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Go beyond Gender Boundaries: The Girl in Contemporary Hong Kong

The representations of teenage girls predominantly exist in research focused on gender issues or youth issues in Hong Kong. Teenage girls are mentioned only when there is any age or gender difference (in binary and biological sense) subdivided in the analysis. This shows that the binary logic of thinking for the conception of girlhood is still implicit in Hong Kong.

This paper argues that the emphasis on the category of 'woman', which is neither self-evident nor known in feminism, not only falsely puts gender identity as a coherent concept, but also makes the category 'girl' an invisible project. With reference to Driscoll's concept of 'feminine adolescence', which is different from 'female adolescence' used in a discourse on puberty, this paper will examine how the concept of gender and age take place as a productive force in the construction of the concept of the girl in contemporary Hong Kong.