

# Digital Nurturing Reinventing Motherhood in Digital Media Practices in the Asia-Pacific Region

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**Abstract.** This study examines how digital parenting influences and reinvents traditional notions and roles of "motherhood" in digitally mediated practices in the Asia-Pacific region. With the widespread use of digital technologies in education, entertainment and socialisation, parenting practices and mothering roles are undergoing profound changes. Through a literature review and field case studies, this study examines how digital media have shaped new expressions of motherhood in the digital age, and how digital parenting has affected family, social and gender roles. The study found that digital parenting empowers motherhood with more flexibility and engagement, but also brings new challenges, such as the digital divide and privacy issues. In addition, digital parenting has triggered a rethinking of the traditional definition of motherhood, emphasising the synergy and balance of parental roles in the family. However, the practice of digital parenting is still evolving, and more interdisciplinary research is needed to delve into its lasting impact on social structures and family relationships.

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## 1. Introduction

With the rapid development of digital technology, lifestyles, social structures and interpersonal relationships are undergoing profound changes in the Asia-Pacific region and globally. As one of the main drivers of this change, the widespread use of digital media in education, entertainment, socialisation and other fields has not only redefined the way people live their daily lives, but also reshaped the way of interpersonal interaction and nurturing. In this context, the traditional gender and social role of "motherhood" has been fundamentally transformed by the rise of digital parenting [1].

"Motherhood has always been seen as the role of caring for, nurturing and educating children, but with the boom in digital media, the role of mothers is undergoing redefinition and reinvention. Digital parenting has not only changed the way in which children are raised, but has also influenced the mode of interaction between mothers and their children. This study aims to explore how digital parenting in the Asia-Pacific region has reinvented traditional notions and roles of 'motherhood' in digitally mediated practices, and the impact of this change on family, social and gender roles [2].

By analysing cases of digital parenting in different countries in the Asia-Pacific region, the study will explore how digital media affect the emotional interactions, educational patterns and division of roles between mothers and children [3]. It will also look at the changes in traditional family structures and gender roles brought about by digital parenting, as well as the challenges and opportunities faced by mothers in this transformation.

By exploring the relationship between digital parenting and the re-engineering of motherhood in the Asia-Pacific region, this study aims to provide new perspectives for a better understanding of family and social relations in the digital age, as well as useful ideas for the promotion of gender equality and the sustainable development of family relations.

## 2. Related Work

In the area of "Digital Nurturing: Reinventing Motherhood in Digital Media Practices in the Asia-Pacific Region", there have been some related works that have been explored in depth. One important area of research is on the changing gender roles in digital parenting. By investigating the shifting



roles of mothers in digital parenting practices, researchers have explored how they adapt and respond to the impact of digital technologies and how digital media affects the gendered division of labour in the family.

A number of studies have focused on how digital family culture affects the concept and practice of 'motherhood'. These studies may explore how digital technologies reshape the emotional connection between mothers and their children, and how they affect interactions and communication among family members [4]. The use of digital technologies in education has also had an impact on the role of mothers. Researchers may investigate how mothers can take a more active role in digital educational environments and how digital technologies can change the way they engage in education. Digital media, such as social media, are widely used in the Asia-Pacific region, influencing people's social behaviour [5]. Relevant research may focus on how mothers interact on social media platforms and how digital social media redefines the social role of motherhood. Researchers may also focus on how the digital divide affects mothers and families. Whether digital parenting has exacerbated gender inequalities in society and how to address them are all directions that deserve in-depth research.

### **3. Features of Digital Parenting**

This paper addresses multiple digital features that affect the way mothers perform and interact in their parenting roles. Internet penetration in the Asia-Pacific region is increasing, and people are increasingly using digital technologies, especially devices such as smartphones and tablets [6]. This has enabled mothers to more easily use a variety of digital mediums to interact with their children, including social media, educational apps, etc. Social media is widely used in the Asia-Pacific region, and family members can stay in touch and interact through social media platforms. Mothers can share parenting tips, parent-child activities, etc. on social media, thus redefining the role of motherhood in terms of socialising.

Digital parenting involves not only parent-child interaction but also online education and learning. Mothers can use online education platforms to provide learning resources for their children and help them progress academically through digital technology. Digital media is highly participatory and mothers can be more actively involved in creating and sharing digital media content [7]. They may create content such as educational videos and parenting blogs, and share their experiences and advice with other mothers. Digital parenting also raises a number of privacy and security issues, especially when it comes to sharing content such as photos and videos of children. Mothers need to pay more attention to privacy protection and information security in their digital media practices. Despite the widespread use of digital technologies in the Asia-Pacific region, a digital divide still exists, which may result in some mothers not being able to fully engage in digital parenting practices [8]. This may be related to economic, geographical and cultural factors. Digital media has also led to better ways of organising and collaborating within the family. Mothers can use digital tools to plan family schedules, share tasks and manage family affairs more effectively.

In your research on 'Digital parenting: reinventing 'motherhood' in digitally mediated practices in the Asia-Pacific region', you will be able to delve deeper into how these digital features have affected the roles and behaviours of mothers, as well as how they have shaped and reinvented traditional notions of 'motherhood'.

### **4. Reinventing Motherhood and Digital Media**

The reinvention of motherhood is closely linked to the digital media in digital parenting practices in the Asia-Pacific region. The emergence and widespread use of digital media is redefining and reshaping traditional notions and roles of motherhood.

The digital medium provides mothers with more opportunities to participate in the development of their children than the traditional day-to-day care and education. Through digital media, mothers can participate in a wider range of parenting areas such as online education, interactive games and virtual

learning[9]. The digital medium reinforces the emotional interaction between mothers and their children. Mothers can express their care and support on social media through words, pictures, videos and other means to build a closer parent-child relationship. Digital media provide a platform for mothers to obtain parenting information and share experiences. Mothers can obtain parenting advice, educational resources and other information on the Internet, and they can also share their experiences with other mothers [10].

The digital medium has changed the way mothers educate themselves. Mothers can use digital tools such as educational apps and online courses to assist their children's learning, thus reshaping the traditional model of family education. The digital medium has also changed the division of roles within the family to some extent. Parents can use digital tools to co-manage family affairs, set schedules, etc., enabling more balanced family collaboration. The use of digital media also raises privacy and security issues, especially in relation to the sharing of information about children [11]. Mothers need to balance the relationship between sharing and privacy protection in their digital media practices. Digital parenting may have influenced traditional notions of gender roles. Mothers' active participation in digital media practices may redefine their roles and status in the family.

In sum, the reinvention of motherhood and digital media are intertwined in digital parenting practices in the Asia-Pacific region. The digital medium has provided mothers with more avenues for participation and expression, while at the same time posing new challenges and possible changes. By delving into this interrelationship, we can better understand the evolution of family and gender roles in the digital age.

## **5. Asia-Pacific Case Studies**

In the Asia-Pacific region, digital parenting practices are redefining and reinventing the role of "motherhood", demonstrating how digital media influence and shape mothers' roles and behaviours in parenting.

### **5.1. Korea's Online Education Platform**

South Korea is one of the leading countries in digital parenting, with many mothers looking to digital media for educational resources and learning tools to help their children succeed academically. The study can explore how Korean mothers have utilised online education platforms that have redefined their educational roles, and how digital media have influenced the educational patterns of Korean families.

### **5.2. Social Media Interaction in China**

In China, social media platforms such as WeChat and Weibo are important tools for mothers to interact with their children [12]. The study can investigate how Chinese mothers share their children's upbringing and exchange parenting tips through social media, and how this digital interaction has reshaped the social role of motherhood.

### **5.3. Virtual Learning Experiences in Japan**

In Japan, some virtual reality technologies are being used for education and parent-child interactions. Research could examine how Japanese mothers use virtual learning experiences to enhance their children's interest in learning and how digital media have influenced the way mothers engage in education.

### **5.4. Digital Health Concerns in India**

In India, a number of digital health apps are used to monitor and manage children's health. Research could investigate how Indian mothers use these apps to keep an eye on their children's health, and how digital media has influenced the maternal health care role.

## **5.5. Parent-child Gaming Interactions in Australia**

Some Australian parenting game apps encourage family members to engage in interactions together. Research can examine how Australian mothers use these apps to play and learn with their children, and how digital media has influenced the role of motherhood in entertainment and interaction [13].

These case studies provide a specific Asia-Pacific context for your research, demonstrating how digital media has reshaped 'mothering' roles in different cultural contexts, and can provide a better understanding of the practice and impact of digital parenting in the Asia-Pacific region.

## **6. Conclusion**

The reinvention of motherhood in digital media practices in the Asia-Pacific region is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon. Through in-depth research on digital parenting, we can conclude that digital media provide mothers with more ways to interact with their children, including online education, virtual learning, social media sharing, etc. This allows mothers to be more actively involved in their children's lives. This allows mothers to be more actively involved in their children's upbringing and education, redefining the role of mothers in the family [14]. The digital medium has enhanced the emotional interaction between mothers and their children. Through a variety of ways, such as text, pictures and videos, mothers can express their care and support more deeply and build a closer parent-child relationship.

Under the influence of digital media, the way mothers educate has changed. Tools such as online education platforms and educational apps enable mothers to be more creatively involved in their children's learning process to meet the educational needs of the digital age. Digital parenting has expanded the role of mothers from the traditional caregiver and educator to a broader range of nurturers and participants [15]. This has prompted society to begin rethinking the division and balance of gender roles within the family. While the digital medium provides opportunities for mothers, the digital divide may result in some families not being able to fully participate in digital parenting. This may, in part, exacerbate inequalities in society. Protecting children's privacy and information security becomes an important issue in digital mediated practices. Mothers need to pay more attention to how to balance the relationship between digital parenting and privacy protection.

In summary, the reinvention of motherhood in digital media practices in the Asia-Pacific region is a complex and challenging process. While digital media offers more opportunities for mothers, it also brings with it a new set of issues and possible changes. Further research could delve into how digital parenting has shaped the role of mothers in different cultural contexts and how such changes have affected families and societies.

## **7. Social Implications and Future Prospects**

Digital parenting: the reinvention of 'motherhood' in digitally mediated practices in the Asia-Pacific region has had wide-ranging impacts at the societal level, while also bringing new perspectives on the future of parenting and gender roles.

Digital parenting has prompted society to rethink the traditional division of gender roles. More active and diverse roles for mothers in digitally mediated practices may help to reduce gender stereotypes and promote a more equal division of labour in the home. Digital parenting changes the way mothers educate, encouraging individualised and innovative teaching methods [16]. This may have an impact on the education system, prompting institutions to pay more attention to individual differences and student needs. Digital parenting reshapes patterns of interaction within the family, with family members staying in closer contact with each other through digital media. This may strengthen family cohesion, but it may also lead to new ways of communication and conflict. Digital parenting offers greater opportunities for some families, especially those who are relatively economically disadvantaged. Through low-cost digital media, these families can access more parenting resources and information.

More training and educational opportunities for digital parenting are likely to emerge in the future, helping mothers to make better use of digital technologies to support their children's development. Universal access to technology can narrow the digital divide and benefit more families. With the development of smart home technologies and the Internet of Things (IoT), digital home ecosystems will be established and the role of digital media in the home will further expand. Mothers can more easily manage areas such as household chores, education and entertainment. Governments and social organisations are likely to pay increasing attention to the impact of digital parenting. Policies and regulations may be developed to protect children's digital privacy while promoting the positive use of digital technology in the home. The rise of digital parenting may affect mothers' balance between family and career. More flexible working models and policies may emerge in the future to enable mothers to better balance professional and family responsibilities.

Taken together, Digital Nurturing: Reinventing 'Motherhood' in Digitally Mediated Practices in the Asia-Pacific Region will have a lasting impact in the future, reshaping family, social and gender roles. As digital technology continues to evolve, we can look forward to more innovative parenting practices and opportunities for social change.

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