

# Venturing to the Unknown

Men's Studies in Greater China



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# 1.Introduction

Why does men's study matter?





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Men are **reluctant to seek help**.  
Growing up they are required to be tough and independent. They feel ashamed to disclose deficits or bring up emotions in front of the others. They may even put an equal sign between such behavior and weakness.



# Why does men's study matter?

- Deficiency of study done specifically about males
- Many studies naturally gravitate towards the female group
- Through exploring men's issues from different dimensions, this website attempts to fill the gaps



# Why men's studies in Greater China?

- Chinese culture men are particularly affected by gender stereotypes
- Males have much to live up to, expectations in family, work, interpersonal relationships, personal abilities etc.
- This website provide summary of the male situation in Greater China

# 2.The Website

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## 2.1 Main Topics





# What are the four main topics about?

## TRAUMA



- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Abuse
- Men in grief

## MEN IN DISADVANTAGE



- Divorce
- Father-Son Conflict
- Homeless

## SERVICE DELIVERY



- Low Income Need
- Social Worker Narration

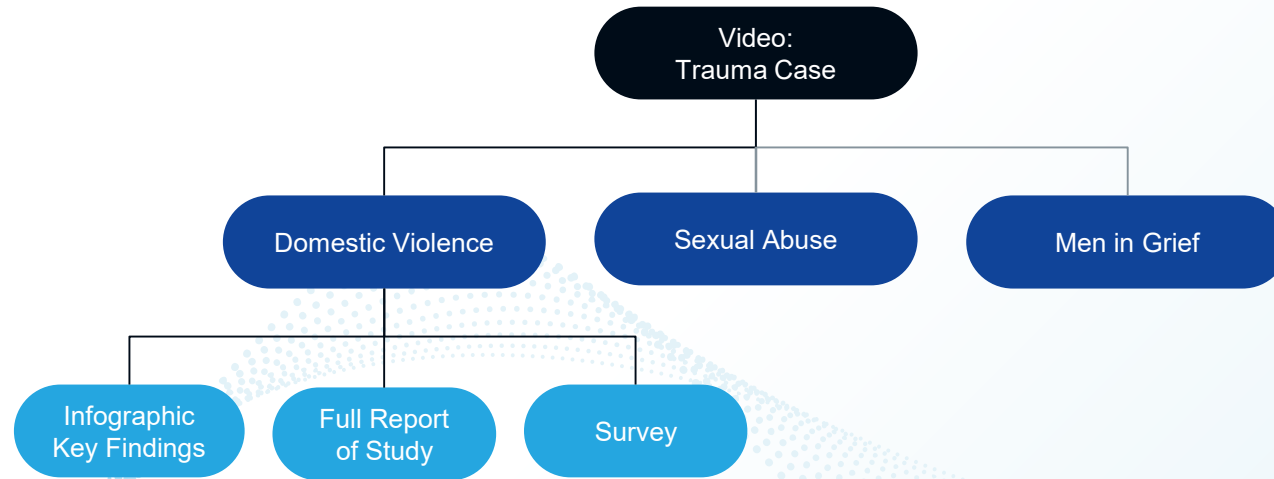
## Gender Difference



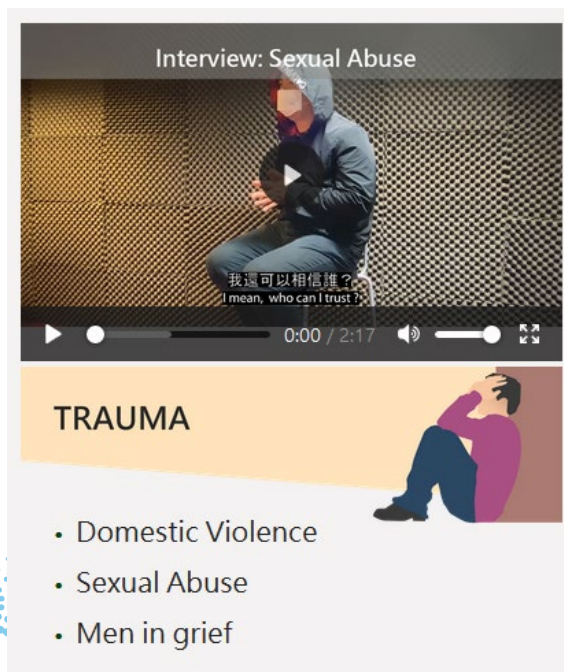
- Engaging Men
- Intimacy



# E.g. TRAUMA



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Interview: Sexual Abuse

我還可以相信誰？  
I mean, who can I trust?

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**TRAUMA**

- Domestic Violence
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# E.g. TRAUMA – Domestic Violence

**Key Findings**

**Sense-Making**  
My wife's anger is caused by my failing of caring for her and fulfill my role as a breadwinner

**Micro-Aggression**  
Often neglected in social service sector  
Example: Verbal Insult, Rejection

**Feelings**  
No way out Fear  
Frustration Guilt  
Loneliness Anger  
Disappointment  
Male identity challenged  
Shame from verbal insult

**Responses**  
I do not want to beat up my wife, I have to protect her  
If I fight back using force, the police, who will be in favor of my wife, would not believe in me

**Coping Behaviors**  
☒ Give In ☒ Accommodate ☒ Tolerate  
☒ Continue to satisfy his wife's needs, even through lending money, allowing gambling etc.

**Help Seeking Behaviors**  
☒ Resist to seek help from family members  
☒ Tendency to delay help-seeking until situation gets out of control  
☒ Seeking informal support from peers first, then formal support from social and mental health service

**Cultural Beliefs about Masculinity**  
Being hurt/abused/fearful = Being weak

Socially constructed concept of masculinity shapes victims' personal beliefs

**They believe:**

- The concept of **protection prevents them from fighting back** as they desire to protect their wives
- Help-seeking becomes a **brave behavior**, as it can help other victims in the future

**Full Report of Study**

**Domestic Violence**

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**Disclosure of victimization experiences of Chinese male survivors of intimate partner abuse**

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**Abstract**  
Male victimization in intimate partner abuse situations has long been a neglected phenomenon in academic research and is rarely mentioned in social service provision. The abused male is often absent from the overall picture, such that intimate partner abuse against males remains an invisible occurrence. This is in part due to the reluctance of society to support them, because men are culturally perceived to be masculine and strong. The factors that facilitate or prevent their disclosure are worthy of study because in doing so, could provide a better understanding of how their help-seeking behavior contributes to service planning for both men and women in conflict. This study, therefore, focuses on the individual, organizational and cultural factors that facilitate or prevent the disclosure of intimate partner abuse when experienced by men in a

**Domestic Violence**

**Survey**

3. Which of the following cultural effects do you think impact men suffer from intimate partner violence? (can tick more than one)

☐ Exposure of being hurt or abused in front of others is a sign of weakness

☐ Showing fear is a sign of weakness

☐ Men are to protect their wives, therefore not fighting back

☐ Men are to be brave and overcome problems on their own

☐ Others (please specify):

**General Questions**

1. Do you think there are sufficient supports for men in Hong Kong?

2. What suggestion(s) will you give for a better policy for men in Hong Kong?

(The collected data will only be used for internal research purposes)

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## 2.2 Data Analysis



# What information is provided under Data Analysis?



Greater China



HK 10 Years



HK Gender



Battered Spouse Cases

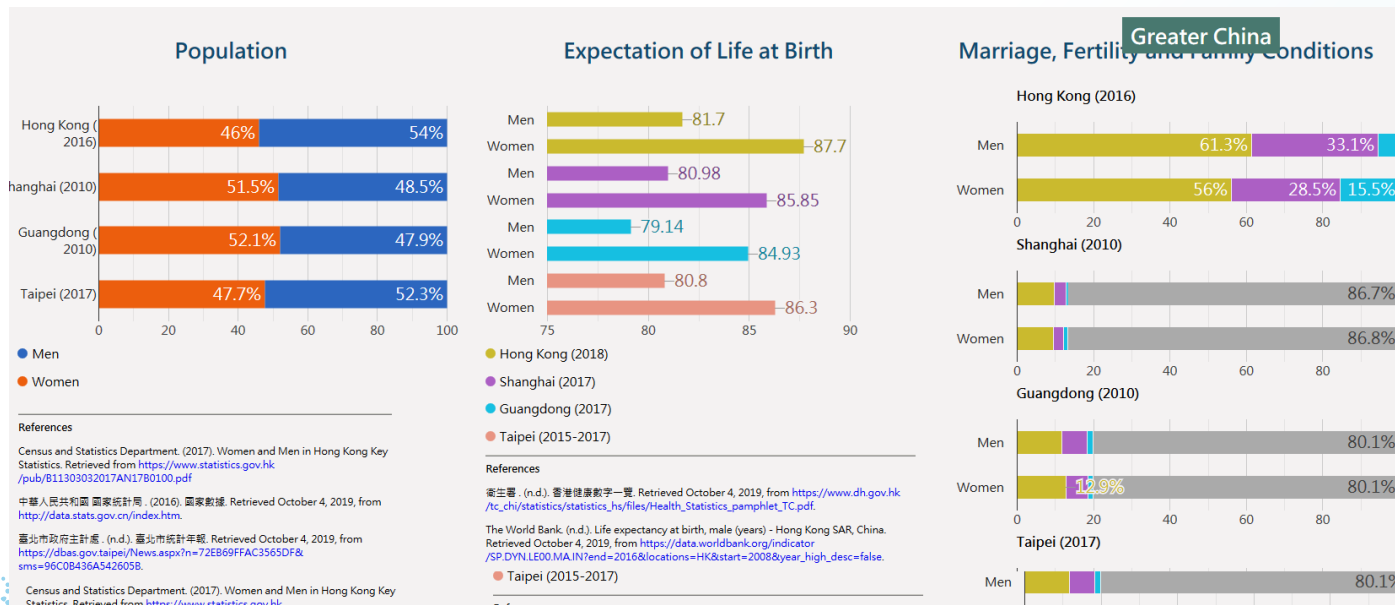


Child Abuse Cases



Sexual Violence Cases

# E.g. Greater China



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## 2.3 References & Organizations

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# References

## References

「隔閡與共融：青年工作的議題與機遇」會議論文集

敘事實踐旅圖 當我們繪出敘事實踐之「圖」

「過青」是這樣煉成的－敘事角度下外展工作的實踐

敘事實踐「旅」「圖」當我們走上敘事實踐之「旅」

「真・網樂」從敘事實踐看青少年的「迷網」框外

攸關青春－青年工作的論述與對話

青年如斯－社會工作的新想像

Grateful to meet...

'Corporate Partnership with Caritas' Booklet

Solid Practice V

Conference on Promoting Community Mental Health – Issues, Achievements and Visioning into the Future

Booklet on 'Partnership in Serving the Community'

Solid Practice IV – Mental Health Service

Solid Practice III – Casebook of Social and Therapeutic Interventions

Books published by The Society for Community Organization

「隔閡與共融：  
青年工作的議題與機遇」

會議論文集



Book title: 「隔閡與共融：青年工作的議題與機遇」會議論文集

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Summary:

「隔閡與共融：青年工作的議題與機遇」會議，是浸會大學青年研究實踐中心成立10週年所舉辦的學術活動，透過研討會和論文互相切磋，讓一群從事研究及教學工作的學術和從事實務工作的社工，共同探討「隔閡與共融」這個當今青年工作的重要議題。

青年研究實踐中心將這次會議的部分研究報告集結這本論文集，收錄了十二篇來自華人社會的研究成果、實踐反思及學術文章，這些文章的範圍雖然十分廣泛，但也可從青年隔閡與融合的角度閱讀，並從中得到啟發。

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# Organizations

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### Social Welfare Department

Suicide Prevention Services

The Samaritan Befrienders Hong Kong

Caritas Family Crisis Support Centre

Youth Outreach

The Samaritans

The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong

Jockey Club Cyber Youth Outreach Service - Caritas Infinity Teens

The Mental Health Association of Hong Kong

Jockey Club Online Youth Emotional Support - OpenUp

Tung Wah Group of Hospital Youth and Family Services

Hospital Authority

Jockey Club TourHeart Project

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention



Tel. no: 2343 2255

Hotline Service:  
Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Website: [http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site\\_pubsvc/page\\_cps/sub\\_applicatio/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/index/site_pubsvc/page_cps/sub_applicatio/)

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