

International Literature Project Series

Preparing Social Work Students to Practice in An Interconnected World

TRANSGENDER, FAMILY, PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS, OUTSIDERS

FICTION FROM Korea: [Tree of Kisses](#)

A girl grows up in Korea with a cross-dressing gay father, struggling with both internal and societal transphobia.

by Kim Bi

SOURCE: Words Without Borders Campus (wwb-campus.org)

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SOCIAL WORK TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCES

Public opinion of transgender rights in South Korea

[UCLA School of Law Williams Institute](#)

This report investigates public opinion on transgender people in South Korea. While previous studies have shown the negative views that many members of society have about transgender persons, this study examines the reasons underlying these prejudices in greater detail.

“I thought of myself as defective”: Neglecting the rights of LGBTQ youth in South Korean schools

[Human Rights Watch](#)

A heart-rending tale of self-doubt, suppression of one’s emotions, and victimization by society culminates in a youth’s emergence as a confident leader in the LGBTQ community. This cautionary story demonstrates the need for greater support for LGBTQ students and youth, particularly in institutionalized settings.

South Korean society’s invisible people

[Hankyoreh – a progressive newspaper committed to journalistic freedom and national reconciliation between South and North Korea](#)

This article examines the avoidance of discussion about the transgender community that most South Koreans practice. Many citizens ignore this segment of society completely, preferring to pretend that the

transgender community doesn't exist rather than acknowledge transgender persons as deserving of equal rights and respect.

The kids

Judges, academics, and activists keep wondering how children are impacted by having gay parents. Maybe it's time to ask the kids.

Gabriella Herman – Brooklyn-based author and photographer

Tales of homophobia and prejudice against the LGBTQ community are shared through the eyes of children who grew up being raised by gay parents. Some stories are inspirational and give hope for inclusion in our fractured society, while others demonstrate the intolerance all too commonly evidenced by the cis-gendered majority.

Korean LGBT: Trial, error, and success

Jonathan Kim, Cornell International Affairs Review

The growth of the South Korean LGBTQ community has been stunted by societal prejudice and stigma against homosexuality. This article investigates the true extent to which tradition and conservatism define South Korean culture, and how viewpoints are changing in the modern era.

Blueprint for the Provision of Comprehensive Care for Trans People and Trans Communities in Asia and the Pacific

United Nations Development Programme: Asia and the Pacific

This publication outlines the priority health care needs and human rights issues for transgender people in the Asia Pacific region. Drawing upon inputs from trans individuals and organizations, medical professionals, and policymakers from throughout the region, Blueprint aims to strengthen and enhance the policy-related, clinical, and public health responses for trans people in the region. This document is the third in a series of regional transgender health guidance documents, and builds on similar publications produced in Latin America and the Caribbean.