Gender, Identity and Community: A Perspective of a Female Australian-New Zealand-Chinese Academic

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Overview

- Personal Journey as a Female Australian-New Zealand-Chinese Academic
- The Past Remains in the Present and Informs the Future
  - Confucianism and Chineseness
  - Transnationalism and Hybridity
  - Volunteerism and Community
- The Multiple Self: Positioning the self between the West and the East
Personal Journey as a Female Australian-New Zealand-Chinese Academic

- Gender
- Nationalities
- Economic Social Status (ESS)

IDENTITY

Who am I?
The Past Remains in the Present and Informs the Future

- Confucianism and Chineseness
  - Filial piety in Confucianism
  - Filial piety was popularized by Confucius (551-497 BC)
  - The Confucian advocacy of filial piety is premised on the indisputable fact that one’s body exists solely because of one’s parents.
  - Supporting ageing parent
  - Gender norms: threefold obedience

The Past Remains in the Present and Informs the Future

- Transnationalism and Hybridity
  - The notion of transnationalism brings traditional assumptions associated with place-specific immigration into question.
  - It redefines migrants as **transmigrants** who move easily between different cultures, frequently maintain homes in two countries, and pursue economic, political and cultural interests that require their presence in both on a sustained basis.
  - Transnational communities refer not only to physical locations. Instead, such transnational communities can also be understood as imagined communities.

Volunteerism and Community

- Volunteering refers to activities intended to help others, including persons, groups, or organisations for which the volunteer does not receive pay or other material compensation for their time and services.

- Volunteering provides people with a way to maintain meaningful social roles in the community and to continue to actively participate in society.

- Volunteering in New Zealand and Australia
The Past Remains in the Present and Informs the Future

- Volunteerism and Community
Conclusion

- The Multiple Self- Positioning the self between the West and the East
  - Through my academic work
  - Through my community involvement
ANY QUESTIONS?

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