

Project Title: Negotiating marriage and sexual identity: A study of Chinese sexual minorities of different genders and socioeconomic statuses (2015-17)

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Description:

This research examines how Chinese LGB from different social locations experience and cope with marriage pressure. What resources, networks, and discourses do people of different genders and socioeconomic statuses utilize in their negotiations of marriage and sexual identity? Informed by the concept of intersectionality, the understanding in this research is that identities such as sexual orientation, gender and class, are interconnected. An exclusive focus on sexual identity may lead to oversight of the relative privileges, power and opportunities that people can enjoy due to other social identities. This research will utilize a mixed methods approach to capture the qualitative differences among different intersectional positions.