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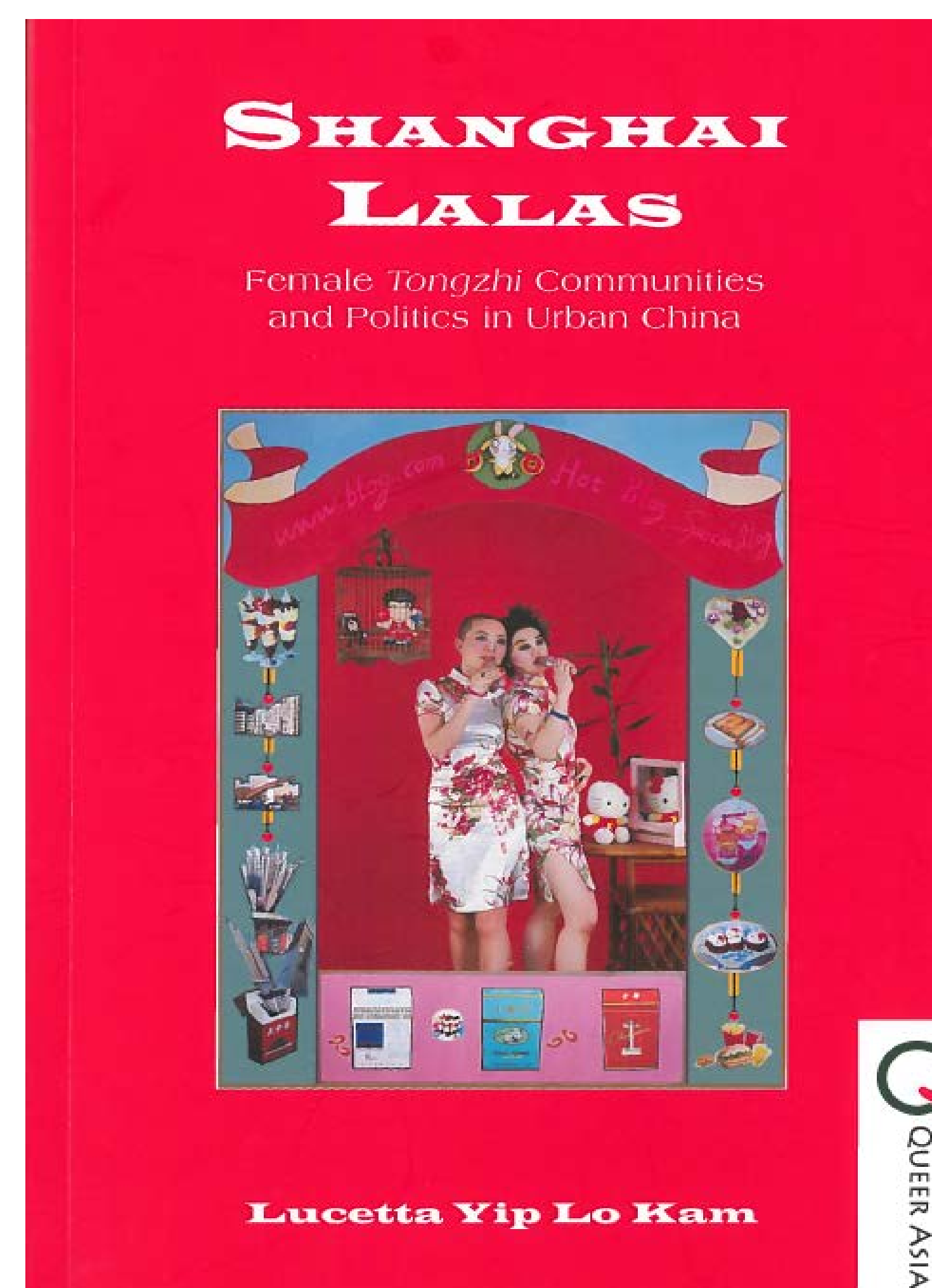
Two Community Collaborations with Sexual Minority Women's NGOs in Shanghai & Hong Kong

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Summary

Based on research with sexual minority communities in the United States, Connie Chan, professor of public policy and public affairs, conducted comparative research with community groups in Hong Kong and Shanghai, China. She provided capacity building training and resources directly to the organization which provides outreach and service to sexual minority women and girls in Shanghai, China. Professor Chan also supported Queer Sisters – an NGO that provides advocacy and community outreach to sexual minority girls and women in Hong Kong – by co-creating a needs assessment survey and helping them to interview their membership in Hong Kong.

Connie Chan collaborated with these NGOs to help produce an outreach publication and website. She also trained community members to conduct surveys and questionnaires to gather data for their reports and assisted the organizations in building capacity for funding and organizational support. Chan and her students continue to provide assistance to the group through Skype and email communication.



Goals and Objectives

- Support with production of an outreach publication and website
- Train community members to conduct surveys and questionnaires to gather data
- Build capacity for funding and organizational support to conduct interviews and data collection
- Provide technical assistance
- Translate online and print communications from Chinese to English

Results/Impacts

- Helped NGO Shanghai Lalas write grant proposals to Astrea Foundation
- Assisted in dissemination of written materials and maps to other organizations in China and in North America
- Increased capacity of NGS Shanghai Lalas group through outreach and internet presence
- Assisted Queer Sisters, Hong Kong, to gather psychological information for presentation on their radio show in Hong Kong



Approaches and Methods

- Videotaped interviews
- Online surveys

Next Steps

- Currently in process of analyzing videotaped interviews and writing summaries of findings

Student Involvement

Student type: Public Policy PhD students, Hsin-Ching Wu and Allyson Baughman

Number of students involved: 2

Number of hours contributed per student: approximately 5 hours per week

Student roles: Transcribing and translating videotapes and surveys, conducting literature reviews and other research

Funding

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Partnership Information

Shanghai Lalas, Shanghai, China

Queer Sisters, Hong Kong, China