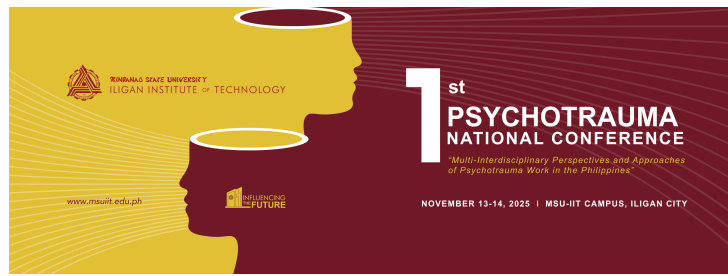


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# Examining the Latent Structure of Dysfunctionality in the Midst of the Pandemic in Left-behind Emerging Adult Children: A Factor and Person-centered Approach

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Numerous studies have shown the mental health consequences of COVID-19 pandemic. However, there is a scant of literature on the cardinal requirement of these mental health problems - one's dysfunctionality. The current study responds to this scarcity of studies by looking into the latent factor structure and latent groupings based on the indicators of dysfunctionality and assessed further its associated risk factors. Utilizing a sample of 415 left-behind emerging adult children (LBEAC), the results reveal a well-fitting one-factor structure with 3 latent groups based on the severity levels of dysfunctionality. The data further show a number of risk factors of dysfunctionality in LBEAC amidst the pandemic. Overall, the findings provide the validity of WHO-DAS notion of dysfunctionality and underscore its pragmatic importance in the development of interventions and policies in LBEAC amidst pandemic.

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