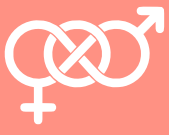




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**Education**

HKBU's mission is to conduct robust interdisciplinary research to produce academic and policy research that fosters social conscience and creates social transformation. The Gender Studies Concentration is co-offered by the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Social Sciences. It is also the first Gender Studies Concentration in Hong Kong. It delivers unique opportunities for students to research on gender issues, analyse the social and cultural construction of gender in our own and other contexts from a variety of disciplinary perspectives, and explain gender biases in society, knowledge, media, social justice, and everyday life.

**Research**

**Gendering and Intersectionality of Social Capital: Community Development in Beijing and Hong Kong**

Professor Shirley Hung led this project which was awarded by the Research Grants Council with a HK\$1.43M General Research Fund. The project aims to extend intersectional consideration to the types and characteristics of social capital in deprived communities in Beijing and Hong Kong. It uses theories of gender and intersectionality in understanding social capital will highlight the variation in social, political, economic and cultural contexts that shape how social capital works in and through inequality in gender relations. Findings from this study will contribute to widening theories of intersectionality to be more inclusive of Chinese experiences and perspectives. By examining current practices of community service provision in both locations, it also identifies potentials for social workers to further enhance social capital in these communities.



**Academic in Spotlight**

Professor Hung is the Department Head of the Department of Social Work at HKBU. She has been working on research focused on Women and Families, Gender-based Violence, Advanced Group and Community Work Practice, and Narrative Therapy. As a fellow of the Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women (ACSVAW) and RainLily, a Sexual Violence Crisis Centre, she made contributions to the counselling profession, particularly with the use of narrative therapy, for women in need, such as teenage mothers, sexual violence victims and divorced women. She has made significant contributions to promoting gender equality and helping empower women and girls.



**Professor Shirley Hung**  
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Students from one of our service learning courses, SOCI3056 Community Engagement for Social Sustainability, collaborated with Anti480, an organisation tackling sexual violence in Hong Kong, to look further into the topic of image-based sexual violence against male victims. Male victims had long been neglected due to the stereotype of gender roles to portray males as strong and tough in society. Therefore, students intended to arouse the public's awareness of male victims suffering from sexual violence through social media platforms.



49 Publications

In top journals 24%

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**Event**

**High Heel Running**

Students from one of our gender studies concentration courses, HUMN2025 Gender: Theory and Culture, organised a High Heel Running competition. The event aimed to break the traditional image of gender and the concept of regarding high heels as feminine. Students of all genders participated in the racing in the hope of winning the title of "High Heel Master".

**Outreach**

**Gender and Sexuality Festival**

The Gender and Sexuality Festival is an annual event organised by HKBU students. The Festival has been held for 8 consecutive years, among which one of the themes - "Unapologetic Bodies" - enabled students to obtain knowledge about their bodies and the fun of sex under professional guidance.

