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Peer counseling students with disabilities

In this presentation I want to talk about the risk and chance of the so-called peer counseling. My background is that I have a visual impairment and a physical impairment. It is known that it could be an advantage to have an impairment counseling students with disabilities. As I noticed in my seven years' experience, it could be also a disadvantage to have an impairment counseling students with disabilities, especially when you tend to conclude problems experienced by yourself on other persons with disability. Therefore I want to discuss ways how not to influence your own experience counseling students with disabilities.

Listeners should have the opportunity to discuss their experience with peer counseling and should have the opportunity to give input how to avoid problems related to this topic. Listeners should also have the opportunity to learn something about borders when peer counseling makes sense.