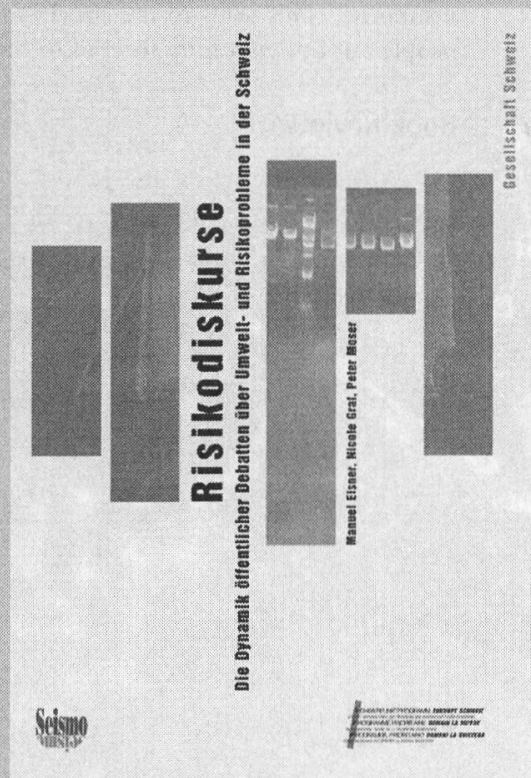
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