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## **ABSTRACT**

Taking into consideration the intersectionality of gender and educational attainments, this study investigates the clubbing experiences of heterosexual female youths in Hong Kong. The data in this study originate from in-depth interviews with sixteen young female clubbers who are differentiated by educational attainments. The findings showed that the higher educated and the lower educated female respondents are two groups of clubbers with distinct clubbing practices and experiences. Although clubbing was recognized as liberating and pleasurable, the higher educated female clubbers experienced clubbing as an adventure to express an alternative sense of self while the lower educated female clubbers recognized clubbing as a common type of leisure activity that enabled them to partake in communal fun. Moreover, the clubbing practices and experiences of the higher educated and the lower educated female clubbers indicate their different ways of doing femininity on appearances, heterosexual intimate relationships, marriage and motherhood. This study reconceptualizes the discussion of youth leisure in the context of social division and sheds light on the role of education in shaping youth lifestyles. The intersection of gender and educational attainments has complicated the ways of doing femininity.

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