

Project Title: **Mutual Intercultural Relations in Hong Kong**

Project Summary:

The present project seeks to investigate intercultural relations in Hong Kong by incorporating mutual view of both the dominant population and non-dominant groups. Past research on intercultural relations tends to study two perspectives separately: ethnic attitudes among the dominant population and acculturation among the non-dominant groups. The interaction of these two perspectives, however, becomes increasingly important in plural societies like Hong Kong. Based on Berry's (2006) framework on mutual attitudes among immigrants and ethnocultural groups, this project explored the acculturation expectations held by the dominant population with respect to immigrants and ethnocultural groups, using the concept of multicultural ideology, and examined acculturation strategies adopted by immigrants and ethnic minorities, using major dimensions of intercultural relations, i.e., security, ethnocentrism, hierarchy, and reciprocity. The role of relevant demographic and psychological variables was identified and the generalizability of the acculturation framework was evaluated across cultures.