



SS Research Salon Series

The research ideas on “perceived loneliness and clandestine up-skirt photography among young adults in Hong Kong”

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Moderator : Dr. Ho Wing Chung (Associate Professor)
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Abstract

This is a presentation on the research ideas of a newly granted GRF project on “perceived loneliness and clandestine up-skirt photography among young adults in Hong Kong”. Clandestine up-skirt photography usually refers to a behavior done by a person who uses covert camera to photograph /videotape a female directing up-skirt/down-blouse in a public or private place without their knowledge or consent. Different from other intrusive sexual offences, such as rape, incest, or child molestation, it is less intrusive with no physical contact with the victims. This leads the perpetrators create a false hope of not being caught easily and disregard the possible harms created for the victims. Until this moment, specific literature and empirical research on the behavior across the world is rare. Against this background, this study aims at examining the relationships of young male adults’ (who are between 18 and 34) everyday life routine and sense of loneliness with their sexual offence of clandestine up-skirt photography, in comparison with other paraphilic sexual offences, non-sexual offences, and a community control group. The risk and protective factors which differentiate them onto the pathways of offending and non-offending will also be explored.

Biosketch

Dr. Cherry Tam is currently an Associate Professor at City University of Hong Kong and holds a Ph.D. in Social Welfare from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She has substantial social work experience in working with children and young people. In recent years, her research focus also falls onto their addictive behaviors (including psychotropic substance abuse, sex related issues and internet addiction), and positive psychological development. She got two competitive research projects on mindfulness-based drug relapse prevention and clandestine upskirt photo-taking from the University Grant Council in 2015 and 2019.

After the Salon, light lunch with drink will be provided for SS faculty members and research students. Interested participants must make reservation via email (violette.wong@cityu.edu.hk) before 20 January 2020.

All Are Welcome