Synopsis:

LOVERS IN BEIJING

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I spent some months in Beijing, China, where I did a photographical reporting (portraits and interviews) on gay and lesbian couples.

In a country where communal and family values are the pillars of society, where the notion of "filial devotion" determines the intimate sphere of orientations, to assume and live one's sexual orientations is a wager. By freeing themselves, some of these couples have decided to live together, others have the intention to do so.

This work doesn't aim at having a hasty opinion on Chinese society but, through these photos and interviews, to tell a story about people who love each other.