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## Research Interests

Urban Sociology | Computational Social Science | Social Stratification and Mobility | Spatial Analysis

## Academic Appointments

**Assistant Professor** 2024 – present  
*Department of Sociology, Xiamen University*

## Education

**Ph.D. in Individualized Interdisciplinary Program (Urban Governance and Design)** 2020 – 2024  
*The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*  
**Advisors:** Prof. Xiaogang Wu, Prof. Lin Ge Kan

**B.A. in Sociology** 2015 – 2019  
*Sun Yat-sen University*

## Publications

\* indicates corresponding author, ^ indicates student author

### Journal Articles

- Zhang, Y.**, Huang, L.^, & Ye, Y. Mixing or Socioeconomic Status? A Quasi-Experimental Study of Neighborhood Composition and Subjective Well-Being. *Social Science & Medicine*, *Accept*
- Gu, R., Ye, Y., & **Zhang, Y.\*** (2026). Neighbourhood Cohesion and Subjective Well-Being Among Disadvantaged Residents: Causal Evidence From the Public Housing Natural Experiment in Hong Kong. *Population, Space and Place*, 32(2), e70222.
- Zhang, Y.**, & Wu, X. (2026). Public Housing and Neighborhood Composition in Hong Kong, 1981–2016. *Social Science Research*, 133, 103276.
- Zhang, Y.**, & Miao, J. (2025). From Disorder to Distress: Investigating Neighborhood Change and Mental Health with Streetview and Longitudinal Survey Data. *Social Science & Medicine*, 384, 118589.
- Zhang, Y.**, & Miao, J. (2025). Gentrification and Mental Health in Hong Kong. *Chinese Sociological Review*, 57(5), 545–557.
- Xia, X., **Zhang, Y.**, Jiang, W., & Wu, C. Y. (2023). Staying Home, Tweeting Hope: Mixed Methods Study of Twitter Sentiment Geographical Index During US Stay-At-Home Orders. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 25, e45757.
- Zhu, P., **Zhang, Y.**, & Wang, J. (2023). Canceling the Admission Priority of Private Schools Enlarges Housing Price Gap in Public School Districts: Evidence from Shanghai's New Admission Policy. *Real Estate Economics*, 51(1), 49–67. (co-first author)
- Zhang, Y.** (2025). Review of Quantitative Methodology Applications in Frontier International Sociological Research. *Social Research Methods Review*, 8. (in Chinese)
- Ye, Y., Li, J., & **Zhang, Y.\*** (2023). Does Living in the Suburb Necessarily Suffer Longer Commute? Spatial Pattern, Housing Affordability, and Commuting Duration in Chinese Megacities *Journal of Cities and Society*, 1. (in Chinese)

## Working Papers & Work in Progress

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### Working Papers

1. Shen, M., **Zhang, Y.\***, Hu, Y., & Wu, X. Neighborhood Vitality, Social Capital, and Collective Efficacy in Shanghai., *Under Review*
2. Wu, X., & **Zhang, Y.\*** Immigrant Concentration, Identity Formation, and Social Cohesion in Hong Kong Neighborhoods., *In Preparation for Submission*

### Selective Work in Progress

1. Miao, J., & **Zhang, Y.\*** Neighborhood Disorder, Social Capital, and the Making of Collective Efficacy in Shanghai.
2. **Zhang, Y.** Educational Tracking and Social Reproduction.
3. **Zhang, Y.**, & Miao, J. Aging in a Changing Neighborhood.
4. Huang, L. ^ , & **Zhang, Y.\*** The Myth of Long Working Hours in China.

### Grants & Funding

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- **Neighborhood Social Cohesion and Spatial Governance in Fujian** 2026 –  
Fujian Social Science Foundation, Youth Program ·Principal Investigator ·RMB 30,000
- **Neighborhood Change and Resident Well-Being in Urbanizing China** 2025 –  
Fundamental Research Funds for the Central Universities·Principal Investigator ·RMB 100,000

### Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

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#### Invited Talks

- “Using Streetview and Longitudinal Survey Data to Study Neighborhood.” Shanghai University. 2026
- “The Application of Image Data in Social Science Research.” Yunnan University. 2024

#### Conference Presentations

- “Mixing or Socioeconomic Status? A Quasi-Experimental Study of Neighborhood Composition and Subjective Well-Being.” Population Association of Singapore (PAS) Annual Conference, Singapore. 2026
- “Neighborhood Disorder, Social Capital, and the Making of Collective Efficacy in Shanghai.” Forum on Frontiers of Urban Social Research, Guangzhou. 2025
- “From Disorder to Distress: Investigating Neighborhood Change and Mental Health with Streetview and Longitudinal Survey Data.” Annual Meeting of China Population Association, Shanghai. 2025
- “From Disorder to Distress: Investigating Neighborhood Change and Mental Health with Streetview and Longitudinal Survey Data.” International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA) Annual Conference, Chengdu. 2025
- “Gentrification and Mental Health in Hong Kong.” International Chinese Sociological Association (ICSA) Annual Conference, Macau. 2024
- “Public Housing and Neighborhood Composition in Hong Kong, 1981–2016.” Annual Conference on Urban Social Survey and Quantitative Analysis, Shanghai. 2023
- “Can Siblings Make Up for the Absence of Parents? (In Chinese)” Annual Meeting of Chinese Sociology, Nanjing. 2018

### Teaching Experience

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#### Courses Taught Xiamen University

- Social Stratification and Mobility (Graduate) Fall 2025–2026
- Applications of Spatial Analysis in the Social Sciences (Undergraduate) Spring 2025–2026
- Computational Sociology (Undergraduate) Spring 2025–2026
- Frontiers of Sociological Research Methods (Doctoral) Spring 2025–2026

#### Teaching Assistant

- Science of Cities (Graduate) *HKUST&HKUST(GZ)*
- City and Society (Graduate) *HKUST&HKUST(GZ)*
- Stata and Application of Regression Analysis *Shanghai University&HKUST FYT Institute*
- Categorical Data Analysis *Shanghai University*

## Honors & Awards

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- Hong Kong Postgraduate Studentship (HKD 864,000) 2020-2024
- Postgraduate Travel Grant, HKUST 2024
- Excellent Student Scholarship, Sun Yat-sen University 2016-2019
- Award for Undergraduate Research, Sun Yat-sen University 2018

## Service

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- Session Discussant, PAS Annual Conference 2026
- Session Chair, ICSA Annual Conference 2025

## Professional Memberships

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- Member, Committee on Demographic Statistics, China Population Association
- Chinese Sociological Association
- Internation Chinese Sociological Association

## Skills

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**Data Analysis & Programming:** R; Python; Stata; KNIME

**Spatial Analysis & Typesetting:** QGIS; ArcGIS;  $\LaTeX$  ; Markdown

**Languages:** Chinese (native); English