

# Book Chapters



**B**ook chapters are contributions within edited volumes that address specific themes. In LGBTQIA+ studies, these chapters are essential because they respond not only to inquiries within established disciplines but also to fresh perspectives, emerging thought, and practices. From these chapters stem more extensive outputs, such as books and monographs, that help foreground ideas and identities that are frequently overlooked.

The book chapters in this section provide in-depth analyses of LGBTQIA+ issues across fields as education, law and policymaking, health and wellbeing, society and culture, literature, and diaspora studies. They are context-specific and creative and can serve as entry points for scholars and students to understand key concepts and debates within LGBTQIA+ studies.

## Historical Foundations & Contexts

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This category traces the emergence and development of LGBTQIA+ identities, communities, and movements in the Philippines across time. Chapters here revisit precolonial gender systems such as the *babaylan* and *asog*, while also interrogating the impact of colonialism, religion, nationalism, and authoritarianism on Filipino sexualities. By historicizing LGBTQIA+ experiences, these works recover silenced narratives and highlight how past struggles shape contemporary identities.

### SUBJECTS

- Philipine history of sexuality and gender
- Precolonial and indigenous gender systems
- Colonial legacies and missionary influence
- Martial law and state repression
- Historical memory and queer archives
- Oral history and testimonial accounts

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## **Theoretical & Conceptual Works**

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Chapters in this category develop frameworks for understanding Filipino LGBTQIA+ lives. Drawing from feminist, queer, decolonial, and intersectional theories, these works challenge Euro-American theoretical dominance by foregrounding Philippine contexts and knowledge systems. They often engage in conceptual debates about identity, terminology, and epistemology, offering Filipino-centered or hybrid frameworks for studying sexualities and genders.

### **SUBJECTS**

Queer theory and postcolonial critique

Intersectionality and identity politics

Decolonial approaches to sexuality studies

Language, discourse, and identity construction

Epistemologies of the Global South

Indigenous knowledge systems and queer perspectives



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## **Activism, Advocacy, Life Narratives & Case Studies**

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This category documents grassroots organizing, NGO advocacy, and political struggles alongside memoirs, autobiographical reflections, and testimonies. It emphasizes the personal stakes of political action, showing how individual and collective narratives intersect in movements for equality. These works blur boundaries between activism, scholarship, and storytelling.

### **SUBJECTS**

- Pride marches and LGBTQIA+ movement histories
- Grassroots organizing and community advocacy
- NGO campaigns and civil society interventions
- Violence, exclusion, and resistance strategies
- Autobiographical writings and queer memoirs
- Testimonies and oral narratives of activists

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## Law, Policy, & Rights

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This category covers the intersections of law, governance, and human rights. Chapters analyze legal struggles, policy debates, and institutional frameworks shaping LGBTQIA+ lives in the Philippines. Emphasis is placed on the role of advocates and organizations in lobbying for anti-discrimination protections, marriage equality, workplace rights, and inclusive education policies, while also critiquing persistent gaps in protection and justice.

### SUBJECTS

Human rights and LGBTQIA+ advocacy

Anti-discrimination ordinances and SOGIESC equality bills

Legal pluralism and informal justice systems

Family law, marriage equality, and adoption rights

Workplace rights and labor law

International human rights instruments (CEDAW, Yogyakarta Principles)



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## **Cultural, Linguistic & Literary Studies**

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This category examines the representation and performance of LGBTQIA+ identities in literature, film, media, and cultural practices. Chapters analyze novels, poetry, theater, television, digital media, and popular culture, exploring both stereotypical and resistant portrayals. These works reveal how cultural texts shape public discourse, challenge norms, and celebrate queer creativity.

### **Subjects and Topics:**

Philipine literature and queer representation

Cinema and visual culture

Television, digital platforms, and online communities

Theater, performance, and drag culture

Popular culture and celebrity studies

Comparative queer cultural studies

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## Health, Well-Being, & Social Services

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These chapters analyze health systems, practices, and access for LGBTQIA+ communities, often with a focus on HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health, and stigma reduction. Beyond biomedical framings, works also attend to mental health, psychosocial well-being, and trans-affirming healthcare. They highlight inequities in health provision while showcasing community-based responses and resilience practices.

### SUBJECTS

- Public health and epidemiology of HIV/AIDS
- Sexual and reproductive health education
- Mental health and psychosocial well-being
- Transgender healthcare and medical transitions
- Community-based health interventions
- Violence, stigma, discrimination, and healthcare access



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## Education, Work, & Institutions

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This category examines LGBTQIA+ experiences in educational and professional institutions, including schools, universities, workplaces, and government agencies. Topics cover both structural barriers—such as discriminatory dress codes or hiring practices—and innovations in creating inclusive spaces. These works reveal how education and work serve as sites of both exclusion and resistance.

### SUBJECTS

- School climate and LGBTQIA+ inclusion
- Uniform and grooming policies
- Teacher and student experiences of SOGIESC expression
- Workplace discrimination and employment law
- Inclusive pedagogy and curriculum studies
- Human resource policies and diversity management



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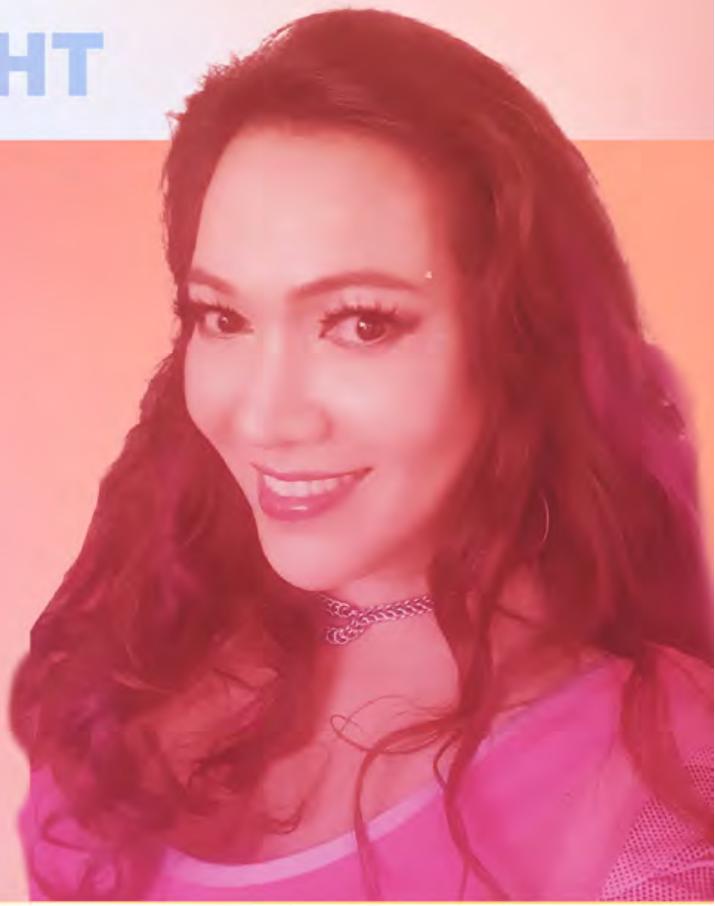
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## **The Migrant's Experience & the Diaspora**

Foregrounding transnational dynamics, this category explores the lived experiences of LGBTQIA+ Filipinos abroad and in diaspora communities. Chapters highlight how identities are negotiated across cultures, laws, and economies, with attention to OFWs, queer family dynamics, and racialized belonging. This work situates queer Filipino migration within global labor and diaspora studies.

### **SUBJECTS**

Overseas Filipino workers and queer migration

Diaspora, identity, and belonging

Cross-cultural negotiation of gender and sexuality

Queer families and transnational kinship

Migration, precarity, and labor exploitation

Comparative diaspora studies (Japan, Middle East, North America)

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