Cross-Border Shopping: Family Narratives (20:29)
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This research explores the meanings of “Disney Magic” in the new Disneyland theme park–Hong Kong Disneyland (HKDL). Our study investigates the translation of Disney Magic in HKDL and its the degree to which it is perceived this way among consumers. It finds that for Mainland Chinese visitors, Disney Magic is the key template for their experiences at the theme park and they come with a set of expectations conditioned since childhood exposure to Disney movies and cartoons. They seem willing to follow the carefully structured and mapped fantasy realization of their childhood dreams and report that they attain the ultimate goal of their trip–happiness.

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In a society where buying new products is cheaper and easier than repairing, it is not surprising that much of consumer behavior has focused on the pleasures associated to a ‘throw away society’. Intriguingly, informants in this study spoke about the utter joy they received in finding, keeping and passing on objects. They defined themselves as functional hoarders, individuals who accumulate objects privately.