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# **Gender, Identity and Community: A Perspective of a Female Australian- New Zealand-Chinese Academic**

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# Overview

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    - Volunteerism and Community
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# Personal Journey as a Female Australian- New Zealand-Chinese Academic

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- Gender
- Nationalities
- Economic Social Status (ESS)



**IDENTITY**

**Who am I?**

# The Past Remains in the Present and Informs the Future

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## □ Confucianism and Chineseness

- Filial piety in Confucianism
- Filial piety was popularized by Confucius (551-497 BC)
- The Confucian advocacy of filial piety is premised on the indisputable fact that one's body exists solely because of one's parents.
  - ❖ *Supporting ageing parent*
  - ❖ *Gender norms: threefold obedience*

Reference: Li, W. W., Hodgetts, D., Ho, E., & Stolte, O. (2010). From early Confucian texts to ageing care in China and abroad today: The evolution of filial piety and its implications. *Journal of US-China Public Administration*, 7(7), 48-59.

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## □ Transnationalism and Hybridity

- The notion of transnationalism brings traditional assumptions associated with place-specific immigration into question.
- It redefines migrants as **transmigrants** who move easily between different cultures, frequently maintain homes in two countries, and pursue economic, political and cultural interests that require their presence in both on a sustained basis.
- Transnational communities refer not only to physical locations. Instead, such transnational communities can also be understood as imagined communities.

Reference: Li, W. W. (2013). Shifting selves in migration: Home, ageing in place and wellbeing. Beijing, CN: Central Compilation & Translation Press.

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## ☐ Volunteerism and Community

- Volunteering refers to activities intended to help others, including persons, groups, or organisations for which the volunteer does not receive pay or other material compensation for their time and services.
- Volunteering provides people with a way to maintain meaningful social roles in the community and to continue to actively participate in society.
- Volunteering in New Zealand and Australia



# The Past Remains in the Present and Informs the Future

## ☐ Volunteerism and Community



# Conclusion

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- The Multiple Self- Positioning the self between the West and the East
  - Through my academic work
  - Through my community involvement

# ANY QUESTIONS?

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