Special Issue

Intimate Relationships in Diverse Social and Cultural Contexts

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to build a forum for scholars to discuss and debate intimate relationships in various social and cultural contexts. We call for studies from a wide range of fields, including anthropology, criminology, geography, history, political science, psychology, social policy, social work, sociology, and interdisciplinary studies of intimate relationships. Both original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include, but are not limited to, the following:

The history of intimate relationships;

Media construction of intimate relationships;

Intimate expressions and behaviours;

Intimacy and inequality;

Transnational/cross-cultural intimate relationships;

Kinship and intergenerational ties;

Theories of intimate relationships;

The intimacy business/services:

Digital intimacies:

Courtship and mate selection:

Queer intimacies:

Same-sex marriage;

Conflicts, violence, and abuse in intimate relationships; Relationship breakdown, separation, and divorce.

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