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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer , Urban Studies, Yale-NUS College.	Jul. 2022—Present
Associate Lecturer, Human Geography, Manchester Metropolitan University.	Oct. 2021—Dec. 2021
Tutor/ Teaching Assistant, Human Geography, University of Manchester.	Mar 2018—Mar. 2022
Research Assistant (PI: Prof Anthony G.O. Yeh), The University of Hong Kong.	Sept. 2016—Aug. 2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Human Geography, The University of Manchester	2021
Thesis: Entrepreneurial urbanism ... with Chinese characteristics? A case study of governance restructuring in Jiyuan, China . (Supervisors: Prof. Kevin Ward & Prof. Cecilia Wong)	
MSc Urban and Regional Planning (Supervisor: Prof Jian Feng), Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School	2016
BSc Economic Geography (Capstone Advisor: Prof Shenjing He), Sun Yat-sen University	2013

PUBLICATIONS

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- Zhang Y.** (in press). The scale question as an urban question: When state entrepreneurialism meets *homo urbanicus*. [Transactions in Planning and Urban Research](#). Special issue: Urban dynamics across scales.
- Zhang, Y.** (2024). [The partnership question as a scale question: Extending the theorization of entrepreneurial urbanism in China](#). *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 48(5), 789-814
- Wei, Q., & **Zhang, Y.** (2024). [Vertical expansion in the making: Planning against deindustrialisation by promoting 'Industry's Going Upstairs' in Shenzhen](#). *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*. 56 (5), 1447–1461.
- Zhang, Y.**, Tong, D., & Liang, X. (2018). [New perspective on regional inequality: Theory and evidence from Guangdong, China](#). *Journal of Urban Planning and Development*, 144(1), 04018002.
- He, S., Li, L., **Zhang, Y.**, & Wang J. (2018). [A small entrepreneurial city in action: Policy mobility, urban entrepreneurialism, and politics of scale in Jiyuan, China](#). *IJURR*, 42(4), 684-702.
- Zhang, Y.**, & Feng J. (2017). [The vanishing village and evolving rurality in urbanizing China: evidence from Dengzhou, Henan province in China](#) (Chinese). *Urban Development Studies*, 24 (9): 98-108.
- Zhang, Y.**, & Feng J. (2016). [Rationality, Mobility and Family: Transformation of Rurality in Hollow Village Residents' Daily Lives](#) (Chinese). *Human Geography*, 31(6): 49-57.
- Zhang, Y.**, & He, S. (2015). [A small entrepreneurial city in action: Jiyuan's evolving strategies for urban development and competitiveness](#) (Chinese). *Human Geography*, 30(2): 65-71.
- [Book Chapter] Xie, X., **Zhang, Y.**, & Cai, T. (2013). Illegal occupation of pedestrian underpasses by street hawkers in Zhuhai: A comparison of three different administrative regimes (Chinese), in Department of Education Administration (ed.) *Teaching and Learning: Research and Practice*, SYSU Press, 73-82.

TEACHING

Courses/Modules/Units	AY/Sem	Institute	Role	Course Convener(s)
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Urbanization in China	22-25/S1-2	YNC	Lecturer	Dr Yong Zhang
Key Debates in Urban Planning and Policy	22-25/S1	YNC	Lecturer	Dr Yong Zhang
Cities and Economic Development	22-24/S1	YNC	Lecturer	Dr Yong Zhang
Community Development: Kampung Spirit	22-25/S2	YNC	(Co-) Convener	(w/Prof. Jane Jacobs)
People, Place and Planning	21-22/S1	MMU	Associate Lecturer	Dr Hannah Neate
Asian Workers and Labour of Globalisation	19-21/S1	UoM	Assistant Lecturer	Dr Jamie Doucette
Research Design and Overseas Field courses	19-20/S2	UoM	Teaching Asst.	Prof Martin Hess etc.
Tutorials and Profile of a Geographer	17-21/S1	UoM	Tutor	Dr Clancy Wilmott

CAPSTONE ADVISING

Lim, W. H. (2025). *Bars, jail & Mei 美 (Lai) Hwa: The variety of displacement in Chinatown, New York City*

Chok, W. L. S. (2005). *A study of sociolinguistics in everyday life in Hong Kong*

Yap, J. Z. M. (2025). *The socio-positionality of residents within Bukit Timah landed enclave, Singapore*

Gu, F. O. A. (2024). *Beneath, behind, beyond Singapore's office towers: the hidden amidst the gaze*

Loke, S. W. D. (2024). *To occupy is to grow: Mapping youth socio-spatial patterns in Singapore's public realm*

Wang, Y. Q. (2023). *Evaluating *scape: Achievements and limitations of a planned youth space in Singapore*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

[2024 HKU-USI Inaugural Conference, Hong Kong SAR, China.](#)

[2022 Annual Meeting of American Association of Geography, Session Co-organiser, Virtual.](#)

[2021 LuoJia Town and Country Forum, Guest Speaker, Wuhan, China.](#)

[2018 China's New Urban Agenda, Manchester, UK.](#)

[2016 Annual Meeting of American Association of Geography, San Francisco, US.](#)

[2015 Annual Conference of Human Geographical Society of China, Northwest University, Xi'an, China.](#)

[2014 Annual Conference of Geographical Society of China, Sichuan Normal University, Chengdu, China.](#)

MAJOR HONOURS & PRIZES

2022 – 2025 | Book Project Subvention Grant: \$ 6, 000 | Yale-NUS College

2022 – 2024 | [Associate of the Asia Research Institute's Asian Urbanisms Cluster](#) | National University of Singapore

2017 – 2020 | SEED PhD Scholarship | University of Manchester

2015 | [Best Papers \(Ranking 1st\) | 2015 Annual Conference of Human Geographical Society of China](#)

2014/2015 | Graduate Academic Scholarship | Peking University | Grand Prize, Twice

2013 | Outstanding Graduates of the Year | School of Geography and Planning of Sun Yat-sen University

2013 | 13th "Challenge Cup" National College Students' Extracurricular Academic Science and Technology Competition |

[First Prize at the University Level](#), [Third Prize at the National Level](#)

2011 | 4th South China University Geography Culture Presentation Competition | [The Geographical Society of China](#)

(South China) | First Prize & Best Male Presenter