





**Thesis Title** Social Space Construction of Homosexual Male in  
Mueang Chiang Mai District

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### ABSTRACT

The main objective of this research, namely, Social Space Construction of Homosexual Male in Mueang Chiang Mai District, was to study the process and factors of the social space construction of homosexual male.

The researcher collected data by the use of participant and non-participant observations, informal interviews and focus group discussions in 8 areas of Mueang Chiang Mai district, and from 8 key informants and their closed friends and participants in the homosexual evidences within the same areas. The collected data were, then, grouped and descriptively analyzed relating to the research objectives.

The results of the study were as follows.

The social space construction process of the homosexual males have begun since they were children and from their childhood backgrounds. They were brought up in the broken home families, mainly, within the divorced family parents. So, they were nurtured by their mothers and, consequently, they learnt their mothers' behaviours without having good patterns from their fathers. Being within the women's surroundings could bring them to the sexual abusing tendency. Having the first sexual relationship with the same sexual abusing group during their teen ages could drive them to the group as well. The first sequential process was the learning behaviors of the homosexual males started since their childhood, their positive attitudes toward being

homosexual males, and their self-adjustment to society and families. The second step was to make decision to become the members of the homosexual group with decisive goals. The third step was to be in the group with their social space selection with goals, adjustment and activities. Changes after entering the group became their behavior determinants with meanings.

The conditions of social space construction of the homosexual males consisted of firstly, physical, psychological, emotional and social needs, and secondly, economic and social needs for earning their livings and having their social network. Those conditions became their pulling factors into their group, determining their group behaviors with similar needs and activities. Such factors also determined their mutual learning and knowledge exchanges.

Their social space was found as a gathering evidence of the males with similar sexual behaviors and needs within the new constructed social areas in order to free themselves from the social pressure. They had their own place to stand away from the unaccepted social situations. Opening a specific space of the homosexual males was a strategy for them to show the transition of sexual identity to a constructed sub-cultural identity responsive to their own needs, and calling more social attention on more homosexual male acceptance.