



International Conference on

Gender, Sexuality and Justice: Resilience in Uncertain Times

7-8 December 2018

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Welcome message

Welcome to the International conference on “Gender, Sexuality, and Justice: Resilience in Uncertain Times”, 7-8 December 2018, at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

While significant progress was made on the rights of women and sexual minorities in the past decade, there is widespread concern that the recent global resurgence of the political right has created setbacks for some of this progress. Simultaneously, fundamentalisms of religious, cultural, and social natures have emerged in various forms across different countries and regions. In such an uncertain time, how does civil society maintain the fragile progressive institutions and reimagine gender justice? How can gender justice be envisioned and achieved across various domains, such as family, education, employment, public space, and history? This interdisciplinary conference seeks to explore justice on gender and sexuality, and the sources and practices of resilience, across arenas including the cultural, economic, legal, political, and religious realms.

This conference aims to examine issues of gender, sexuality, and justice as they intersect within social contexts. We ask: What are the sources of opposition against gender, sexuality and justice? What is the nature of structural and systemic injustices? In seeking justice, what are the strategies that gender and sexual minorities use? What are the implications of assimilationist and separatist politics? What, indeed, might we define gender, sexuality and justice today? Ten years after the global financial crisis in 2008, have there been long-term gendered impacts of recession, unemployment, precarious work, financial reform and welfare cuts? How, if at all, have work opportunities and environments changed for sexual and gender minorities?

The interdisciplinary conference encourages dialogues across cultures, regions, and academic disciplines. It provides a platform for discussion on the role of various social, cultural, and legal systems as avenues for reform. It considers the importance and limitations of recent changes in social policy and law on different levels.

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Program

Venue: Cheng Yu Tung Bldg., The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Day 1: 7 Dec 2018 (Fri)

9:00-9:30	Registration (LT5, 3 rd Floor)		
9:30-9:45	Opening Ceremony (LT5, 3 rd Floor)		
9:45-10:45	Keynote Speech <i>Lush Lives in Hard Times: The Promise of Melancholy Utopias</i> by Janet Jakobsen (LT5, 3 rd Floor)		
10:45-11:00	Tea break (2 nd Floor Foyer)		
11:00-12:30	Panel A1 Gender, Health and Justice (Room 201, 2 nd Floor)	Panel B1 Equality in Relationship Rights: Lessons and Outlook from Recent Court Cases on LGBT+ Rights in Hong Kong (Room 214, 2 nd Floor)	Panel C1 Uncertain Citizenships: Contestations in Sexual Subject-making in Hong Kong and China (Room 215, 2 nd Floor)
12:30-14:00	Lunch with remarks by Prof. Fanny Cheung, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, CUHK (The Stage Gastronomy Club, 5 th Floor)		
14:00-15:30	Panel A2 Law and Security: Envisioning Gender Equality (Room 201, 2 nd Floor)	Panel B2 After the Disclosures: A Year of #MeToo and Feminist Politics in China (Room 214, 2 nd Floor)	Panel C2 Queering Sexual Citizenship: Transnational Perspectives (Room 215, 2 nd Floor)
15:30-15:45	Tea break (2 nd Floor Foyer)		
15:45-17:15	Panel A3 Delayed Justice: Anti-Sexual Violence Movement in Asia (Room 201, 2 nd Floor)	Panel B3 Make Noise: Negotiating Gender Equity in Uncertain Times (Room 214, 2 nd Floor)	Panel C3 Contesting Spaces: Resilience of Sexual Minorities in Hong Kong and China (Room 215, 2 nd Floor)
17:15-18:30	Plenary Session 1 <i>Methods and Strategies in Pushing for Gender Justice: Dialogue with Local NGOs</i> (LT5, 3 rd Floor) Speakers: Joanne Leung (Transgender Resource Centre) Sisi Liu (Hong Kong Federation of Women Centres) Lynette Nam (Justice Centre) Response by Janet Jakobsen (Columbia University)		
18:30-20:30	Dinner (Chung Chi Staff Club)		

Day 2: 8 Dec 2018 (Sat)

Venue	(Room 201, 2 nd Floor)	(Room 214, 2 nd Floor)	(Room 215, 2 nd Floor)
9:00-10:30	Panel A4 In the Shades of Gender/sexual Progressivists of Post Cold-War Frame in East Asia	Panel B4 Rethinking Labour: Gender and Socio-economic Inequality	Panel C4 When Two Become One?: Narrating Marriage and Self-identity
10:30-10:45	Tea break (2 nd Floor Foyer)		
10:45-12:15	Panel A5 Pleasure Matters!: Contesting Intimacy, Representation and Sexualities in Pleasure Politics	Panel B5 Resilience in Action: Educating the Gendered Subject	Panel C5 Families and Beyond: Migration, Heterosexual Norms and Gender in Chinese Context
12:15-13:15	<p align="center">Plenary Session 2 <i>Seeking Space, Voice, Dignity: Minorities, Gender and Sexuality</i> Sealing Cheng, Janet Jakobsen and Travis Kong (Room 201, 2nd Floor)</p>		
	<p align="center"><i>End of Conference</i></p>		
13:45-17:00	<p align="center">Fieldtrip to “480.0 Gender and Arts Space” 1A Tougha Mansion, 502-504 Nathan Road, Yau Mau Tei, Kowloon</p> <p align="center">Prior registration required. Assemble at 13:45 in Ground Floor lobby. Coach departs at 14:15 sharp. Sandwich will be provided for registered participants of the fieldtrip.</p>		

Keynote Speech

(9:45-10:45, 7 Dec 2018, LT5, 3rd Floor, Cheng Yu Tung Bldg.)

Lush Lives in Hard Times: The Promise of Melancholy Utopias

By Prof. **Janet Jakobsen**

Claire Tow Professor and Chair of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies,
Barnard College, Columbia University

Moderator: Prof. **Sealing Cheng** (Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Abstract:

"Lush Lives in Hard Times" explores an ethics of possibility, bringing together the idea of a gay life and the melancholic realities of pursuing such a life in the midst of hard times. Among other recent events, the results of the 2016 elections in the United States have increased calls from both activists and scholars for new forms of analysis that can sustain resistance when the horizon of possibility appears to be limited. "Lush Lives" draws on collaborative projects between the Barnard Center for Research on women and community-based organizers working across a range of issues at the intersection between the broad system of neo-liberal political economy and the realities of queer lives: for prison abolition under the banner "No One is Disposable;" for "Queer Survival Economies"; with domestic workers organizing through the National Domestic Workers Alliance, and with organizers of Sakhi for South Asian Women in New York, on "Responding to Violence and Promoting Justice." The need to make universal claims from the margins, to claim that that no one is disposable or that all workers should have basic protections in the workplace is clear enough in this activist work. Yet the world has not proven amenable to such claims; instead, we witness the failure of universal access to even the basics of life – food, water, shelter. The intertwining of love and loss, happiness and perversity, possibility and impossibility undertaken in this activism allows for a melancholy practice of utopian world-making. In a queer utopian imagination not everyone must be happy or whole; instead, utopia itself might remain disjunctive, ambivalent, off kilter and possibly perverse.

About the speaker:

Janet Jakobsen is Claire Tow Professor and Chair of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies and Director of the Center for Research on Women at Barnard College, Columbia University, where she has also served as Dean for Faculty Diversity and Development. She studies ethics and public policy with a particular focus on social movements related to religion, gender and sexuality. She teaches courses on social ethics, feminist theory, queer theory, activism, religion and violence. She is the author of *Working Alliances and the Politics of Difference: Diversity and Feminist Ethics*. With Ann Pellegrini she co-wrote of *Love the Sin: Sexual Regulation and the Limits of Religious Tolerance* and co-edited *Secularisms*, and with Elizabeth Castelli she co-edited *Interventions: Academics and Activists Respond to Violence*. She has held fellowships from the American Association of University Women, the Center for the Humanities at Wesleyan University and the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at Harvard Divinity School and has also taught as a Visiting Professor at Harvard University and Wesleyan University. Before entering the academy, she was a policy analyst and organizer in Washington, D.C.

Plenary Session 1

(17:15-18:30, 7 Dec 2018, LT5, 3rd Floor, Cheng Yu Tung Bldg.)

Methods and Strategies in Pushing for Gender Justice: Dialogue with Local NGOs

The first plenary session aims to provide a platform for exchange between academics and practitioners in advancing gender justice. Three local NGO practitioners, **Lynette Nam** (Legal Officer, Justice Centre Hong Kong), **Joanne Leung** (Chairperson, Transgender Resource Centre), and **Sisi Liu** (Director, Hong Kong Federation of Women Centres) will share their experience on the following topics:

1. The use of academic knowledge in advocacy
2. The obstacles in collaborating with academics
3. NGO's experience of doing research on their own

The keynote speaker Prof. **Janet Jakobsen** (Columbia University) will respond to the discussion, followed by a Q&A session with the audience. Dr. **Joseph Cho** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) will be the moderator.

Plenary Session 2

(12:15-13:15, 8 Dec 2018, Room 201, 2nd Floor, Cheng Yu Tung Bldg.)

Seeking Space, Voice, Dignity: Minorities, Gender and Sexuality

This plenary session will explore how individuals from minority groups negotiate intersectional challenges around gender, sexuality and access to resources and justice. Plenary speakers consider how age, race, ethnicity, sexuality and gender identity can all serve to complicate, and sometimes reinforce, social exclusion. They also consider responses - personal and more public - to this predicament

Speakers include:

Prof. **Sealing Cheng** (Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Prof. **Janet Jakobsen** (Claire Tow Professor and Chair of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies at Barnard College, Columbia University)

Prof. **Travis S.K. Kong** (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong)

Moderator:

Prof. **Siumi Maria Tam** (Co-director of Gender Research Centre, The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

List of Panels

Panel A1: Gender, Health and Justice

Moderator: Siumi Maria TAM (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Ngo Sheung Dorothy CHAN and Kwok Wei Winnie SO (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Challenges in Participating Health-related Research and Activity: Listen to What South Asian Women Say

Speaker 2: Cho Lee WONG, Kwok Wei Winnie SO and Ngo Sheung Dorothy CHAN (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Increasing Cervical Cancer Screening Uptake among South Asians Women with Community Health Worker

Speaker 3: Ho Yu CHENG, Sek Ying CHAIR and Wing Hung Janet SIT (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Enhancing Psychological Resilience of Junior Secondary School Students: Are There Any Differences Between Local and Non-local Students?

Panel B1: Equality in Relationship Rights: Lessons and Outlook from Recent Court Cases on LGBT+ Rights in Hong Kong

Moderator: Surabhi CHOPRA (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Kelley LOPER (The University of Hong Kong)

The Courts, Public Opinion, and the Constitutional Protection of Same-sex Couple Rights in Hong Kong

Speaker 2: Marco WAN (The University of Hong Kong)

Rethinking 'Traditional Marriage' in Hong Kong

Speaker 3: Jan Erik WETZEL (Amnesty International)

"Traditional Marriage / family / values / culture" as an Argument in LGBTI Cases – An International Law Perspective

Speaker 4: Peter READING (Equal Opportunities Commission)

The Work of the Equal Opportunities Commission in the Promotion of Equality for LGBT+ People in Hong Kong

Panel C1: Uncertain Citizenships: Contestations in Sexual Subject-making in Hong Kong and China

Moderator: Alison Yam Wah SO (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Lin SONG (The University of Hong Kong)

Censoring Rainbow: Censorship and Emerging Systemic Homophobia in Contemporary China

Speaker 2: Ting-fai YU (Leiden University)

Continuity and Disjuncture: Mobility as Colonial Legacies in Hong Kong Queer Culture

Speaker 3: Alison Yam Wah SO (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

'And The "Victim" Goes to...?': Cyber 'Witch-Hunting' in Hong Kong's #MeToo

Panel A2: Law and Security: Envisioning Gender Equality

Moderator: Surabhi CHOPRA (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Sumbal JAVED (The University of Hong Kong)

Women and Security

Speaker 2: Guang-jun YU (China Women's University) and Xiao-hang YU (Lanzhou University)

Law, Community Reason and Gender Equality- Field Observation Based on a Village in Northwestern Shandong Province

Speaker 3: Samarthanam Mercy DEBORAH (O. P. Jindal Global University)

Freedom of Choice in Marriage: Women, Law, and Courts in India

Speaker 4: Elizabeth LUI and Brenda ALEGRE (The University of Hong Kong)

Housing Discrimination against Transgender Persons in Hong Kong – Lived Experience and Its Socio-economic Implications

Panel B2: After the Disclosures: A Year of #MeToo and Feminist Politics in China

Moderator: Raees BAIG (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Sara LIAO (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

The Affective, Cultural and Psychic Life of #MeToo in China

Speaker 2: Qi LING (Beijing Jiaotong University)

Challenging Gendered Myth, Legitimizing Collective Movement: Intellectual Debate on #MeToo in China

Speaker 3: Yalan HUANG (Jinan University)

#I'll_be_your_voice: Narrative Agency and Gender Role in China's #MeToo Movement

Speaker 4: Hong ZENG (City University of Hong Kong)

Digital Anti-rape Culture Under the Authoritarian Condition: The Assemblage of China's #MeToo

Panel C2: Queering Sexual Citizenship: Transnational Perspectives

Moderator: Ting-fai YU (Leiden University)

Speaker 1: GVGK TANG (Temple University)

G/Localizing "Queer": A History of Civics & Sovereignty in Postcolonial Hong Kong

Speaker 2: Shuqi SHI (Beijing Sport University)

The Thebes Crusader in Sports: Examining the Function of Gay Games to Seek Justice

Speaker 3: Misty FARQUHAR (Curtin University)

Living Outside the Binary: Experiences of Social Recognition in Australia

Speaker 4: Chun Sum Leo CHOW (The University of Hong Kong)

“Don't Need a Pseudonym”: The Exploration of Sexual Citizenship among Young Homosexual Men in Hong Kong Context

Panel A3: Delayed Justice: Anti-Sexual Violence Movement in Asia

Moderator: S. Mercy DEBORAH (O. P. Jindal Global University)

Speaker 1: Linda Sau-yung WONG (RainLily)

Too Long Overdue: Justice-seeking in Sexual Violence Victims in Hong Kong

Speaker 2: Keiko ATSUTA (Waseda University)

Recognizing Military Sexual Slavery/Wartime Rape Committed by the Imperial Japanese Army: Post-“Testimonial Period” Interviews in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Japan.

Speaker 3: Reetika Revathy SUBRAMANIAN (Tata Institute of Social Sciences)

A ‘Bug’ in the Stomach: Negotiating the Contested Realities in the Anti-khatna Movement in India

Panel B3: Make Noise: Negotiating Gender Equity in Uncertain Times

Moderator: Jing SONG (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Omer CAHA (İstanbul Sabahattin Zaim University)

Women in Muslim Societies: Realities and Hopes

Speaker 2: Jiayin WANG (Columbia University)

Gender Equality or Gender Neutrality? – Emerging Narrative in Framing Gender Stereotypes among Chinese International Students

Speaker 3: Yuchen HAN (The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen)

Educating Middle Class Youth in a Chinese-Foreign Cooperative University on “Gender Matters”: An Feminist Anthropological Exploration

Panel C3: Contesting Spaces: Resilience of Sexual Minorities in Hong Kong and China

Moderator: Lin SONG (The University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Ho Lam Roland CHENG (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Shuttling in the City: Spatial and Temporal Tactics of Sex-working Mothers in Hong Kong

Speaker 2: Muyuan LUO (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Go to the Big Cities! Temporal-Spatial Dynamics of Sexual Migration in China

Speaker 3: Javier PANG (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Questioning the Rural/Urban Gay Identity Divide: The Case of Married Gay Men in China

Speaker 4: Weiqi LIU (Xi'an Jiaotong University)

Behind the Bars: A Comparison of Gays’ and Lesbians’ Community Spaces in Xi’an

Panel A4: In the Shades of Gender/sexual Progressivists of Post Cold-War Frame in East Asia

Moderator: Eun-Shil KIM (Ewha Womans University)

Speaker 1: Iting CHEN (Lingnan University)

Cold War Sex Work: The Sexual and Political Economy of Taiwan Cross-Strait Relations

Speaker 2: Genya FUKUNAGA (The University of Tokyo)

The Grotesque Bedfellows of Homonationalism and Post-imperialism: "Solidarity" between Taiwan and Japan's LGBT Movements

Speaker 3: Lifu GUO (The University of Tokyo)

Re-Imagine Transnational Queer Activism: Chinese Queer Activism Along the New Silk Road

Speaker 4: Li-fang LAI (National Central University)

Friendly Cruelty of Gender Equity Education in Taiwan

Panel B4: Rethinking Labour: Gender and Socio-economic Inequality

Moderator: Haijing DAI (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Jim Kwun-Hung HOE (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

The Gender Inequality & Gender Stereotype in Career Development: A Qualitative Study on Managerial Grader Female Staffs of Social Welfare Industry

Speaker 2: Shenghong DU (China Women's University)

Fertility and Female Employment: The Role of Childcare Services

Speaker 3: Muhammad AFZAN MUNIR (Lahore University of Management Sciences) and Salman ABDULLAH (Aitchison College Lahore)

Educational and Labor Market Issues: A Case for the Transgenders of Pakistan

Speaker 4: Julie HAM & Lulia GHEORGHIU (The University of Hong Kong)

Hanging out with Goals: Intimate Economies in Hong Kong

Panel C4: When Two Become One?: Narrating Marriage and Self-identity

Moderator: Aileen PARK (Ewha Womans University)

Speaker 1: Haiping Nicki LIU (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

A Better Self for "Getting Back Your Ex-Lover"?: Collective Bad Faith in The Gendered Relationship Counseling

Speaker 2: S. Chandrasekaran (LASALLE College of the Arts)

Aravanis – A Living Female Avatar

Speaker 3: Amna MAJEED (Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta)

Exploring the Marital as a Site for Inter-Religiosity: Examining Women's Narratives in Delhi and Muzaffarnagar

Panel A5: Pleasure Matters!: Contesting Intimacy, Representation and Sexualities in Pleasure Politics

Moderator: Travis KONG (The University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Pamela Pui-Kwan TSUI (The University of Hong Kong)
From Pleasure, Satisfaction and Empowerment to Erotic Capabilities: A Feminist Analysis on Intimate (In)justices in Sex Partying

Speaker 2: Surabhi SRIVASTAVA & Arti Shukla WANKHEDE (Love Matters India)
LGBTQ Representation in Indian Media: Moving Towards a Rights-based and Pleasure-Positive Approach

Speaker 3: Qi CHEN (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
From Pleasure to Politics: An Empirical Study of an Online BDSM Community in Mainland China

Speaker 4: Kylie MARAIS (University of Cape Town)
Whose Pleasure Matters Anyway?: Exploring the Sexual Pleasure Gap in South Africa

Panel B5: Resilience in Action: Educating the Gendered Subject

Moderator: Joseph Man-kit CHO (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Sibonsile ZIBANE (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
Teachers Silencing Sexuality and Protecting the Innocent and Vulnerable: Lessons from South Africa

Speaker 2: Kim FELSENTHAL (Berkeley College)
Being a Boy in This "Me Too" World: How Boys Can Develop the Skills to Appropriately Navigate Their Social Worlds

Speaker 3: Siumi Maria TAM (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
Intercultural Education of Women, for Women, by Women: Evaluating a Research-in-action Project

Panel C5: Families and Beyond: Migration, Heterosexual Norms and Gender in Chinese Context

Moderator: Hsunhui TSENG (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

Speaker 1: Iris Po Yee LO (University of Oxford)
Families in Turmoil: A Study of Chinese Non-Heterosexual Women's Conception and Formation of Families

Speaker 2: Xuan FAN (China Women's University)
Fathers Who Are Deep Involved in Children Caring: The Identity of Fatherhood and the Reconstruction of Masculinity of Chinese Urban Young Male

Speaker 3: Guida MAN (York University)
Gender, Transnational Migration, and Resiliency: Chinese Immigrant Women in Canada

Speaker 4: Day WONG (Hong Kong Baptist University)
Adult Daughters and their Mothers: Negotiating Heterosexual, Gender, and Family Norms in Hong Kong

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