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- Queer studies

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Refereed Journal Article:

Yang. S., **Yang. S.**, Huang. V.* (2025). Down the Rabbit Hole of Sexting: How Sexting Behavior Influences Social Avoidance of People with Social Appearance Anxiety via Body Surveillance and Self-Disillusionment. *Computers in Human Behavior*. 108773.

Refereed Book Chapter:

Yang. S., Zheng. X.*, Ning. X. Exploring Barriers and Enablers in Multilingual Counselling for Mainland Chinese Students in Hong Kong. In *Multilingual Education Yearbook 2026: Mental Health Education in Multilingual Communities: Complexities & Challenges*. Cham: Springer International Publishing. (Forthcoming)

Refereed Conference Presentation:

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Yang. S., Wang. Y., Liu. X., Yang. S., Hong. X., Wan. F. (2025, August). *Negotiating digital affordances: Mainland Chinese students' non-romantic use of dating apps in Hong Kong* [Paper Presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (**AEJMC**), San Francisco, CA, USA

Yang. S. & Yang. S. (2025, July). *Connecting through experience: Strengthening communication skills in youth with special needs* [Paper Presentation]. International Association for Media and Communication Research (**IAMCR**), Singapore.

Yang. S. (2025, July). *Intimacy on screen: Sexting as a romantic practice among LGBTQ+ couples* [Paper Presentation]. Society for East Asian Anthropology 2025 Conference (**SEAA-SNU**), Seoul, South Korea

Yang. S. & Hong. X. (2025, June). *Embodied intimacies and moving beyond: Sexting and affective sexuality in Chinese queer contexts* [Paper Presentation]. International Congress on Media, Gender and Sexualities: Representations, Literacies and Audiences (**ICMGS**), Benasque, Spain

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Wang. Y., Liu. X., Yang. S., **Yang. S.** (2025, August). *Becoming cyber jurors: Participatory content moderation and users' civic labor on Chinese digital platforms* [Paper presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (**AEJMC**), San Francisco, CA, USA

Hong. X. & **Yang. S.** (2025, June). *"Nie Xiaoqian": A new female ghost = A new woman?* [Paper presentation]. International Congress on Media, Gender and Sexualities: Representations, Literacies and Audiences (**ICMGS**), Benasque, Spain