Whether an individual has a right to same-sex marriage has garnered tremendous judicial, political, and scholarly attention, and may continue to do so, for such a right is one that sexual minority rights activists consider to be an important part of their struggle for equality whilst opponents of homosexuality regard it as the ultimate destruction of the institution of marriage, hence society. Meanwhile, in Hong Kong there is as yet no legislative measure that protects against sexual orientation discrimination and harassment. Given the transnational and interdisciplinary nature of the same-sex marriage debate, the discussion will adopt a comparative and socio-legal approach on homosexuality, the protection of sexual minorities and the process and obstacles through which all-inclusive equality may or may not materialise. It will also address the related issue of civil partnership registration at the British Consulate under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and the European Convention on Human Rights.

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