



## Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Mr Kim Doo Jong (Registration Number: 1640070), PhD scholar at the School of Social Sciences, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore will defend his PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Friday, 31 March, 2023 at 10.30 am in the Syndicate Room (Room No. 802), Ground Floor, Auditorium Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru - 560029.

<b>Title of the Thesis</b>	:	<b>Moral Identity, Moral Emotions and Maladaptive Personality Traits among Adolescents in South Korea</b>
<b>Discipline</b>	:	<b>Social Work</b>
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee, faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva.

**Place:** Bengaluru  
**Date:** 21 March 2023

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## ABSTRACT

The rule of survival of the fittest often thwarted the leap towards a holistic development. Korean adolescents have yet to escape the fierce competitiveness of knowledge-oriented cognitive education that may generate a gap between moral judgment and action. How does morality associate with personality in adolescent development? Drawing on the theories of Blasi (1980, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1999, 2004a, 2004b) and Allport (1921, 1927, 1931, 1937), the present study took a morality-personality integrative approach to adolescent development and viewed moral identity centrality as an agentic drive for their holistic growth. The current research presumed that there might be developmental consistency to a certain degree among Korean adolescents' morality, personality, and moral/immoral behaviour. Empirically, it aimed at finding out whether moral identity centrality, other-praising moral emotion, and personality dysfunction of maladaptive personality traits are coherent in predicting antisocial behaviour in a sample of 436 Korean adolescents ( $M = 15.71$  years,  $SD = .70$ ; female 48.4%).

The present study set up three hypotheses in the structural relationship of research variables (i.e., moral identity centrality, other praising moral emotion, personality dysfunction of maladaptive personality traits and antisocial behaviour). *Hypothesis 1*: Personality dysfunction of multiple maladaptive personality traits predicts antisocial behaviour. *Hypothesis 2*: Other-praising moral emotion and personality dysfunction mediate moral identity centrality and antisocial behaviour. *Hypothesis 3*: Sex does not make notable differences in the structural relationship of research variables. The study analyzed the data mainly through structural equation modelling (SEM). As a result, all hypotheses were accepted. First, four multiple maladaptive traits, i.e., negative affectivity, antagonism, disinhibition, and psychoticism, significantly predicted adolescents' antisocial behaviour ( $\beta = .791, p < .001$ ) (Hypothesis 1). Second, the modified structural model showed a serial multiple mediation effect of other-praising moral emotion and personality dysfunction between moral identity centrality and antisocial behaviour (Hypothesis 2). Third, multi-group analyses showed apparent coherence among research variables regardless of sex (Hypothesis 3). The results suggested that important developmental consistency exists in adolescents' morality-personality relation predicting antisocial behaviour. Moreover, they guide future research and social work practices to pay more attention to a morality-personality integrative approach to Korean adolescents' development.

**Keywords:** *adolescent development, moral identity, moral emotion, personality pathology, maladaptive personality traits, antisocial behaviour.*

### Publications

1. **Kim, D.** (2019). Determinants associated with drug abuse severity among young drug users in Bengaluru. *GARI International Journal of Multidisciplinary Research*, 5(2), 7-25.  
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