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Prof. Esben Esther

**2-day Seminar on Modernizing Services for Sexual Minorities:
A life-span approach**

Time/Date: 9a.m. – 5 p.m. / 24 - 25 October, 2012
Venue: Room 502, 3 Lockhart Road,
The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong,
Wanchai, Hong Kong



Prof. Elsa Almås

We are in fact surrounded by LGBTQI people [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex] of all ages in our work place, community, and social/family life. Human services can no longer ignore their voices and needs, as expressed in equal opportunity policies, personal experience statements, best practice guidelines, etc. Human service personnel needs to keep abreast of the expert voices, latest research, international guidelines and local developments, and to build a fair and friendly world for all.

Our overseas speakers will focus on the latest thinking in relation to gender and sex belonging and moving beyond the dichotomous understanding of sex and gender. They will address how pathologization creates feelings of dysphoria and how positive gender/sexual belonging will be affirmative and beneficial to families and children facing these issues. They will also point out that the therapy room can be a place where one is given safe space for exploring intimate desire, gender and sexual turn-on patterns.

The local speakers will present the local encounters with LGBTQI people across the life-span, such as bully and self-esteem issues faced by young people, roles and needs of the parents, healthcare issues, end-of-life care, Christian teachings, and equal opportunity challenges. They will focus on how they have challenged themselves by modernizing their perspectives and service provisions.

Speakers from Norway:

Prof. Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad, M.D. specialist in clinical sexology (Grimstad MPAT-Institute) and Professor of sexology (University of Agder), who is also known as one of Norway's most prominent transperson. Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad was originally known as just Esben Benestad, but had hir (hir is a pronoun for those who are too much women and too much men to be neither) alias name Esther Pirelli included in hir formal Norwegian name several years ago. Esben Esther tells hir story in the award-winning documentary *Alt om min far* (All About My Father) directed by hir son Even Benestad. Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad is known for hir work with marginalized sexual oriented people and hir aim is to introduce more than two genders for people to fit in.

Prof. Elsa Almås, Professor of sexology (University of Agder), a specialist in clinical psychology, president of both the Norwegian Society for Clinical Sexology and the Nordic Association for Clinical Sexology. She is also the wife of Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad in addition to their work as colleagues both in writings, teachings, presentations and lecturing.



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Local Speakers:

Prominent local speakers have been invited to share their knowledge and expertise from different perspectives of the subject. They include:

Mr. CHAU Chun-yam & Ms. CHUI Mei Shan, Social Workers, Project Touch, The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong;

Mr. Joseph CHO Man-kit, Executive Co-director of Nu Tong Xue She (女同學社), Ph.D. Candidate in Gender Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;

The Revd Canon Dr. Eric CHONG, Master, St John's College and Lecturer in Old Testament and Hebrew, and Anthropology, Sheung Kung Hui Ming Hua Theological College;

Dr. Eugenie LEUNG, Director of Counselling and Person Enrichment, The University of Hong Kong;

Ms Angelina LUK, Solicitor, Notary Public, and Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong;

Prof. Winnie MAK, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong;

Dr. Kitty WU, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Kwai Chung Hospital.

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Programme Content:

Day One: From childhood to early adulthood	
<i>Presentation by Prof. Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad & Prof. Elsa Almås:</i>	
1. From gender dysphoria to gender euphoria in light of the new standards of care from WPATH in 2011	
2. Brain intersex and other intersex states	
3. Networking for children who display variations over the theme: nonconforming gender	
<i>Presentation by local speakers:</i>	
4. The voice of the silenced sexual minorities	Mr. Joseph CHO Man-kit
5. Supporting and networking parents of LGBT youth	Mr. CHAU Chun-yam & Ms. CHUI Mei Shan
6. Building a LGBT-friendly service and a diverse learning environment in university	Dr. Eugenie LEUNG
Day Two: Adulthood and beyond	
<i>Presentation by Prof. Esben Esther Pirelli Benestad & Prof. Elsa Almås:</i>	
1. Traumas of retention - reality? Politically incorrect?	
2. Non pathologizing ways of perceiving special turn-on patterns both in relation to gender expressions and in relation to the plethora of turn-on pattern	
<i>Presentation by local speakers:</i>	
3. Research on social networking and well-being of sexual minorities	Prof. Winnie MAK
4. A pastor's reflection on his encounter and work with sexual minorities	The Revd Canon Dr. Eric CHONG
5. Needs & preferences of sexual minorities for end-of-life care	Dr. Kitty WU
6. Legal support in advance care planning for sexual minorities	Ms Angelina LUK
<i>Round table for All speakers</i>	



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by Professor Esben Esther Pirell Benestad and Professor Elsa Almås
24 & 25 October 2012

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1. Seats are served on a first-come-first-serve basis. Priority is given to members/staff of organising 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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