

Shifting Borders, Shifting Identities: New Perspectives on Thai Homosexuality

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ABSTRACT

The sexual experiences of the MSWs indicated that the MSWM were ordinary people that can be found anywhere. They are in fact a part of the regular functional members of the Thai society. Their uniqueness is perhaps due to their voluntary choice to manifest their sexuality in unconventional ways. Katoeys play a definite role in propagating the same sex relationship between men. However, we should realize that a far greater number of the ordinary male population are playing the same role as the Katoey. Furthermore, the rapid change in our society proffered strong conducive support to the expansion of the MSWM population.

A fair percentages of men who have been introduce to same sex relationship choose to develop their sexuality towards the female identity. Some men stop their change of sexuality in between the male-female polarity. The continuum between male-female polarity has never been clearly define. Is this the domain of homosexuality? There are indications that the male population who fall into this continuum somewhere in between the two sex polarity will undoubtedly grow in number. What the society are going to do with them need close attention and deep contemplation. Alienating reality will naturally create conflict and unhappiness which the modern days may have too much already.

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