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International Research on Sexual Minorities

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A light lunch will be provided

Two issues are particularly thorny when doing research on sexual minorities in developing countries. First, the social benefits of the research to the host country may clash with the risks/benefits to the sexual-minority participants. Second, difficulties in selecting participants fairly and in recruiting an unbiased population sample endanger the scientific validity these studies. Informed consent and/or a collaborative design can minimize these challenges only to a limited extent. This is especially true in Latin America, where acceptance of homosexuality has made more legal than cultural progress.

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