Queer Feminist Kinship: An iterative approach to researching gender, sexuality, and feminism among Taipei's queer community



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This PhD project explores the intersections of gender identity, sexuality, feminism, and community formation in Taipei. This project is an ethnographic exploration of the relationship between feminist activism and the LGBTQ+ rights movement, analysing how sexual and gender identities influence individuals' desires to align with the feminist movement. The Queer Feminist Kinship project revisits established anthropological questions about kinship and relatedness to examine the formation of community and intimate political alliances. It utilises intersectionality as a methodology to question how experiencing overlapping subjectivities and correlative discrimination influences individuals' lives. It aims to rethink the synergies of feminist and queer resistance, as well as the frictions between the global sex-sexuality-gender taxonomies, state policies and the everyday.

This is a PhD journey impacted significantly by the Covid-19 pandemic and international politics. This talk will outline how the project began pre-Covid and has transformed through necessary adaptations to circumstance, including changing field site. This is a work-in-progress discussion of the Queer Feminist Kinship project, drawing on 10 months' fieldwork in Taipei, including interviews, volunteering, and photographic research. (英文演講)