

Sex talks: Info intercourse between real and virtual world

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現實與虛擬世界間之訊色流動 (In English)



The development of interpersonal communications among Internet users online has led to the creation of intimate communities and virtual worlds in cyberspace. That sex is still generally considered as a taboo in Hong Kong society makes it difficult to seek sexual information in real life without being stigmatized. The Internet, with its anonymous nature, thus serves as an attractive alternative for those who desire such information. But why do people enjoy talking about sex in such an open sphere?

互聯網科技的快速成長與普及，不僅可提供網友們各式的通訊方式，而網友亦不斷互相從網路上的交往過程中，構建出不同的網絡虛擬世界。性，在香港社會中仍算是禁忌，屬於私密的話題，為了規避在現實生活中談性所引起的污名化之壓力，互聯網，因為具備匿名性特質，故此它提供了性資訊互動的另一虛擬場域。但為何在某些互聯網上的公開的場域，如網上討論區，網友們可以公開談性，於現實世界裡卻難於啓齒？

基於網上討論區中人際互動顯而易見的場域優勢，透過深入訪談及在談性的討論區中所搜集得來的資料，本研究嘗試透視各網友，在互不相識的情況下，獲取及彼此討論性議題的態度與原因，與及網友們在虛擬世界的活動如何影響現實生活的性別實踐，而他們的現實經驗又會否反過來影響他們的網上活動。而且，本研究亦會嘗試探究，在異性戀霸權的社會體系下，網友會否因為基於他們不同的性別認同，而展現與上述截然不同的網路互動模式。

Internet discussion boards are selected as the focus of this research, as they provide virtual spheres that foster interpersonal communications publicly among many unacquainted users, and the interactions among those users are explicitly visible. Through documentary analyses of several discussion boards focusing on sex issues and in-depth interviews with their users, this research will explore the attitudes and the reasons those users seek and share sexual information through their interactions on the discussion boards, and whether their virtual sexual interactions may affect their sexual pursuit in real life, or vice versa. Also, any difference in the aforesaid interaction patterns in real and virtual life based on the differences in their sexual self-identifications under the prevailing hegemonic heterosexist cultures will also be explored.

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