

GLOSSARY

- affective disorder:** a psychiatric mood disorder such as depression, anxiety, or bipolar disorder
- affective relation:** a relationship involving emotional connections
- agency:** a person's ability to act freely and independently
- AKP:** Justice and Development Party (Turkey)
- alpha coefficient (α): (statistics)** the probability of a false positive result
- anchored questions:** survey questions used to create a reference point
- Andean region:** an area of South America comprising Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, and Bolivia
- androgen blocker:** a hormone or drug that blocks the production of androgens
- androgynous:** *adj.* having both male and female traits
- androphilic:** *adj.* being sexually attracted to men only
- anoscope:** a medical instrument used to inspect the anal canal
- antecedent factor or variable:** (statistics) an independent variable that precedes other variables in time and may or may not affect a later variable
- antisocial personality disorder:** a psychiatric condition characterized by a history of manipulative, exploitative, and often criminal behavior
- antiviral or antiretroviral therapy (ART):** a regimen of drugs used to slow the progression of HIV infection
- AOR:** adjusted odds ratio
- aravani:** a term of self-identification used by transgender people (parts of India)
- ART:** antiretroviral therapy
- assay:** *v.* to test for the presence of a drug or pathogen
- assortativity:** (sociology) the tendency for members of a network to affiliate with similar members
- autogynephilia:** (psychology) a theory positing that some male-to-female transgender individuals are attracted to the image of themselves as women
- avant la lettre:** "before the letter"; describes scholarship about a subject before a term for it had been coined
- Axis I psychiatric disorder:** in *DSM-IV*, a primary acute psychiatric diagnosis for which a person requires or seeks help
- Axis II personality disorder:** in *DSM-IV*, an underlying mental health issue usually characterized by an enduring pattern of maladaptive behavior
- background variable:** (statistics) a variable that is present and may be controlled for, but is not the variable being studied, e.g., demographic information
- Badhai:** the blessing of newborn babies and newlywed couples, traditionally performed by *hijras*
- baht:** Thai unit of currency
- BDI-II:** Beck Depression Inventory II
- BDSM:** bondage/discipline or dominance/submission or sadism/masochism
- behavioral health:** the branch of health-care aimed at implementing changes in behavior to combat chronic disease, mental disorders, drug abuse, or addiction

- berdache:** a Native American transgender person (often considered offensive)
- beta (b or β):** (*statistics*) the probability of a false negative result
- bicha:** a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Latin America)
- binarism:** a philosophical division into exactly two parts, as in the traditional division of gender as male and female
- binomial link:** (*statistics*) a function that makes linear the relationship between the mean of the dependent variable and two independent variables
- biopsychosocial:** *adj.* (*public health*) taking into consideration biological, psychological, and social factors
- biphobia:** unreasonable hostility toward, aversion to, or discrimination against bisexual people
- bivariate:** *adj.* (*statistics*) involving two variables, as in an analysis or logistic regression
- black market:** a marketplace for illicit substances or activities, such as drug sales or sex work
- borderline personality disorder:** a psychiatric condition characterized by emotional instability and usually self-injury
- cafetão (plural cafetões):** male pimp (Brazil)
- cafetina (plural cafetinas):** female and transvestite pimps (Brazil)
- Candomblé:** Afro-Brazilian religious tradition
- Carnival:** (in Portuguese, *Carnaval do Brasil*) pre-Lenten festival in Brazil
- categorical variable:** (*statistics*) a variable that represents an idea or category rather than a number
- CDC:** Centers (*or* Center) for Disease Control and Prevention (United States and China)
- CD4 cell:** a type of white blood cell used as an indicator of immune-system function
- CES-D:** Center for Epidemiologic Studies —Depression (scale); used to measure recent experiences of depression
- chela:** a junior member of a *hijra* community
- chi-square:** (*statistics*) a test for significance, used for a nonnormal distribution
- CI:** (*statistics*) confidence interval
- cisgender:** *adj.* having a gender identity that corresponds to one's biological sex assigned at birth
- club drugs:** illegal drugs often used by young adults at parties and in night-clubs or bars
- cluster sampling:** (*statistics*) a probability sampling method in which a population is divided into groups, and all members of each randomly selected group constitute the sample
- cocaine base paste:** an extract of the coca leaf, used as a psychoactive drug primarily in the Andean region of South America
- cochón:** a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Latin America)
- cochones:** a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Nicaragua)
- coding:** *n.* the process of breaking down interview data into categories for analysis
- comorbid:** *adj.* occurring along with another medical condition

- confidence interval (CI):** (*statistics*) the area under the sample distribution curve in which the true mean is most likely to fall
- confound:** *v.* (*statistics*) to affect data or variables in a way that cannot be controlled for and may introduce error or bias
- contextualize:** *v.* to place within a social or cultural context
- continuous variable:** (*statistics*) a variable that is measured along a continuum, as with time
- convenience sampling:** (*statistics*) a non-probability sampling method based on easily available research subjects
- coolie:** an epithet for an unskilled laborer (parts of Asia)
- coping theory:** (*psychology*) the study of the mechanisms by which people manage or minimize stress
- covariate:** *n.* (*statistics*) a variable that can be measured and may affect the outcome of a study, but is usually not the primary variable being studied
- Cox proportional hazards analysis:** (*statistics*) a regression model used to calculate the difference in survival or hazardous occurrence probabilities between two or more groups
- CRAIMC:** condomless receptive anal intercourse with male clients
- Cronbach's alpha:** (*statistics*) a measure of the internal consistency and therefore the reliability of a scale or test
- cross-dress:** *v.* to dress in clothing typically worn by members of the opposite sex
- cross-sectional:** *adj.* describes a small segment of a population that is intended to reflect the composition of the population at large
- cross-tabulation:** (*statistics*) a table displaying the frequency distribution of multiple variables, used in multivariate analysis
- cue to action:** (*public health*) in the Health Belief Model, a stimulus used to trigger a specific behavior
- cultural intelligibility:** in Judith Butler's writings, the extent to which an individual is recognized as having value, on the basis of cultural norms
- cut score:** the defined point on a scale at which something is presumed diagnostic; *also* the point at which a test score is considered passing
- dai amma or daima:** a senior *hijra* who performs ritual castrations
- debt bondage:** a form of servitude in which one person is required to work for another in order to pay off a debt
- decriminalize:** *v.* to legally abolish penalties for behavior that was previously considered criminal
- dependent variable:** (*statistics*) the variable that is expected to change
- destructive sociality:** *n.* a negative or damaging system of interactions within a social group
- determinant:** a factor that determines or influences an outcome
- diagnostic symptoms:** the symptoms of a disease or disorder that are considered central to a diagnosis
- dichotomous:** *adj.* having two mutually exclusive parts or outcomes
- discourse:** (*sociology*) the values held and communicated by a specific culture or institution; discursive: *adj.*, discursively, *adv.*

- distal:** *adj.* (*public health*) factors which are external to an individual, such as structural discrimination or stigma
- downstream:** *adj.* resulting from an earlier action, decision, or condition
- DSM:** *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, usually distinguished by edition number (e.g., *DSM-IV*)
- duality:** division into exactly two parts
- dummy variable:** a variable that equals 0 or 1, used to indicate the presence or absence of a categorical variable
- dyad:** (*sociology*) two individuals engaged in an ongoing emotionally or socially significant relationship
- dyslipidemia:** a medical condition characterized by abnormal levels of lipids or lipoproteins in the bloodstream
- ecstasy (XTC):** a synthetic amphetamine used recreationally for its hallucinogenic effects
- EFA:** (*statistics*) exploratory factor analysis
- effect size:** (*statistics*) a measure of the strength of a statistical correlation
- EIA:** enzyme immunoassay (screen); HIV test
- embodiment:** (*sociology*) the interaction between the physical body and one's perception, identity, culture, and so on
- emotional dysregulation:** the process of becoming less regulated or adapted emotionally
- empirical:** *adj.* based on observed and usually quantifiable data; empirically, *adv.*
- empowerment paradigm:** a scholarly theory holding that sex work can be freely chosen employment rather than the result of oppression
- end-demand criminalization:** a legal policy in which the purchase of sex is prohibited by law, but the sale of sex is not; *also called* Nordic model
- enzyme immunoassay screen:** a test for the presence of HIV
- epidemiology:** (*public health*) the study of health conditions and diseases within a population; epidemiological, *adj.*
- estrogen:** any of several hormones that promote the development of female sex characteristics
- ethnographic:** *adj.* based on the direct study of a culture or subculture
- eunuch:** a surgically castrated man
- Euro-America:** non-Latin America; i.e., Canada and the United States
- EUROPOL:** the European Union's law enforcement agency
- exchangeable working correlation structure:** (*statistics*) an equation used in modeling, making the assumption that all data points from an individual subject are equally correlated with each other
- exogenous variable:** (*statistics*) a fixed variable that is independent of other variables and affects but is not affected by them
- experiential research:** a research paradigm in which the subjects are involved in the design, management, and interpretation of the study along with the investigator
- exploratory factor analysis (EFA):** (*statistics*) a technique in which a data set is reduced to a smaller set of summary variables in order to study the underlying structure
- exteriorize:** *v.* to manifest externally
- fairy:** a slang term for a transwoman or effeminate homosexual

fatwa: in Islam, a religious ruling or law

FELGTB: Federación Estatal de Lesbianas, Gais, Transexuales y Bisexuales (Spain)

fem queen: a self-referential term used by members of New York's House Ball community

filha: "daughter" (Brazilian Portuguese); used to denote a sex worker who works under a *madrinha* (female or transgender pimp)

final test of mediation: (*statistics*) a test of whether a hypothesized association between antecedent, mediating, and outcome variables is observable in the data

fluorescent treponema antibody (FTA-TP): a test for syphilis

frango: a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Latin America)

FSW: female sex work or female sex workers

FTA-TP: fluorescent treponema antibody; syphilis test

FTM: female-to-male

gaze: *n.* a power relationship between individuals or groups of people in which the more powerful is considered to be viewing and therefore defining the image of the less powerful

GEE: (*statistics*) generalized estimating equations

gender: the social and cultural roles associated with biological sex

gender affirmation or validation: processes or behaviors by which a transgender person receives support for and recognition of his or her gender expression

gender binary: a historical or cultural standard in which there are exactly two genders, usually male and female

gender configuration: the cultural construct of gender within a society

gender division: the divide between two genders, usually but not always male and female

gender dysphoria: stress resulting from a perceived difference between one's gender identity and the sex assigned at birth

gender identity: an individual's inner sense of being male or female

gender inversion: stereotypically gendered behavior assigned to the opposite gender

Gender Minority Stress Model: (*psychology*) a theory positing that the effects of stigma stemming from gender or sexual identity can lead to psychological distress

genevler: state-run brothels (Turkey)

generalized estimating equations (GEE): (*statistics*) a widely used method of analyzing clustered or longitudinal data

gharana: a social organization functioning as a clan or family of *hijra* communities

globalization: the exchange of worldviews, products, ideas, and other aspects of culture across national boundaries

GLSEN: Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (United States)

GMSR: Gender Minority Stress and Resilience

granular data: highly detailed or specific data

gray literature: print or electronic literature produced by governments or industries, rather than by commercial publishers

- grounded theory:** a research methodology in the social sciences in which theories are developed from the analyzed data
- guru:** a senior member of a *hijra* community
- gynandromorphophilic:** *adj.* having a sexual interest in transgender women
- gynephilic:** *adj.* being sexually attracted to women only
- hammam:** a public bathing place common in many Islamic countries
- hazard ratio (HR):** (*statistics*) a comparison between event probability in the treatment group versus the control group
- HBM:** Health Belief Model
- HBsAg:** Hepatitis B virus surface antigen
- Health Belief Model (HBM):** (*public health*) a model suggesting that health-related behaviors can be explained by the beliefs and attitudes of the individuals studied
- heteronormative:** *adj.* reflecting an assumption of heterosexuality as the preferred and normal sexuality
- heterosexism:** biased beliefs and behaviors in favor of heterosexual sexuality and relationships
- heterosexual imperative:** the cultural and social norms underlying a heterosexual society
- hijra:** an individual born as male who identifies as either female or neither male nor female (Pakistan and India)
- histrionic personality disorder:** a psychiatric condition characterized by attention-seeking and overly emotional behavior
- HIV:** human immunodeficiency virus
- hormone therapy:** a medical regimen of hormonal drugs taken to effect a gender transition
- House Ball community:** a community of transgender and/or queer youths stemming from the New York City drag balls of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
- HPV:** human papillomavirus
- HR:** hazard ratio
- HS:** herpes simplex
- HSW:** *hijra* sex worker
- hukou:** the household registration system in modern China, which defines an individual's official city of residence
- human smuggling:** the practice of arranging for or facilitating the unlawful movement of a person or persons from one country to another, usually with the consent of the person being smuggled
- human trafficking:** the practice of unlawfully recruiting, transporting, or restraining a person or persons for illegal purposes
- hypothesized mediator:** (*statistics*) a variable presumed to be part of a causal sequence between the antecedent and outcome variables
- ICD-10:** International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th revision
- identity link:** (*statistics*) the link function used in a standard linear regression, in which the dependent variable is not transformed
- identity nonaffirmation:** lack of acknowledgment of one's gender identity as a source of stress
- IDU:** intravenous drug use or injection drug user

- incident:** *adj.* newly acquired; used of a disease or infection
- independent variable:** (*statistics*) the variable that is expected to cause a change in the dependent variable
- industrial silicone:** nonmedical-grade silicone, normally used in manufacturing
- informal economy:** *see* underground economy
- INR:** Indian rupee (currency)
- intercorrelation matrix:** (*statistics*) matrix showing how groups of variables are statistically similar
- internalized transphobia:** self-hatred in transgender individuals
- INTERPOL:** International Police Organization
- intersectionality:** the complex ways in which multiple systems of oppression act on an individual or group
- intersex or intersexed:** *adj.* having both male and female sexual organs, or having indeterminate genitalia
- intervening variable:** (*statistics*) a variable, such as a mediating variable, used to explain relationships between other variables
- IRB:** Institutional Review Board
- ITPA:** Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (India); a 1956 law prohibiting prostitution
- JJS:** juvenile justice system
- jogappa:** a term of self-identification used by transgender people (parts of India)
- jogta:** a term of self-identification used by transgender people (parts of India)
- joto or jota:** a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Latin America)
- Kama Sutra:** an ancient Sanskrit text describing sexual behavior
- kathoey:** a transwoman (Thailand)
- ketamine:** an anesthetic drug used recreationally for its dissociative effects
- khusra:** a transwoman (Pakistan)
- kinnar:** a term of self-identification used by transgender people (parts of India)
- kothi:** a slang term for an effeminate male (India)
- KSW:** *kathoey* sex workers
- launda dance:** a folk dance performed by *hijra* or cross-dressed boys (Bihar, India)
- LCR:** ligase chain reaction; a DNA amplification method used to detect infections
- LGB or LGBTQ or LGBTI:** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Intersex; many variants exist
- life-course model:** an approach to studying individuals by analyzing events or contexts across the life span
- Likert scale:** a rating scale widely used in surveys that allows for five to seven discrete responses across a symmetrical continuum of agreement
- liminality:** the condition of being in an intermediate state; in anthropology, a person's mid-ritual state, for example, between childhood and adulthood
- limited agent:** a person whose capacity for self-determination is restricted
- linear regression:** (*statistics*) a type of regression analysis used with a continuous dependent variable,

- yielding a solution that is graphed as a line
- link function:** (*statistics*) a statistical function that makes linear the relationship between dependent and independent variables
- lira:** Turkish unit of currency
- loca:** a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Latin America)
- logistic regression:** (*statistics*) a type of regression analysis used with a categorical dependent variable, yielding a solution that is graphed as a curve
- Lok Sabha:** the lower house of the Indian Parliament
- longitudinal:** *adj.* describes research that involves repeated observations conducted over a period of time
- LRTE:** Life Review of Transgender Experiences
- LSD:** lysergic acid diethylamide; a hallucinogenic drug
- machismo:** behaviors or attitudes associated with a belief in male superiority and innate aggression
- Madonna-Whore complex:** (*psychoanalysis*) the theory that some men categorize all females as either "saints" or "sluts"
- madrinha:** "godmother" (Brazilian Portuguese); used to denote a female or transgender pimp
- mahu:** a slur for a transwoman or feminine-appearing homosexual (Hawaii)
- mak nyah:** a transwoman (Malaysia)
- maladaptive behaviors or coping:** behaviors or coping mechanisms for responding to stress that result in negative outcomes
- mangalmuki:** a term of self-identification used by transgender people (parts of India)
- marginality:** the state of existing on the outer edges or lower levels of society
- marica or maricón:** a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Latin America)
- marido:** a live-in boyfriend (Brazilian Portuguese)
- mediation:** (*statistics*) the effect of a third variable interpolated between the antecedent and outcome variables
- mediation analysis:** (*statistics*) an analysis that determines the extent to which a mediator affects the outcome
- mediator also mediator variable:** (*statistics*) a variable that changes the relationship between the antecedent and outcome variables
- meta-analysis:** an analysis of multiple research studies
- michê:** a male prostitute (Brazilian Portuguese)
- microaggression:** a subtle and often unintended prejudicial statement or action
- M.I.N.I.:** Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview; used to diagnose psychiatric disorders
- Minority Stress Model:** (*psychology*) a theory positing that the effects of stigma stemming from any minority identity can lead to psychological distress
- moderator variable:** (*statistics*) a variable that influences the strength of a relationship between variables but does not mediate the outcome
- Modified Social Ecological Model (MSEM):** (*public health*) a risk model for HIV infection
- mollies:** a slur for transwomen or feminine-appearing homosexuals

- mona:** a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Latin America)
- MSEM:** Modified Social Ecological Model
- MSJE:** Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (India)
- MSM:** men who have sex with men
- MTF:** male-to-female
- MTSW:** male and transgender sex workers
- multistage sampling:** (*statistics*) a sampling method in which samples for later study are chosen from within the sample populations of earlier phases
- NAAT:** nucleic acid amplification testing; used to detect pathogens
- NACO:** National AIDS Control Organization (India)
- natal sex:** sex assigned at birth
- nativity:** place of birth
- nayak:** the leader of a *hijra gharana*
- NDP:** New Development Policy (Malaysia)
- NDRI:** National Development and Research Institutes (United States)
- neovagina:** a surgically created vagina
- NEP:** New Economic Policy (Malaysia)
- network-based sampling:** (*statistics*) snowball sampling within a cohort of hard-to-reach subjects
- Network Scale Up Method:** (*statistics*) a technique used to estimate the size of a hard-to-count population
- New Economic Policy:** a policy designed to facilitate the transition from an agricultural to an industrial economy (Malaysia)
- NGO:** nongovernmental organization
- NIDA:** National Institute on Drug Abuse (United States)
- NIE:** National Institute of Epidemiology (India)
- NIH:** National Institutes of Health (United States)
- nirvan:** castration or castrated male (India)
- nongovernmental organization (NGO):** a local, national, or international nonprofit organization that operates independently of government, usually having a humanitarian purpose
- non-monotonic:** *adj.* (*statistics*) describes a function that both increases and decreases
- nonprobability or nonrandom sampling:** (*statistics*) any sampling method that creates a nonrepresentative sample; all subjects do not have a known or equal probability of being chosen
- Nordic model:** *see* end-demand criminalization
- normative:** *adj.* describes a cultural standard or ideal based on shared values or norms
- novela:** a soap opera or similar television show (Latin America)
- NSW:** a study subject who is not a sex worker
- nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT):** a molecular test for certain pathogens
- null effect:** (*statistics*) an experimental outcome in which the result does not support the hypothesis
- nu women:** a self-referential term used by members of New York's House Ball community
- odds ratio (OR):** (*statistics*) a formula calculating the extent to which a

particular exposure increases or decreases the odds of a given outcome

ontology: a philosophical study of being and existence; in the information sciences, a specific set of representational terms used to define a domain

open coding: the process of identifying and defining categories or concepts in a data set as preparation for analysis

oppression paradigm: a scholarly theory considering sex work to be entirely the result of male domination and exploitation of women

OR: (*statistics*) odds ratio

outcome variable: a dependent variable that shows a change

outlier: (*statistics*) a data point outside the expected range

p: (*statistics*) a value showing the likelihood that results are statistically significant

PAHO: Pan-American Health Organization

pairwise correlations: (*statistics*) a correlation calculated between two chosen variables, disregarding other effects

pajara: a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Latin America)

pandemic: an epidemic that occurs across a wide geographical range

participatory analysis: in experiential research, an evaluation developed with input from both the subjects and the researchers

patriarchal imperative: the cultural and social norms underlying a male-dominated society

PCP: phencyclidine; a psychoactive drug

PEP: post-exposure prophylaxis

perceived barrier: (*public health*) in the Health Belief Model, an individual's reasons for avoiding healthy behavior

perceived benefit: (*public health*) in the Health Belief Model, an individual's understanding of the likelihood that a behavior will result in a positive outcome

perceived self-efficacy: (*public health*) in the Health Belief Model, an individual's belief that he or she is able to speak or act in his or her own self-interest

perceived severity: (*public health*) in the Health Belief Model, an individual's understanding of the hazards of certain behaviors

perceived susceptibility: (*public health*) in the Health Belief Model, an individual's understanding of his or her likelihood of coming to harm

perineum: the area of the body between the anus and the external genitalia

pharmacology: the science or study of drugs

pharyngeal: *adj.* having to do with or affecting the pharynx or throat

phi: (*statistics*) a measure of association for binary variables

polydrug use: taking multiple illicit drugs at the same or nearly the same time

polymorphous paradigm: a scholarly theory exploring the many variables that contribute to prostitution, including victimization and exploitation, but also choice, job satisfaction, and self-esteem

pondan: a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Malaysia)

- post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP):** medical treatment administered following exposure to a pathogen in order to reduce the chances of infection
- postmodern:** *adj.* of or relating to critical theories that radically challenge traditional cultural assumptions
- potentiate:** *v.* to make more effective or more likely
- precultural:** *adj.* before the development of culture
- predictor variable:** (*public health*) the variable that is being manipulated or measured
- prediscursive:** *adj.* before the codification of cultural norms
- pre-exposure prophylaxis or chemoprophylaxis (PrEP):** medical treatment administered before exposure to a pathogen in order to reduce the chances of infection
- PrEP:** pre-exposure prophylaxis
- Preventrans:** an HIV prevention program (Spain)
- probability or random sampling:** (*statistics*) any sampling method that creates a representative sample; all subjects have a known or equal probability of being chosen
- Proluton Depot (hydroxyprogesterone hexanoate):** a synthetic form of progesterone
- proximal:** *adj.* (*public health*) factors which are internal to an individual, such as the fear of prejudice
- psychometrically validated:** of a survey or research questionnaire, tested and shown to reliably measure what it was designed to measure
- psychopathology:** the study of mental illnesses
- psychosocial:** *adj.* involving or stemming from the interaction between one's psychological processes and the wider social world
- psychotic ideation:** a loss of contact with reality, such as delusions or hallucinations
- PUCL-K:** People's Union for Civil Liberties, Karnataka (India); a human rights organization
- purposive sampling:** (*statistics*) a nonprobability sampling method in which the researcher chooses subjects to fit a particular purpose or profile
- quack:** an unqualified medical practitioner
- qualitative:** *adj.* using a research approach that focuses on in-depth, nonnumerical information collected from a small or contained sample
- quantitative:** *adj.* using a research approach that focuses on employing mathematical and statistical techniques to measure phenomena, often across very large samples
- queer theory:** a school of cultural criticism challenging traditional ideas of fixed gender and sexuality
- Quimbanda:** Afro-Brazilian religious tradition
- r:** (*statistics*) the coefficient of correlation, a value showing the degree of relationship between two variables
- rapid plasma reagin screen (RPR):** a test for syphilis
- recreational sex work:** sex work engaged in primarily for the purpose of sexual experimentation
- regime:** (*sociology*) the principles or norms defining an area of behavior
- regression analysis:** (*statistics*) a mathematical analysis yielding an equation that describes the statistical relationship between two or more variables

- relationship stigma:** stigma stemming from a person's primary social or sexual relationship
- relative risk ratio:** (*statistics*) the proportional risk of an event in a control group versus a treatment group, or in different treatment groups
- renminbi (RMB):** Chinese unit of currency
- respondent-driven sampling:** (*statistics*) a modified snowball sampling method that weights the responses mathematically to make the sample more probabilistic
- RMB:** Chinese renminbi (currency)
- robust association:** (*statistics*) a strong statistical association not likely to be affected by outliers
- role strain:** stress resulting from conflicting expectations or demands within a single social role
- RPR:** rapid plasma reagin screen; syphilis test
- RRR:** relative risk ratio
- rupee (INR):** Indian unit of currency
- salient cultural category:** a visible and easily definable group of people within a culture
- SAMHSA:** Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (United States)
- sampling:** *n.* (*statistics*) the process by which a set of subjects is chosen from a larger population for a research study
- sampling frame:** (*statistics*) the entire population from which a sample can be chosen
- sanitary control:** regulation of safety and health issues
- SAVA syndemic:** the epidemics of substance use, violence, and HIV/AIDS taken as a whole
- schizoid personality disorder:** a psychiatric condition characterized by social and emotional detachment from others
- schizotypal personality disorder:** a psychiatric condition characterized by eccentric beliefs or behaviors and a distorted perception of reality
- SCID-II:** Structured Clinical Interview for *DSM-IV* Axis II Personality Disorders
- sclerosis:** a hardening of soft tissues of the body
- SD:** (*statistics*) standard deviation
- SE:** (*statistics*) standard error
- SEED:** Malaysian social services organization (Pertubuhan Pembangunan Kebajikan Dan Persekitaran Positif Malaysia)
- segmentation:** (*public health*) clustering people for the purposes of research methodology and outreach
- self-efficacy:** the ability to speak or act in one's own self-interest
- sero-:** (*combining form*) having to do with a person's perceived or actual HIV status, as in *seroconversion*, *seroprevalence*, or *serostatus*
- sexual division:** the divide between two sexes, usually but not always male and female
- sex worker:** an individual who provides sexual services or erotic performances for material compensation
- shabu:** street name for methamphetamine (Southeast Asia)
- shadow economy:** *see* underground economy
- shivshakti:** a term of self-identification used by trans people (parts of India)

- silicone pumping:** the practice of injecting nonmedical silicone into the body to modify one's appearance
- skewing:** *n.* (*statistics*) the extent to which data distribution is asymmetrical
- snowball sampling:** (*statistics*) a non-probability sampling method in which research participants recommend other people as subjects
- social marketing principles:** business advertising methods used to encourage social or behavioral change
- social-structural:** *adj.* having to do with the organizational social structure of a society
- socio-:** (*combining form*) involving or related to society or to social interaction, as in *sociocultural*, *sociodemographic*, or *socioeconomic*
- soft-tissue filler:** a substance such as silicone used for nonmedically regulated body modification
- spironolactone:** an androgen blocker
- SPSS:** Statistical Package for the Social Sciences; software
- standard deviation:** (*statistics*) a measure of the average difference of data points from the mean
- standard error:** (*statistics*) a measure of the standard deviation for all possible samples
- Stata:** a statistical software package
- STI or STD:** sexually transmitted infection or disease
- stigma:** shame or discredit that is based on one's identity or personal characteristics
- street economy:** *see* underground economy
- street hormones:** illegal or unregulated hormones used for body modification
- Stress Process Model:** (*psychology*) a model positing that increased stress leads to increased maladaptive behavior
- strolling:** the act of walking around a community or neighborhood in search of sex work clients
- structural:** *adj.* resulting from economic or political factors that are beyond an individual's control
- structural vulnerability:** marginalization due to membership in a stigmatized or vulnerable group
- subsistence:** the minimum means needed for survival, such as food, water, or housing
- suicidal ideation:** a preoccupation with or desire to commit suicide
- surface antigen:** a substance that provokes an immune response, used as a diagnostic marker for some infections
- survival sex:** the exchange of sex for food, shelter, drugs, or other necessary commodities
- SW:** sex worker
- Syariah:** Islamic law; sharia (Malay)
- symptomatology:** the symptoms of a disease taken as a whole
- syndemic:** *n.* a system of linked diseases within a population
- synergistic:** *adj.* creating a cumulative effect that is greater than the sum of the individual effects; synergistically, *adv.*
- temporal:** *adj.* having to do with the sequence of time
- tertiary education:** education beyond high school

- TGSW also TSW:** transgender sex work or workers
- theoretical framework:** the ideas or concepts underlying a research study
- theory-based intervention:** an intervention based on research or on a specific theoretical framework
- theory of reasoned action:** (*sociology*) the idea that actions are driven by the beliefs, norms, and attitudes of the individual
- thirunangai:** a term of self-identification used by transgender people (parts of India)
- time-location sampling:** (*statistics*) a venue-based sampling method for hard-to-reach populations, in which venues where prospective subjects might congregate are chosen, and subjects are sampled at chosen times at each location
- time-varying covariate:** (*statistics*) a variable whose value changes over time
- transactional sex:** sex for pay or barter
- transdermal:** *adj.* of a medication, formulated to be applied to and absorbed through the skin
- transfeminine or transgender spectrum:** the variety of self-definition in gender identity
- transgender:** *adj.* having a gender identity at odds with the sex one was assigned at birth
- transgender man:** an individual assigned female at birth who later experiences or expresses himself as male
- transgender woman:** an individual assigned male at birth who later experiences or expresses herself as female
- transnational:** *adj.* involving or occurring in multiple countries
- transphobia:** unreasonable hostility toward, aversion to, or discrimination against transgender people
- transsexual:** an older term for a transgender person, usually implying that the person has considered or undergone medical transition
- transvestite:** a person who assumes the dress and manner usually associated with the opposite sex
- travesti:** biologically male sex workers who present themselves as female (South America)
- Tri-ESS:** the Society for the Second Self; a social and support group for cross-dressers (United States)
- t-test (t):** (*statistics*) a test for significance comparing the means of two populations
- two-spirit:** a Native American transgender person
- two-tailed:** *adj.* (*statistics*) describes a test measuring both ends of a probability curve
- Umbanda:** Afro-Brazilian religious tradition
- UNAIDS:** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- uncontrolled variable:** a variable that is not or cannot be controlled for
- underground economy:** an economic sphere in which individuals earn money primarily from illegal or illegitimate pursuits; *also* informal or shadow or street economy
- UNDP:** United Nations Development Programme
- unstandardized beta:** (*statistics*) a beta value calculated from raw data
- UNTOC:** United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

- upstream:** *adj.* describes a variable that affects individuals or outcomes
- URAI:** unprotected receptive anal intercourse
- USD:** US dollar (currency)
- vaginal speculum:** a medical instrument used to inspect the vaginal canal
- vaginoplasty:** plastic surgery to create or modify a vagina
- variance:** (*statistics*) a measure of the range of the differences among data points
- venous thrombosis:** a blood clot that has formed inside a blood vessel
- venue-based sampling:** (*statistics*) a sampling method for hard-to-reach populations, in which locations where prospective subjects might congregate are chosen, and subjects are chosen from those locations
- venue-day-time sampling:** (*statistics*) a more probabilistic time-location sampling method, in which subjects are chosen at random days and times from the nonrandom list of venues
- viado:** a slang term for a homosexual (Brazil)
- vício:** literally "vice"; a *travesti's* non-client sex partner (Brazil)
- viral load:** a measure of the severity of an HIV infection
- Western blot:** a test for the presence of certain proteins, used to detect pathogens
- WHO:** World Health Organization
- xanith:** a slang term for a transwoman, male homosexual, or effeminate man (Oman)
- XTC:** ecstasy; a psychoactive drug
- yaba:** street name for methamphetamine (Thailand)
- yearly incidence:** the rate of occurrence (as of a disease or infection) within one year