

Title: Child and family polyvictimization in China - Asian perspective in violence prevention

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Abstract:

Prof. Chan is the first to develop and apply the concept of *family polyvictimization* in his research studies. When studying the co-occurring victimization within a family, current literature often focuses on individual violence and fails to cover three forms of violence or more in a family. Prof. Chan's studies fill the research gap by using families, instead of individuals, as units and investigating the prevalence and patterns of family polyvictimization.

Recently in 2015, he, as the sole author, published an article in which this insightful concept first appeared in the field. His development of the concept of family polyvictimization has brought to him integrative perspective of understanding family as a whole, providing irreplaceable implications for future research and practice. In the presentation, he will review the most up-to-date studies on child and family polyvictimization.

While addressing violence in family context and his research on culture-specific interventions, Prof. Chan started exploring the use of informal social control (including bystanders in informal network such as grandparents, relatives and neighbours) for the prevention of family violence. He, together with his research team, has made use of international and local grants to develop intervention programmes using the Asian perspective, and published impactful articles on this theme. The development of the unique perspective of Asian has led to an approach that allows one to see family as a whole, and to utilize the powerful informal social network to help Asian families build safety support nets for the violence victims.