



# 亞洲創傷心理研究學會 Asian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

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## **2-DAY SEMINAR ON** **“GENDER IDENTITY ISSUES & TRAUMA – RESOLUTION FROM** **PERSONAL & DEVELOPMENTAL & SOCIAL PERSPECTIVES”** **5 & 6 December 2008**

**Date / Time** 5 & 6 Dec, 2008 (Fri – Sat) 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Speakers:** Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad and Elsa Almas

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Esben Esther is a physician and Elsa is a clinical psychologist. They are both Associate Professors of the University of Agder, Norway, and are respected public professionals in sexology and family therapy in Norway. Esben Esther is also known as openly trans- or bi-gendered. The heightened awareness of gender issues evident today in Norway can be attributed to their efforts at educating specialists and the public over the years. They have authored 3 textbooks together including "Sexology in Practice", published by Tano Aschehoug in 1997. Esben Esther became a national celebrity in 2002, when his son portrayed him in the documentary "All about my father" (Alt om min far), which won the prestigious Amanda prize for Best Norwegian Film and received wide international acclaim.

The programme of this inspiring 2-day seminar includes:

### **Day I**

- The difficulties & trauma faced by families, children & young people in relation to bi-gender & transgender issues
- The latest thinking in relation to gender diversity – the intersex genders, the transgenders, the no-genders and the fluid or undecided genders
- Gender issues & relationship with family members: screening movie "All about my father"
- Sharing by local expert: Presentation by Dr. Mark King, Research Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong.  
*Topic: Transgender people in Hong Kong (prejudice, discrimination & mental health issues).*

### **Day II**

- Development and cultural acceptance of unusual sexual turn-on patterns
- Children who do not perform according to their genitals
- Battling prejudice within self and the social network
- Sharing by local expert: Presentation by Dr. Wong Chee Wing, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Kwai Chung Hospital.  
*Topic: Psychological needs for people with GID: What can I do in Hong Kong if my parents made a mistake and gave me the wrong gender?*

***This seminar will include sharing by local transgender people on "Personal experience as transgender individual in Hong Kong"***

The considerations of greater options for gender belonging can have profound effects for stimulating participant's thinking and practices. This seminar will certainly generate ideas for how doctors, psychologists, counselors, and teachers can best respond to families and young people in relation to these issues.

Venue : Room LG-06, Hui Oi Chow Science Building,  
The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong  
Medium of Instruction: English  
Co-organiser: Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong  
Pending for CE accreditation from various colleges and professional bodies.



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**Enrolment Form**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (*with surname in block letters*) : \_\_\_\_\_  
Correspondence Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Enrolment details (please tick as appropriate):**

**For Registration on or before 5 Nov 2008**

	Dec 5 only	Dec 6 only	Both workshops
AsianSTSS Member/Student member	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$380	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$380	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$665
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**For Registration after 5 Nov 2008**

	Dec 5 only	Dec 6 only	Both workshops
AsianSTSS Member/Student member	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$400	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$400	<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$700
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***Deadline of enrolment: 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2008***

Remarks:

1. Seats are served on a first-come-first-serve basis. Priority is given to members/staff of organizing bodies.
2. AsianSTSS reserves the right to modify the programme and reject an enrolment at any point in time.
3. Enrolment will be confirmed ONLY when full payment has been received by the AsianSTSS. Confirmation will be sent by email or fax one week prior to the workshop.
4. Official receipt will be issued at the registration counter. All fees are non-refundable.
5. If the Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above, or the Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted, the workshop will be cancelled. Details of postponement will be announced later.
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