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This research was intended to describe the fluidity of sexual subjectivities of young executive gay men in Jakarta, Indonesia, in the context of their everyday lives; to explain sexual practices of young executive gay men; to explain the sexual health needs and problems that they encounter in their everyday lives; and to explain the contextual factors which influence sexual fluidity, their sexual health needs and problems.

This qualitative research design uses a narrative approach, postmodern feminist standpoint's, and discourse analysis to explore the experiences of Indonesian gay men and how their perception of their homosexuality influence their sexual subjectivities and sexual health. Five single young executive gay men representing top, middle and lower executives, who had worked at least one year in the private sectors, took part in this study. The purposive selection of research partners was done using the snowball technique, and interviews were conducted many times with each participant (3-4 times / 1 participant). Secondary data was used to expand the data to get literature and information about institutionalized socialization on gender / sexuality and family and marital law.

The findings of this research are divided to five major themes: sexual subjectivity, fluidity of sexuality, time and space, sexual health needs, and contextual factors. For each theme, the researcher found various and unrepeated experiences among the participants. The way in which they perceived and accepted their sexual orientation in the society, which still thinks of homosexuality as a social evil, lead them to behave in an office environment, being professional with no love involvement. Being gay was a part of their pride which lead to how they do "body project" to fulfill their sexual subjectivity in the era of metrosexual phenomenon. Sexual meanings and desire are not for sex per se, but there are feelings involved that encourage them to distinguish between sex and love. This situation in which leads the decision about practicing safe sex with their partners. The concept of time and space that we can see from the way they present sexual acts in which very fluid among them, such as from heterosexual to homosexual or from private place to public space, or even the fulfill of desire in *rumah kucing* (gay brothels). The contextual factors were sharpened as highlighted in this research about the new regulations in Palembang, South Sumatera, and Indonesia, which regards homosexuality as a part of prostitution activities and has criminalized it.

Finally, recommendations have been made on sexual rights, sexual health education and further research on sexuality in Indonesia.

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