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Historicity and Transnational Sexualities Network

The International Resource Network (IRN), is conceived as a web based clearinghouse to connect researchers from both academic and community bases in areas related to diverse sexualities and genders.

The aim of this paper is to examine the implications of strategies and structure for organizing a working network of researchers and activists who work in and on Asia (broadly defined) that immediately reveals the strains of “Asia = region” approach. It explores the potentials of an approach that is based on a broad rubric of local issues in the region that in their scale crosses national borders, in globalizing Asia, including such topics as: tourism, HIV/AIDS, trafficking, mass culture, migration, borderlands, translation, neoliberalism, development, militarization, (post)colonialism, global governance, and others. It also considers the work of such transnational project that potentially produces new space of negotiation for both new understandings and practices of sexuality, collaborative politics and activism.