

## **ABSTRACT**

This is a preliminary study of contemporary marriages in Hong Kong. We adopted the suffocation model proposed by Finkel and his colleagues (2014) to construct our study. We tested whether the three modes of marriage, namely the institutional mode, the companionate mode and the self-expressive mode of marriage, could be observed in the context of Hong Kong. We conducted a two-phase study which included a pilot study and a main study. We found that Hongkongers were more likely to prefer the companionate mode and the self-expressive mode of marriage. We also investigated how the modes of marriage affected Hongkongers' preferences for mate selection. We believed that our discussion could understand more about the contemporary marriages in Hong Kong.