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KATALIN TARDOS:
Life Records with Illnesses

The two life-course interviews presented here are examples of a larger series of interviews. The interviewees are disabled workers who spent most of their life working in the industry. I chose industrial workers as the subjects of the interviews because they represent the social group most at risk in becoming disabled. The aim of the interviews is to reveal the mechanism of becoming disabled, to see more in detail the process of deterioration of the health status. The method of life-course interviews makes it possible to unfold the interaction of those factors that finally cause disability. The impact of working conditions, life-style, quality of health services, family crisis and personal disposition appears in a comprehensive manner. In these life-course interviews we

can see the major importance of the bad working conditions in the deterioration of health. Bad working conditions is a factor that is often forgotten when speaking about the causes of the Hungarian population's bad state of health.

BALÁZS KRÄMER:
Is there Poverty in Hungary at all?

There have been longlasting debates about poverty, as one of the most important social issues in Hungary during the late eighties. The author represents a most marked opinion about poverty in his challenging article with the aim of provoking debates about this issue. The editors of ESÉLY hope that reactions will be arriving from other experts and an interesting series of discussions will start.