

# Aihong Li Research Fellow

**Research interests:** migration studies, gender, family, and work, digitalization and entrepreneurship  
financialization and financial inclusion

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## Education

- Oct 2018- Present **PhD candidate in Sociology**, University of Cambridge, UK  
*Thesis: Internal Migration in China: New Perspectives on Family Life*  
(Minor Correction: DDL 14 Jan 2023)
- Sep 2016- Sep 2017 **MSc, Social Statistics (High Merit)**, University of Manchester, UK  
*Dissertation: Job-worker Match and Salary: Understanding the Mediating Mechanism of Social Networks in China*
- Sep 2014- Aug 2017 **M.L. Sociology (Top 5%)**, Xi'an Jiao Tong University (XJTU), China  
*Dissertation: Women's Job Searching Approaches and Occupational Attainment in Urban China: the use of social ties*
- Sep 2010- Jul 2014 **B.L. Sociology (Top 5%) & Economics (minor)**, XJTU, China  
*Dissertation: Social Networks' Positive and Negative Effects on Occupational Attainment in Urban China*

## Key Research Skills

- Quantitative** Good understanding of statistical software (*Stata, R, UCINET, Mplus, SPSS*)  
Advanced research skills (*Longitudinal Data Analysis, Multilevel Modelling, Structural Equation Modelling and Latent Variables Analysis; Propensity Score Matching; Instrumental Variables Estimation; Missing Data Imputation etc.*)
- Qualitative** In-depth interviews and recruiting participants; Focus groups; Software (*NVivo, Rayyan*)
- Survey Research** Survey research design and data collection

**Editorial & Review Experiences** Volunteer reviewer for *Frontiers in Public Health*; Member of editorial team for journal *Asian Social Science*

**Public speaking & Presentations** Presentations of research papers at national and international conferences  
Talks of research findings in the college and at Sociology Department seminars

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

*(Published)*

Li, A. (2023). Stratified financial inclusion in China based on hukou and its interaction with city and province development, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2023.2191155

Li, A. (2022). The effects of Migration and Migration duration on the emotional health of rural elderly parents in China. *Ageing & Society*, 1-24. doi:10.1017/S0144686X2200054X.

Yao, Y., Zhang, S., & Li, A. (2021). Effects of Educational Attainment and Housing Condition on Self-Rated Health in Old Age: Heterogeneity and Tendency in China. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 9.

Zhang, S. & Li, A. (2016). “Avoiding Higher Ability Candidates down to Lower Positions: Research on Mediation Mechanism for the Effect of Social Networks on Income”. *Journal of Xi'an Jiaotong University (Social Sciences)*. (6):53-59. [张顺, 李爱红. 高能低就规避: 社会网络收入的中介机制研究 [J]西安交通大学学报 (社科版)] (this paper is also included in the book *Social Networks and Labour Market*, Social Science Academic Press, authors: Yanjie Bian, Shun Zhang, ISBN: 9787520103954

*[Manuscript under review]*

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Li, A. (2024). Parental Migration and School Boarding Experience: An investigation of children’s mental health, wellbeing, academic performance, and academic self-efficacy in China. *Child and Family Studies*

Li, A., Liu, W.\* & Gruijters, R. (2024). What Remains after Turbulent Times: Employment Trajectories and Later-Life Outcomes in China. *Advances in life Course Research*

Liao, L., & Li, A. (2024). Subjective Wellbeing and Education as a Positional Good in China. *Journal of Happiness Studies*

Li, A\*, Ren, R. (2024). From Financial Inclusion to Subjective Well-being: Exploring the Mediating Effects of Material Capability, Social Networks, and Family Value Orientations. *Social Indicators Research*

*[Manuscript under preparation]*

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Li, A., Kong, V.,\* Li, Z. (2024). Becoming entrepreneurial mothers: navigating tensions between work and family and pursuing agency.

Kong, V., A. Li\*, Li, Z. (2024). Stabilizing the precarious motherhood in relations: When mumpreneurship meets platform economy.

## **Conferences and Selected Talks**

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July 2023     **Chinese Sociological Association, “Finance and social welfare”, China**  
*Presented a working paper “Financial Inclusion and Subjective Well-being: the mediating role of social networks and family values”*

Apr 2022     **British Sociological Association, ‘Building Equality and Justice Now’, UK**  
*Presented a working paper ‘The Journey to Inclusion of migrants: Hukou and City Development as joint determinants of Household Financial Inclusion in Urban China’.*

Mar 2022     **MCR Talk, Queens’ College, Cambridge, UK**  
*Presented a working paper ‘The Journey to Inclusion of migrants: Hukou and City Development as joint determinants of Household Financial Inclusion in Urban China’.*

Aug 2020     **Chinese British Social Networks, Virtual Annual Conference, UK**  
*Presented a working paper ‘The effects of Migration and Migration duration on the emotional health of Rural elderly parents in China’.*

May 2019     **PopFest, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK**  
*Presented a working paper ‘To board or not to board: boarding schools’ influence on child mental health in China’.*

## **Teaching & Research Experience**

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Sep 2023- Present     **Lecturer** for undergraduates, Department of Sociology, Nanjing University  
*Modules: Money, Finance and Society*

- Oct 2019- Present     **Supervisor** for undergraduates, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge  
*Modules: Soc5. Statistics and Methods (12 students); Soc3.Global Social Problems (2 students)*
- Oct 2019- Present     **Demonstrator**, Social Science Research Methods Program (SSRMP), University of Cambridge  
*Modules: Foundations in Applied Statistics (> 30 hours), Basic Quantitative Analysis (>30 hours), Soc5.Statistics and Methods (approx.15 hours), Multivariate Analysis (2 hours)*
- Mar 2020- Present     **Academic Freelancer**  
*Designed and gave serial lectures to help students improve academic writing and research skills. Modules: How to write a research proposal (10 lectures), critical thinking and writing (10 lectures), academic writing (10 lectures); supervisions of Master, MPhil, and PhD program applications (> 100 students)*
- Apr 2018- Oct 2018     **Teaching Associate** (part-time online)  
*Designed and recorded one module, Stata for absolute beginners (10 lessons), attracted 60 students within 2 months*
- Dec 2015- Oct 2016     **PI of Qualitative Research Project:** “Social ties, SNS, and employment; an example of Wechat”  
*granted by Chinese Field Work Foundation-Tecent Internet and Anthropology; Report accepted as conference paper by Migration & Ethnic Research Center, Sun Yat-Sen University*
- Sep 2014- Nov 2014     **Survey Research Assistant**, hired by XJTU, Xi’an, China  
*Supervised a team of 10 junior interviewers as a lead social survey supervisor for research project “Job Searching and Social Networks in China (8 cities)” in Xi’an subsampling area, Achieved 30% of the total CAPI inquiries among 9 teams*
- Sep 2012     **Research Assistant**, ‘Social Stratification and Mobility in transitional China’, Xi’an, China  
*Worked as an interviewer for data collection and research assistant*

## **Social Activities & Leadership**

- Jul 2019- Jul 2020     **Women’s Officer**, Queens’ College, University of Cambridge  
*Organized 4 talks & discussions on gender and equality, 2 film nights watching documentaries (Human, Women), attracted more than 50 people in total*
- Apr 2017- Oct 2017     **Home fundraiser** (part-time) on behalf of British Heart Foundation, Manchester, UK  
*Obtained more than 2000 pounds donation with a team of 5 fundraisers within one month personally for the research project “Newborn baby’s heart patch”*

## **Referees**

**Prof. Maria Iacovou** (PhD supervisor), Professor of Quantitative Sociology in Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge. 16 Mill Lane, Cambridge, CB1 2SB. Email: [mi305@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mi305@cam.ac.uk)

**Prof. Rob Gruijters** (Internal examiner), Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education, University of Cambridge. 184 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PQ, UK. Email: [rjg85@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rjg85@cam.ac.uk)

**Prof. Yang Hu** (External examiner), Professor of Global Sociology, Department of Sociology, Lancaster University. B011, B - Floor, Bowland North, Lancaster, UK. Email: [yang.hu@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:yang.hu@lancaster.ac.uk)