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EMPLOYMENT

2025-present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hong Kong
2019-2025 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, HKU
2019-2023 Assistant Professor (Joint Appointment), Department of Geography, HKU
Assistant Professor (Joint Appointment), Faculty of Arts, HKU
2017-2019 Research Assistant Professor, Division of Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
Junior Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, HKUST

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	2017
Visiting Student	Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK	2015.8-2016.1
Visiting Student	Population Studies Center, University of Michigan, US	2015.2-2015.7
M.Phil.	Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology	2013
B.A.	Sociology, Shandong University, China	2011

RESEARCH AREAS

Social Stratification and Inequality, Urban Sociology, Education and Work, Migration and Immigration, Child Development, Youth Employment, Survey and Quantitative Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

(*: Xu is a corresponding author; #: post-doc/student coauthor)

1. **Xu, Duoduo*** and Xiaogang Wu. 2025. "[Equal Opportunity Policy and the Reverse Gender Gap in Academic Achievement: Evidence from A Quasi-experiment in Hong Kong.](#)" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, 97:1010-48.
2. Song, Xinmiao# and **Duoduo Xu***. 2024. "[More Graduates, Fewer Skills? Vocational Education Expansion and Skilled Labour Shortages in China.](#)" *The China Quarterly*, 260:970-985.
3. **Xu, Duoduo***, Jiao Guo#, Karen Ka Han Li#, and Lucy P. Jordan. 2024. "[Who Cares? Childcare Support and Women's Labor Supply in Hong Kong.](#)" *Chinese Sociological Review*, 56(1): 30-62.
4. **Xu, Duoduo***, Shuheng Jin#, Ngai Pun, Jiao Guo#, and Xiaogang Wu. 2024. "[The Scarring Effect of First Job Precarity: New Evidence from a Panel Study in Hong Kong.](#)" *Work, Employment and Society*, 38(1): 206-25.

- Best Paper Award, Hong Kong Sociological Association, 2023
5. Wang, Yihang, Shuang Lu, Linyun Fu, Nan Du, and **Duoduo Xu**. 2024. "[Voices behind images: Exploring left-behind children's lives with grandparents through Photovoice.](#)" *British Journal of Social Work*, 54(4):1867-88.
 6. **Xu, Duoduo*** and Jiao Guo# (equal authorship). 2023. "[In Sight, In Mind: Spatial Proximity to Protest Sites and Changes in Peoples' Political Attitudes.](#)" *British Journal of Sociology*, 74(1): 83-104.
 7. **Xu, Duoduo*** and Xiaogang Wu. 2022. "[Separate and Unequal: Hukou, School Segregation, and Educational Inequality in Urban China.](#)" *Chinese Sociological Review*, 54(5): 433-457.
 8. Jin, Shuheng#, Tianzhu Nie#, Ngai Pun, and **Duoduo Xu***. 2022. "[Spatial Mismatch, Different Labor Markets and Precarious Employment: The Case of Hong Kong.](#)" *Social Indicators Research*, 161(1): 51-73.
 9. **Xu, Duoduo*** and Xiaogang Wu. 2021. "[From Political Power to Personal Wealth: Privatization and Elite Opportunity in Post-Reform China.](#)" *Journal of Contemporary China*, 30(132): 993-1013.
 10. Chen, Juan, **Duoduo Xu** and Xiaogang Wu. 2019. "[Seeking Help for Mental Health Problems in Hong Kong: The Role of Family.](#)" *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 46(2): 220-237.
 11. Chen, Juan, Zhonglu Li, **Duoduo Xu** and Xiaogang Wu. 2019. "[Effects of Neighborhood Discrimination Towards Mainland Immigrants on Mental Health in Hong Kong.](#)" *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16(6): 1205.
 12. Zhang, Zhuoni, Tianzhu Nie# and **Duoduo Xu**. 2019. "[Family Background, Parenting Practices, and Child Outcomes: Chinese Immigrants' Offspring in Hong Kong.](#)" *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, 5(3): 263-282.
 13. **Xu, Duoduo***, Xiaogang Wu, Zhuoni Zhang and Jaap Dronkers. 2018. "[Not A Zero-Sum Game: Migration and Child Well-being in Contemporary China.](#)" *Demographic Research*, 38(26): 691-726.
 14. **Xu, Duoduo***. 2018. "[From Poverty to Prosperity: College Education, Non-cognitive Abilities, and First-job Earnings.](#)" *Chinese Sociological Review*, 50(1): 53-82.
 - Kerckhoff Award, International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (ISA-RC28), 2016
 15. **Xu, Duoduo** and Xiaogang Wu. 2017. "[The Rise of the Second Generation: Aspirations, Motivations and Academic Success of Chinese Immigrants' Children in Hong Kong.](#)" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 43(7): 1164-1189.
 16. **Xu, Duoduo*** and Jaap Dronkers. 2016. "[Migrant Children in Shanghai: A Research Note on the PISA-Shanghai Controversy.](#)" *Chinese Sociological Review*, 48(3): 271-295.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (in Chinese)

17. 陳偉、吳曉剛、許多多. 2023. 戶籍制度改革促進了移民的城市社會融入嗎? [J]. 城市與社會學刊, 2(1): 86-107. (journal article)
18. 金舒衡、聶添柱、潘毅、許多多. 2022. 空間錯配, 勞動力市場差異和不穩定就業: 以香港為例 [J]. 城市與社會學刊, 1(1): 105-127. (journal article)
19. [美]艾倫•L•麥卡琴 (Allan L. McCutcheon) 著; 許多多 譯, 2018, 《潛類別分析》, 上海: 格致出版社, 上海人民出版社. (book translation)

20. [美]C.米切爾·戴頓 (C. Mitchell Dayton) 著; 許多多 譯, 2017, 《潛類別尺度分析》, 上海: 格致出版社, 上海人民出版社. (book translation)
21. 許多多. 2017. 大學如何改變寒門學子命運: 家庭貧困、非認知能力和初職收入[J]. 社會, 37(4): 90-118. (journal article)
22. 許多多. 2014. 大學生的在校貧困狀況及其後果[G]. 《中國大學生成長報告, 2014》.李路路, 主編. 北京: 中國人民大學出版社. (book chapter)
23. 吳曉剛、許多多. 2013. 香港的貧困家庭狀況及社會後果[J]. 紫荊論壇,第6期(11月). (journal article)

WORK UNDER REVIEW

24. **Xu, Duoduo.** “Tracking Effect or Selection Effect? Vocational Education and Status Attainment in China.”

WORK IN PROGRESS

25. **Xu, Duoduo.** “School as the Second Home for Children: The Protective Factors of Parental Divorce in Chinese Schools.”
26. **Xu, Duoduo.** “How Do Neighbors’ Attitudes Affect Your Identity? The Case of Hong Kong.”
27. **Xu, Duoduo.** “The Overeducated Generation: Educational Expansion and the Decline of College Wage Premium in Hong Kong.”

RESEARCH GRANTS

External

1. **PI**, “Educational Expansion, College Premium and Social Mobility: A Comparative Study of Hong Kong and Taiwan Youth,” Hong Kong Research Grant Council Early Career Scheme (**ECS**) (27604821, HK\$ 610,312, 2022-2024).
2. **PI**, “A Broken Social Ladder in Hong Kong and its way out: The Panel Survey of the Youth’s Job and Income Mobility between 2011 and 2019,” Oxfam Hong Kong Project (20034-HKG-A1094-01-2020A-H21, HK\$171,288.40, 2020-2021)
3. **PI**, “Socioeconomic Segregation, School Choice, and Geography of Educational Inequality in Hong Kong,” Hong Kong Research Grant Council General Research Fund (**GRF**) (16600218, HK\$ 599,440, 2019-2021).
4. **Co-PI**, “Early Childhood Development in Hong Kong: A Longitudinal Study,” Hong Kong Research Grant Council Collaborative Research Fund (**CRF**) (C7098-23GF, PC: Dr. Ming Wen, HK\$ 8,485,947, 2024-2027).
5. **Co-PI**, “Neighbourhood Factors and Social Integration of Diverse Hong Kong Families in the Time of COVID-19: An Extension of the Hong Kong Panel Study of Social Dynamics (HKPSSD) [HKPSSD-D],” Hong Kong Research Grant Council Collaborative Research Fund (**CRF**) (C7101-21GF, PI: Dr. Lucy Jordan, HK\$1,926,870, 2022-2023).
6. **Co-PI**, “Consultancy Study on Considerations and Difficulties of Women in Choosing Whether or Not to Work,” Consultancy Project, Labour and Welfare Bureau, HKSAR (PI: Dr. Lucy Jordan, HK\$3,369,405, 2020-2021).

Internal (selected)

7. **PI**, “Stress, Skills, and Society: A Pilot Study to Expand HK-CHILD’s Investigation of Childhood Mental Health,” Faculty’s SRT “Population, Wellbeing & Human Behaviour” Seed Grant Scheme (HK\$120,000, 2025-2027)
8. **PI**, “Exploring the Impact of Activity Spaces on Subjective Well-being in Chinese Megacities: A Pilot Study in Hong Kong,” HKU Social Sciences Internal Seed Grant Scheme (HK\$150,000, 2023-2025)
9. **PI**, “Tracking Effect or Selection Effect? Social Origin, Track Choice, and Status Attainment in China,” HKU Seed Fund for Basic Research (109000256, HK\$79,000, 2023-2025)
10. **PI**, “The Over-educated Generation: College Expansion and Social Mobility in Hong Kong and Taiwan,” HKU Seed Fund for Basic Research (104005605, HK\$ 150,000, 2020-2021)
11. **PI**, “Migration, Risk Preference, and Entrepreneurship in Urban China: A Mixed-methods Study,” HKU Start-up Fund, (006029001, HK\$ 506,497, 2019-2022).
12. **PI**, “Education, Location, and School Choice in Hong Kong,” HKUST Initiation Grant (IGN17HS02, HK\$ 100,000, 2017-2019).
13. **Co-I**, “Early Childhood Development in Hong Kong: A Longitudinal Study,” HKU Seed Fund for Collaborative Research (2207101635, PI: Dr. Ming Wen, HK\$599,932, 2023-2026).
14. **Co-I**, “Experiences and Empowerment of Rural Left-behind Families: A Community-based PhotoVoice Project,” HKU Knowledge Exchange Funding Impact Project Scheme (PI: Dr. Shuang Lu, HK\$149,852, 2022-2023)

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “In Sight, in Mind: Spatial Proximity to Protest Sites and Changes in Peoples’ Political Attitudes”. Paper presented at the Summer Meeting of the International Sociological Association - Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (**ISA-RC28**), Providence, USA, August 6-8, 2024.
- 2024 “School as the Second Home for Children: The Protective Factors of Parental Divorce in Chinese Middle Schools”. Paper presented at the Spring Meeting of the International Sociological Association - Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (**ISA-RC28**), Shanghai, China, May 17-19, 2024.
- 2024 “Who Cares? Childcare Support and Women’s Labor Supply in Hong Kong”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (**PAA**), Columbus, USA, April 17-20, 2024.
- 2023 “How does Your Neighbors’ Intergroup Bias Affect Your Social Identity? The Case of Hong Kong”. Paper presented at the 2023 Urban China Research Network (**UCRN**) Conference, Beijing, China, October 28-29, 2023.
- 2023 “Tracking Effect or Selection Effect? Social Origin, Track Choice, and Status Attainment in China”. Paper presented at the 2023 Spring Meeting of the International Sociological Association - Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (**ISA-RC28**), Paris, France, May 24-26, 2023.
- 2022 “In Sight, in Mind: Spatial Proximity to Protest Sites and Changes in Peoples’ Political Attitudes”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (**ASA**), Los Angeles, USA, August 5-9, 2022.
- 2021 “Who Cares? Childcare Providers and Women’s Labour Force Participation in Hong Kong”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Chinese Sociological Association (**ICSA**), online, November 20-21, 2021.

- 2018 “How does Your Neighbors’ Intergroup Bias Affect Your Social Identity? The Case of Hong Kong”. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association (**HKSA**), Hong Kong SAR, December 1, 2018.
- 2018 “From Political Power to Personal Wealth: Privatization, Elite Opportunity, and Social Stratification in Post-Reform China”. Paper presented at the 2018 Asia Conference of the International Chinese Sociological Association (**ICSA**), Hong Kong SAR, December 19-20, 2018.
- 2018 “How does Your Neighbors’ Intergroup Bias Affect Your Social Identity? The Case of Hong Kong”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Chinese Sociological Association (**ICSA**), Princeton, USA, August 10, 2018.
- 2017 “Not a Zero-sum Game: China’s Internal Migration and the Wellbeing of Rural-origin Children”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (**ASA**), Montreal, Canada, August 12-15, 2017.
- 2016 “From Poverty to Prosperity: College Education, Non-cognitive Abilities, and Earnings”. Paper presented at the 2016 Spring Meeting of the International Sociological Association - Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (**ISA-RC28**), Singapore, May 26-28, 2016.
- 2015 “Separate and Unequal: Hukou-based School Segregation and Educational Inequality in China”. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (**ASA**), Chicago, USA, August 22-25, 2015.
- 2014 “Privatization, Elite Opportunity, and Social Stratification in Post-Reform China”. Paper presented at the 2014 Spring Meeting of the International Sociological Association - Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (**ISA-RC28**), Budapest, Hungary, May 8-10, 2014.
- 2013 “Aspirations, Motivations and Immigrant Children's Unexpected Success in Education”. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association (**HKSA**), Hong Kong SAR, December 6-7, 2013.
- 2013 “Education Policy, School Climate and Boys’ Disadvantage in Academic Achievement: Evidence from Hong Kong”. Paper presented at the Summer Meeting of the International Sociological Association - Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (**ISA-RC28**), Brisbane, Australia, July 16-20, 2013.

INVITED TALKS/WORKSHOPS/SYMPOSIUMS

- 2025 Invited talk at **Renmin University** for the Department of Sociology Seminar Series, Beijing, China, June 3, 2025.
- 2024 Invited talk at **Chinese University of Hong Kong** for the Centre for Chinese Family Studies Seminar Series, Hong Kong SAR, October 30, 2024.
- 2024 Invited talk at **National University of Singapore** for the Centre for Family and Population Research Seminar Series, online, October 11, 2024.
- 2024 Invited presentation at **Brown University** for the Workshop on Special Issue of *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility: The Growing Gender Divide in Educational Credentials*, Providence, USA, August 5, 2024.
- 2024 Invited talk at **Peking University** for the Center for Social Research Seminar Series, Beijing, China, May 31, 2024.
- 2024 Invited talk at **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology** for the Division of Social Science Seminar Series, Hong Kong SAR, May 27, 2024.
- 2024 Invited presentation at **Tsinghua University** for the Dean’s Forum on Social Sciences: Opportunities and Challenges of AI to Social Sciences, Beijing, China, May 15, 2024.

- 2024 Invited presentation at **HKU Faculty of Law** for the Forum on Charting New Frontiers in AI and Society, Hong Kong SAR, June 26, 2024.
- 2024 Invited talk at **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)** for the Urban Governance and Design (UGOD) Thrust Seminar Series, Guangzhou, China, March 28, 2024.
- 2023 Invited presentation at **HKU Faculty of Social Sciences** for the Tri-Universities Conference on Well-being and Social Inequality in East Asia, Hong Kong SAR, December 18, 2023.
- 2023 Invited talk at **University of Macau** for the Faculty of Social Science-Department of Sociology (FSS-DSOC) Seminar Series, online, December 2, 2023.
- 2023 Invited talk at **University of St. Thomas** for the Global Research Association of Politics in Hong Kong (GRAPH) Talks, online, June 26, 2023.
- 2023 Invited talk at **Chinese University of Hong Kong** for the Population Research Working Group, online, May 10, 2023.
- 2023 Invited talk at **University of Toronto** for the Data, Equity, and Policy in Education (DEPE) Lab Speaker Series, online, April 26, 2023.
- 2022 Invited presentation at **Lingnan University** for the Workshop on Employment and Poverty Issues among Hong Kong Youths, Hong Kong SAR, October 14, 2022.
- 2021 Invited talk at **HKU Department of Sociology** for the Departmental Colloquium, Hong Kong SAR, November 2, 2021.
- 2019 Invited presentation at **Fudan University** for the Workshop on the Politics of Migration in a Globalized World, Shanghai, China, December 14, 2019.
- 2019 Invited talk at **HKU Department of Sociology** for the Departmental Colloquium, Hong Kong SAR, November 5, 2019.
- 2019 Invited presentation at **Academia Sinica** for the 7th Conference of Taiwan Youth Project, Taiwan, April 13, 2019.
- 2019 Invited presentation at **Shenzhen University** for the 13th Workshop on Research Methods in Sociology and Demography, Shenzhen, China, March 17, 2019.
- 2018 Invited presentation at **Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences** for the 12th Workshop on Research Methods in Sociology and Demography, Shanghai, China, November 4, 2018.
- 2017 Invited presentation at **NYU-Shanghai** for the Shanghai Social Science Summer Symposium, Shanghai, China, July 14, 2017.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Best Paper Award, Hong Kong Sociological Association
- 2016 Kerckhoff Award, Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28), International Sociological Association (ISA)
- 2015 Overseas Research Award, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
- 2011-2016 Postgraduate Studentship, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
- 2010 First Class Academic Honors, Shandong University

TEACHING

- HKU *PG Courses:*
 SOCI6003 Research Seminars for Postgraduate Students (2023/24)

GEOG 7120 Urban China (2019/20)

SOCI 8021 Individual Dissertation (2021/22)

UG Courses:

SOCI2002 Social Stratification and Social Class (2022/23, 2023/24)

SOCI 2030 Quantitative Research Method (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22)

SOCI4095/6 Capstone Project in Sociology/Criminology (2023/24)

GEOG 3421 Studying Cities (2021/22, 2022/23)

GEOG 2126 Globalizing China (2019/20)

SINO 2005 Selected Topics in China Studies (2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22)

HKUST

UG Course:

SOSC3880 Social Inequality and Social Mobility (2017/18, 2018/19)

ADVISING

Ph.D. Supervisor	Minhui Liu (2023-present; in progress) Jiao Guo (2020-present; in progress) Xinmiao Song (2019-2022; graduated)
M.Phil. Supervisor	Zhenzhen Xie (2020-2023; graduated)
Dissertation Committee Member	Xinyi Wei (Social Work and Social Administration, graduated in 2023) Xiaotian Li (Sociology, graduated in 2022) Shichen Du (China Studies, Faculty of Arts, graduated in 2022) Xi Zhao (Social Work and Social Administration, graduated in 2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Associate Director	HKU Social Sciences Research Center (2024-present)
Vice President	Hong Kong Sociological Association (2022-2024)
Editorial Board Member	<i>Work, Employment and Society</i> (2025-2029) <i>Journal of Cities and Society</i> 《城市與社會學刊》 (2022-present)
Guest Editor	<i>Chinese Sociological Review</i> (2022-2023)
Affiliate Researcher	Joint Urban Survey and Intervention Lab (JUST Lab), Center for Applied Social and Economic Research (CASER), NYU Shanghai
Faculty Affiliate	HKU Methods Hub, HKU Research Hub of Population Studies
Convenor	HKU Research Hub of Population Studies Seminar Series, FOSS Social Sciences Colloquium
Occasional Reviewer	<i>Demography, Social Forces, Sociology of Education, British Journal of Sociology, Urban Studies, Cities, Chinese Sociological Review, Social Indicators Research, Research in Social</i>

Stratification and Mobility, Current Sociology, Chinese Journal of Sociology, Chinese Political Science Review, BMJ Open, etc.

Member American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification, International Chinese Sociological Association, Hong Kong Sociological Association, British Sociological Association.

External Reviewer The Multi-Year Research Grant (MYRG) of University of Macau (2019)

SKILLS

Language Mandarin Chinese (native), English (fluent), Cantonese (elementary).

Software Stata, Mplus, HLM, R, SPSS, ArcGIS, GeoDa.

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