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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, *University of Chicago*
M.A. Urban Planning, *Tokyo Metropolitan University*, Japan
B.A. Comparative Literature, *Jilin University*, China

FELLOWSHIPS

2023-2027 Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Studies, Humanity's Urban Future Program
2021-2023 National Committee on US-China Relations, Public Intellectuals Program
2022-2023 New School for Social Research, India-China Center
2015-2016 American Council of Learned Societies
2011-2012 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

RESEARCH AREAS

Urban Sociology, Urban Theory, Political Economy, International Development, China, India

BOOKS

Ren, Xuefei. 2020. *Governing the Urban in China and India: Land Grabs, Slum Clearance and the War on Air Pollution*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

*** Winner of Robert E. Park Best Book Award in Community and Urban Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2022.**

*** Honorable Mention of Dennis Judd Best Book Award in Urban and Local Politics, American Political Science Association, 2021.**

Reviewed in *Nature*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *China Quarterly*, *China Information*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, and *Scientia Geographica Sinica*.

Ren, Xuefei. 2013. *Urban China*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

***Outstanding Academic Title, Choice Magazine, 2013.**

Russian edition, forthcoming in 2023, Academic Studies Press, Boston.

Ren, Xuefei. 2011. *Building Globalization: Transnational Architecture Production in Urban China*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

*** Winner of Best Book Award in the Political Economy of the World System Section, American Sociological Association, 2012.**

*** Honorable Mention of Robert E. Park Best Book Award in Community and Urban Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2012**

EDITED BOOK

Ren, Xuefei and Roger Keil. 2018. *The Globalizing Cities Reader*. 2nd edition. New York: Routledge.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Ren, Xuefei. 2021. "The peripheral turn in global urban studies," *South Asia Interdisciplinary Academic Journal*, 26: 1-8.

Ren, Xuefei. 2021. "Suburbs and urban peripheries in a global perspective," *City & Community*, 20(1): 38-47.

Garrido, Marco, **Xuefei Ren**, and Liza Weinstein. 2021. "Toward a Global Urban Sociology: Keywords," *City & Community*, 20(1): 4-12.

Ren, Xuefei. 2020. "Historical Preservation in Rustbelt China: The Life and Death of Jihong Bridge," *Journal of Chinese Architecture and Urbanism*, 2(2): 1-12.

Ren, Xuefei. 2020. "From a comparative gesture to structured comparison: An analysis of air pollution control in Beijing and Delhi," *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*, 13(3): 461-473.

Ren, Xuefei. 2020. "Pandemic and lockdown: A territorial approach to Covid-19 in China, Italy, and the U.S." *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 61(4-5): 423-434.

Ren, Xuefei. 2020. "Slums, favelas, and urban villages: Housing crises in Guangzhou, Mumbai, and Rio de Janeiro," *Current History*, 119 (813): 15-21.

Ren, Xuefei. 2018. "From Chicago to China and India: Studying the city in the 21st century," *Annual Review of Sociology*, 44: 497-513.

Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Aspirational urbanism from Beijing to Rio de Janeiro: Olympic cities in the Global South and contradictions," *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 39(7): 894-908.

Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Governing the informal: Housing policies over informal settlements in China, India, and Brazil," *Housing Policy Debate*, 28(1): 79-93.

Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Land acquisition, rural protests, and the local state in China and India," *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, 35(1): 22-38.

Ren, Xuefei. 2015. "City power and urban fiscal crises: The USA, China, and India," *International Journal of Urban Sciences*, 19(1): 73-81.

Ren, Xuefei. 2014. "The political economy of urban ruins: Redeveloping Shanghai," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 38(2): 1081-91.

Morgan, George and **Xuefei Ren**. 2012. "The creative underclass: Culture, subculture and urban renewal," *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 34(2): 127-130.

Ren, Xuefei. 2012. "'Green' as spectacle in China," *Journal of International Affairs*, 65: 19-30.

- Ren, Xuefei** and Meng Sun. 2012. "Artistic urbanization: Creative industries and creative control in Beijing," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 36(3): 504-521.
- Weinstein, Liza and **Xuefei Ren**. 2009. "The changing right to the city: Urban renewal and housing rights in globalizing Shanghai and Mumbai," *City & Community*, 8(4): 407-432.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2009. "Olympic Beijing: Reflections on urban space and global connectivity," *International Journal of the History of Sports*, 26(8): 1011-1039.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2008. "Forward to the past: Historical preservation in globalizing Shanghai," *City & Community*, 7(1): 23-43.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2008. "Architecture and nation building in the age of globalization: Construction of the National Stadium of Beijing for the 2008 Olympic Games," *Journal of Urban Affairs*, (30)2: 175-190.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2008. "Architecture and China's urban revolution," *City: Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action*, 12(2): 217-225.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2008. "Architecture as branding: Mega-project developments in Beijing," *Built Environment*, 34(4): 517-531.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2006. "La ville Chinoise et ses 'grands projets' urbains : l'architecture internationale en question," *La Vie des Idées*, 12: 77-83.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2005. "The first Chicago School of urban sociology: 1910s-1930s," *Urban China Review*, 1(1): 85-93.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2004. "The rise of the creative class and urban amenity theory," *The Annals of Japanese Association for Urban Sociology*, 22: 189-98.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Ren, Xuefei. 2023. "Urban restructuring and citizens in Asia: Shanghai," in *Urban Sociology: An Introduction*, Yasushi Matumoto (ed). 2nd edition. Tokyo: Yuhikaku.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2023. "Urban Restructuring and citizens in Asia: Mumbai," in *Urban Sociology: An Introduction*, Yasushi Matumoto (ed). 2nd edition. Tokyo: Yuhikaku.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2023. "Urban China and Covid-19," *Handbook on Local Governance in China*, Ceren Ergenc and David Goodman (eds.). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.
- Woodworth, Max, **Xuefei Ren**, Jesse Rodenbiker, Ettore Santi, Yining Tan, Li Zhang, and Yu Zhou. 2022. "Researching China during the Covid-19 pandemic," *Covid-19 and an Emerging World of Ad Hoc Geographies*, Stanley D. Brunn and Donna Gilbreath (eds), p.2705-2721. Edward Elgar.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2020. "Redeveloping informal settlements in China, India, and Brazil," in *Chinese Cities in the 21st Century*, Youqin Huang (ed), p.81-90. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

- Ren, Xuefei. 2020. "Nanjing too, introduction two," "Mountain island city," "Bridge city" in *Nanjing Charter*, Terreform (ed), p.30, 89, and 112. New York: Terreform.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2020. "Planning mega-regions in China and India," in *Metropolitan Circles Development and the Future of Urbanization*, Wei Shan and Lijun Yang (eds), p.99-128. Singapore: World Scientific Press.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2019. "Robert Park in China: From the Chicago School to urban China studies," in *The City in China: Perspectives on Contemporary Urbanism*, Ray Forrest, Julie Ren, and Bart Wissink (eds), p.1-16. Bristol: Policy Press.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2019. "Building on quick sand: Infrastructural megaprojects in China," in *Critical Perspectives on Suburban Infrastructure*, Pierre Filion (ed), p.301-317. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2019. "Cities in developing countries," in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, Anthony Orum (ed), p.1-8. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2018. "A genealogy of redevelopment in Chinese cities," in *Urbanization and Urban Governance in China: Issues, Challenges, and Development*, Lin Ye (ed), p.93-108. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2018. "In search of the cosmopolitan Chinese city: Guangzhou's urban villages," in *Letters to the Leaders of China: Kongjian Yu and the Future of the Chinese City*, Michael Sorkin (ed), p.202-211. New York: Terreform.
- Ren, Xuefei** and Roger Keil. 2018. "From global to globalizing cities," in *The Globalizing Cities Reader*, Xuefei Ren and Roger Keil (eds), p.xxiii-xxix. New York: Routledge.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2018. "Global city building in China and its discontents," in *The Globalizing Cities Reader*, Xuefei Ren and Roger Keil (eds), p.307-312. New York: Routledge.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2018. "Governing the informal in globalizing cities: Comparing China, India, and Brazil," in *The Globalizing Cities Reader*, Xuefei Ren and Roger Keil (eds), p.459-464. New York: Routledge.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2018. "'Green' as urban spectacle in China," in *Sustainable Cities in Asia*, Federico Caprotti and Li Yu (eds), p.77-85. London: Routledge.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Fragile entrepreneurialism: The Mumbai airport slum redevelopment project," in *Entrepreneurial Urbanism in India: The Politics of Spatial Restructuring and Local Contestation*, Smitha Kanekanti Chandrashekar (ed), p.157-173. Singapore: Springer.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Biggest infrastructure bubble ever? City and nation building with debt-financed megaprojects in China," in *The Oxford Handbook of Megaproject Management*, Bent Flyvbjerg (ed), p.139-153. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Cities in China and India: Disjuncture, master-concepts, and comparisons," in *A Research Agenda for Cities*, John R. Short (ed), p.195-205. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Lost in translation: Names, meanings, and development strategies of Beijing's periphery," in *What's in a Name? Talking about Urban Peripheries*, Richard Harris and Charlotte Vorms (eds), p.316-333. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

- Ren, Xuefei. 2016. "Citizenship in China and India: A Comparison," in *The Making of Vibrant Cities*, Mumbai First (ed), p.59-63. New Delhi: Rupa Publications India.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2015. "Pouvoir municipal et crise fiscale urbaine aux États-Unis, en Chine et en Inde," in *Tous Responsables? Chroniques de la Gouvernance*, p.79-87. Paris: Belles Lettres.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2015. "Forward to the past: Historical preservation in globalizing Shanghai," in *Urban Redevelopment and Citizen Participation: Comparisons of Japan, Korea, and China*, Koyo Tajima (ed), p.68-105. Tokyo: CUON.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2013. "Pékin 2008: Les jeux Olympiques, les espaces de flux," in *La coupe est pleine: Les désastres économiques et sociaux des grands événements sportifs*, Ouvrage collectif, PubliCetim no° 38, CETIM (Centre Europe-Tiers Monde), Geneva.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2013. "Architecture as branding: Mega-project developments in Beijing," in *Megaproject Planning and Management: Essential Readings*, Bent Flyvbjerg (ed). Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2013. "Urban restructuring and citizens in Asia: Shanghai," in *Urban Sociology: An Introduction*, Yasushi Matumoto (ed), p.234-243. Tokyo: Yuhikaku.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2013. "Urban Restructuring and citizens in Asia: Mumbai," in *Urban Sociology: An Introduction*, Yasushi Matumoto (ed), p.243-250. Tokyo: Yuhikaku.
- Ren, Xuefei** and Liza Weinstein. 2013. "Urban governance, mega-projects, and scalar transformations in China and India," in *Locating Right to the City in the Global South*, Tony Samara, Shenjing He, and Guo Chen (eds), p.107-126. New York: Routledge.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2012. "Rights to housing: Developing societies," in *The International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home*, Vol. 6, by Susan J. Smith (ed), p.158-163. Oxford: Elsevier.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2011. "Dancing with the state: Migrant workers' NGOs and the remaking of urban citizenship in China," in *Remaking Urban Citizenship: Organizations, Institutions and the Right to the City*, Michael Peter Smith and Michael McQuarrie (eds), p.99-108. New Brunswick and London: Transaction Publishers.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2011. "From Peking to Beijing: Production of centrality in the global age," in *Global Downtowns*, Gary McDonogh and Marina Peterson (eds), p.48-64. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2010. "Territorial expansion and state rescaling: A critique of suburbanization studies," in *Suburbanization in Global Perspective*, Mark Clapson and Ray Hutchison (eds), p.351-370. Bingley, UK: Emerald Books.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2010. "World-systems perspective," in *Encyclopedia of Urban Studies*, Ray Hutchison (ed), p.969-973. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2010. "Olympic Beijing: Reflections on urban space and global connectivity," in *The Beijing Olympics, Promoting China: Soft and Hard Power in Global Politics*, Kevin Caffrey (ed). London: Routledge.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2009. "Transnational architectural production in downtown Beijing," in *Global Movements in the Asia Pacific*, Pookong Kee and Hidetaka Yoshimatsu (eds), p.341-368. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing.

JOURNAL SPECIAL ISSUES EDITED

2021. "Toward a Global Urban Sociology: Keywords," with Marco Garrido and Liza Weinstein, *City & Community*.
2017. "Urban Spectacles and Transformation in Brazil," *Journal of Urban Affairs*.
2009. "The Creative Underclass: Culture, Subculture and Urban Renewal," with George Morgan, *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

OP-ED & BLOGS

2022. "[Urbanization, migration and families in China and India](#)," *United Nations*, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, September.
2022. "[How Covid-19 lockdown measures—and their outcomes—varied in cities around the world](#)," *The Conversation*, July 25, with Roger Keil and Philip Harrison.
2022. "[How China and India govern their cities](#)," *National University of Singapore*, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, China-India Brief #201, April 13.
2022. "[Chinese cities are too powerful for their own good](#)," *London School of Economics Covid-19 Blog*, March 17.
2021. "[The urban century of China and India](#)," *Chicago Council on Global Affairs*, December 22.
2020. "[The 'People's war' on coronavirus in China](#)," *Chicago Council on Global Affairs*, February 24.
2020. "[The quarantine of a megacity: China's struggle over the coronavirus epidemic](#)," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *The Urban Now*, February 4.
2020. "[Governing the urban in China and India](#)," an interview with Mark Frazier, *India China Institute blog*, *New School for Social Research*, July 24; translated into Portuguese and published by [Observatorio Metropoles](#), August 20.
2016. "[Harbin: Revitalizing a rust-belt city through culture](#)," *The Online Journal of the China Policy Institute*, Nottingham University, July 11.
2015. "[Should India learn from China?](#) (印度学习中国发展的几点反思)," *Ancient Chinese City* (中国名城), no.4.
2014. "[Urban design and inequality: The case of urban villages in China's megacities](#)," *The Cities Papers series*, Social Science Research Council, July 23.
2013. "Don't follow the dragon," *RSA Journal* (The Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce).
2012. "[India needs to unlearn China's lessons](#)," *The Wilson Quarterly*, Fall issue,

2010. "Megaproject development and state rescaling in China and India," Conference proceeding on Making global cities and the World Economic Crisis, edited by Eric Sheppard, Brenda Yeoh, and Guicai Li.
2009. "Holes in the net? State rescaling, creative control, and the dispersion of power," *Urban China*, January issue.
2008. "The Shanghai effect: Political devolution and megaproject development in China and India," in *India in Transition*, Center for Advanced Studies of India, University of Pennsylvania, with Liza Weinstein.
2006. "The Chinese debate about grand projects and international architects," in *Perspectives*, 7(4), p.189-191.

TRANSLATION

2011. *Department and Discipline: Chicago Sociology at One Hundred*, by Andrew Abbott, 1999, Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Japanese translation by Yasushi Matumoto and **Xuefei Ren**. Tokyo: Harvest.

BOOK REVIEWS

2022. *The Wuhan Lockdown*, by Guobin Yang, 2022. New York: Columbia University Press. In *Journal of Asian Studies*. In press.
2021. *The End of the Village*, by Nick Smith, 2021. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. In *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, [10.1080/15387216.2021.1987286](https://doi.org/10.1080/15387216.2021.1987286)
2021. *Resisting Redevelopment: Protest in Aspiring Global Cities*, by Eleonora Pasotti, 2020. New York: Cambridge University Press. In *American Journal of Sociology*, 127 (3): 1017-1018.
2021. *Transnational Architecture and Urbanism: Rethinking How Cities Transform, Plan and Learn*, by Davide Ponzini, 2020. London: Routledge. In *European Planning Studies*, 30(8), p.320.
2021. *Chasing World-Class Urbanism: Global Policy Versus Everyday Survival in Buenos Aires*, by Jacob Lederman, 2019. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. In *City & Community*, 20(4): 372-374.
2020. *Urban Parallax: Policy and the City in Contemporary India*, edited by Amita Bhide and Himanshu Burte, 2018. New Delhi: Yoda Press. In *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 44 (1), p.180.
2019. *The City after Chinese New Towns: Spaces and Imaginaries from Contemporary Urban China*, edited by Michele Bonino, Francesca Governa, Maria Paola Repellino, and Angelo Sampieri, 2019. Basel: Birkhauser. In *City: Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action*, 23 (4-5), p.686-689.
2019. *Landscape of Accumulation: Real Estate and Neoliberal Imagination in Contemporary India*, by Llerena G. Searle, 2016. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. In *Journal of Asian Studies*, 78(3), p.718-720.
2019. *Polarized Cities: Portraits of Rich and Poor in Urban China*, edited by Dorothy Solinger, 2018. New York: Rowman & Littlefield. In *China Quarterly*, no. 239, p.820-821.
2017. *China's Urban Century: Governance, Environment and Socio-Economic Imperatives*, edited by François Gipouloux, 2016. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing. In *Pacific Affairs*, 90(2), p.335-337.

2015. *The Specter of "the People": Urban Poverty in Northeast China*, by Mun Young Cho, 2013. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. In *Pacific Affairs*, 88(1), p.183-184.
2014. *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local*, edited by Gavin Shatkin, 2013. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. In *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 38(6), p.2328-2389.
2014. *Chinese Urban Design: The Typomorphological Approach*, by Fei Chen and Kevin Thwaites, 2013. Farnham: Ashgate. In *China Quarterly*, Vol. 218, p.564-565.
2013. *Touring Poverty*, by Bianca Freire-Medeiros, 2013. New York: Routledge. In *City and Community*, 12(3), p.284-286.
2010. *Olympic Media: Inside the Biggest Show on Television*, by Andrew C. Billings, 2008. New York: Routledge. In *Thirdspace: A Journal of Feminist Theory and Culture*. <http://journals.sfu.ca/thirdspace/index.php/journal>
2009. *Cities in Globalization: Practices, Policies and Theories*, edited by Peter J. Taylor et al., 2007. New York: Routledge. In *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 33(1), p.263-264.
2009. *Cultural Landscapes of Post-Socialist Cities: Representation of Powers and Needs*, by Mariusz Czepczynski, 2008. Farnham: Ashgate. In *City and Community*, 8(1), p.91-92.
2005. *The Rise of the Creative Class*, by Richard Florida, 2002. New York: Basic Books. In *Urban Planning Forum*, no.155, p.99-102. (in Chinese)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

External Grants:

- 2023-2027 *What is a Good City?* Program directors: Simon Goldhill and Diane Davis, Humanity's Urban Future Program, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research
- 2022-2023 *The City after Covid-19: Comparing Vulnerability and Urban Governance in Chicago, Toronto, and Johannesburg*, with Roger Keil and Philip Harrison, Urban Studies Foundation
- 2022 University of Michigan, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, publication subvention Fund, for the Russian translation of *Urban China*.
- 2016-2022 *Detroit in China: Postindustrial Cities and Urban Representations in the Midwest and China*. Andrew Mellon Foundation (Humanities Without Walls Program).
- 2021 Princeton University Press, Global Equity Grant.
- 2018 University of Michigan, Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, publication subvention fund, for *Governing the Urban in China and India*.

External Fellowships

- 2021-2023 National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Public Intellectuals Fellow.

- 2021-2022 Fellowship on Geography of Expertise and Policymaking, India China Institute, New School for Social Research.
- 2016-2017 Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies.
- 2015-2018 Fellowship for Historical-Comparative Method Seminars, Yale University.
- 2016 Fellowship, Philosophy of Social Science Seminars, Yale University.
- 2013 Senior Research Fellowship, Asia Institute, National University of Singapore.
- 2013 Residential fellowship, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany.
- 2011-2012 Residential Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC.
- 2003 Teaching Fellowship, Oversea Young Chinese Scholars Forum.
- 2000-2001 Asia International Education Foundation Fellowship, Japan.
- 1998-2000 Fellowship from the Ministry of Education, Japan.

Awards

- 2022 Robert E. Park Award for Best Book in Urban Sociology, American Sociological Association; for *Governing the Urban in China and India* (Princeton University Press, 2020).
- 2021 Dennis Judd Best Book Award in Urban and Local Politics, honorable mention, American Political Science Association; for *Governing the Urban in China and India* (Princeton University Press, 2020).
- 2018 Top 10 Best Books by the American Institute of Landscape Architecture; for *Letter to the Leaders of China* (Terreform, 2018).
- 2014 Best Academic Title from Choice Magazine; for *Urban China* (Polity Press, 2013)
- 2012 Best Book Award of the Political Economy of the World System Section, American Sociological Association; for *Building Globalization* (University of Chicago Press, 2011)
- 2012 Robert E. Park Award for Best Book in Urban Sociology, honorable mention, American Sociological Association; for *Building Globalization* (University of Chicago Press, 2011)

Internal funding from MSU:

- 2022 Asian Studies Center, Delia Koo Faculty Endowment Grant.
Book publication subvention, for the Russian translation of *Urban China*.
- 2022 Professorial Assistance Program, two research assistantships awarded for the 2022 academic year
- 2021-2023 HARP fellowship for scholarship development.

Whose City? Urban Redevelopment in China, India, Brazil and the U.S.

- 2020 College of Social Science Small Grant for Pilot Research on Covid-19.
with Stephen Gasteyer, *Government Responses to Covid-19: A Cross-National Analysis*
- 2014 Co-PI, seed grant from the College of Arts and Letters, with Tze-lan Sang.
Global Detroit: Mutations of Urbanism in the 21st Century.
- 2014 Delia Koo Global Faculty Endowment Grant, Asian Studies Center.
Urbanization and Governance in China and India: Informal Settlements, Land Disputes, and Citizen Rights.
- 2014 Center for Advanced Studies of International Development (CASID).
Urban Renewal and Housing Rights in China and India.
- 2010 Center for Advanced Studies of International Development (CASID).
Urban Renewal and Housing Rights in China and India.
- 2008-2009 Intramural Research Grant Program (IRGP).
Transnational Architecture Production in Urban China

INVITED TALKS (2020-2023)

2023. "Pandemic Urbanism and International Experiences," Symposium on Covid-19 Urban Impacts and Governance in Gauteng, **University of Witwatersrand and GCRO (Gauteng City-Region Observatory)**, Johannesburg, South Africa, February 17.
2023. "Racial disparity and pandemic response in Chicago," International Symposium on Pandemics and Cities: Learning from State and Civil Society Response, **University of Western Cape**, Cape Town, South Africa, February 13.
2023. "New Frontiers in China-India Studies," International conference organized by **Harvard University, New School for Social Research, and National University of Singapore**, Singapore, January 14.
2022. "Urban Governance in China and India," **Johns Hopkins University**, September 21.
2022. Panelist at the Expert Group meeting on family, migration, and urbanization, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, **United Nations**, New York, September 7-8.
2022. "Geography of Expertise and Public Policy," **National University of Singapore**, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, September 9-10.
2022. "The Political Economy of China's Zero Covid Policy," with Dali Yang and Yanzhong Huang, moderated by Amy Qin of the *New York Times*, hosted by the Stigler Center for the Study of the Economy and the State, **University of Chicago Booth School of Business**, June 6.
2022. "Governing the Urban in China and India," **Ashoka Center for China Studies**, Delhi, March 14.
2022. "Urban governance and Covid-19", **London School of Economics**, Feb 21.

2022. Panelist, “The Global City at 30,” celebration of the 30th anniversary of *The Global City* book by Saskia Sassen, **University of Melbourne**, February 3.
2022. “Governing the Urban in China and India,” Geography Department, **University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign**, January 21.
2021. “Governing the Urban in China and India,” **East China Normal University**, November 22.
2021. Distinguished Lecture, “Governing the Urban in China and India,” **Newcastle University**, November 18.
2021. “Rustbelt China,” **Global Deindustrialization Studies Project** (DePOT), October 14.
2021. “China’s Rise and Reach: The Belt-and-Road City,” **Chicago Council on Global Affairs**, September 22.
2021. “Governing the Urban in China and India,” Center for Applied Social and Economic Research, **New York University-Shanghai**, December 2.
2021. “Governing the Urban in China and India,” Critical Issues Confronting China Series, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, **Harvard University**, December 1.
2021. “Governing the Urban in China and India,” Online Speaker Series, **Harvard Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies** and the **MIT Sustainable Urbanization Lab**, August 10.
2021. “Doing Urban Sociology: Theory, Methods, and Everyday Practice,” **Tsinghua University**, May 29.
2021. “Governing the Urban in China and India,” **Hong Kong University of Science and Technology**, April 13.
2021. “Governing the Urban in China and India,” Urban China Book Slam, **University of California-Irvine**, organized by Jeff Wasserstrom, April 7.
2021. “From a comparative gesture to structured comparison: Methodological issues in global urban studies,” **CEAIS (Center for South Asian Studies, EHESS)**, Paris, March 23.
2021. “Metropolitan responses to Covid-19 in China,” **Turin Polytechnic University**, March 15.
2021. “Governing the urban in China and India,” **Royal Asiatic Society**, Feb 26.
2021. “From a comparative gesture to structured comparison,” School of Regional and Urban Planning, **University of California-Berkeley**, Feb 24.
2021. “Governing the urban in China and India,” Cities are back in Town Speaker Series, **Science Po**, Paris, Webinar, February 18.
2021. “Governing the urban in China and India,” Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, **University of Michigan**, Webinar, February 7.

2021. "Governing the urban in China and India," Weatherhead East Asian Institute, **Columbia University**, Webinar, February 3.
2021. "Governing the urban in China and India," International Center for China Development Studies, **University of Hong Kong**, Webinar, January 25.
2021. "Governing the urban in China and India," East Asia by the Book Speaker Series, Center for East Asian Studies, **University of Chicago**; co-sponsored by the Seminary-Coop Bookstore, Webinar, January 14.
2021. "Governing the urban in China and India," **Impact and Policy Research Institute**, Delhi, Webinar, January 7.
2020. "Why pandemics, such as Covid19, requires a metropolitan response? New York, Wuhan, Paris, Johannesburg," webinar organized by Marron Institute of Urban Management, **New York University** and Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, **York University**, December 3.
2020. "Governing the urban in China and India," Department of History, **Northwestern University**, Webinar, December 1.
2020. "Governing the urban in China and India," School of Urban Planning and Architecture, **Columbia University**, Webinar, November 11.
2020. "Governing the urban in China and India," **University of Oxford China Center**, Webinar, October 22.
2020. "The pandemic and migrant workers in China and India," Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, **York University**, Webinar, October 17.
2020. "A comparative covid-19 study of India and Brazil," China Data Center, **University of Michigan**, Webinar, June 15.
2020. "Governing the Urban in China and India," East Asia Workshop, **University of Chicago**, February 13.

TEACHING

Michigan State University

Graduate courses

SOC 838: Comparative Urban Theory
 SOC 931-I: State, Space, and Globalization
 SOC 931-II: Topics in Structural Inequality
 GUSP 975 Doing Global Urban Comparisons

Undergraduate courses

SOC 161: International Development & Change
 SOC 362: Developing Societies
 SOC 375: Urban Sociology
 SOC 477: Visual Sociology

SOC 499-I: China and Globalization
 SOC 499-II: Ghettos, Cities, and Global Capitalism
 SOC 499-III: Globalization and Discontents
 ISS 320: World Urban System

University of Chicago

2007 The “Rise” of China: Origins, Problems, Prospects (Graham School of General Studies)
 2006 Urban Transformations in Contemporary China (Graham School of General Studies)
 2006 Urban Structure and Processes (College of Social Sciences)
 2004 Culture and Politics (College of Social Sciences)
 2003, 2004 Urban Policy Analysis (College of Social Sciences)

Nankai University, China

2004 Cities in Comparative and Global Contexts (Institute of Law and Politics)

GRADUATE COMMITTEES & MENTORING

PhD students

Ezgi Karoglu, Sociology, 2019-present; Syrian Refugees and Immigrant Belonging in Turkey.
 Inna Mirzoyan, Sociology, 2017-2023; Armenian-American Diaspora and the Fight for Home.
 Wenhua Lai, 2017-2018, Subjective Well-being of Internal Migrants in China.
 Jasmine Cooper, 2010-2017, Black Women and Media Representations: Racism and Sexism in the Post-racial and Post-feminist U.S.
 Cameron Herman, 2009-2017, Urban Youths and Marginality in Atlanta.
 Jeff Oliver, 2010-2016, Politics, Capitalism & the Social Construction of the Immigrant in the Media.
 Svetla Dimitrova, 2009-2016, Neoliberalism and International Development Volunteering in Post-Socialist Context: The Contradictory Utopia of the Peace Corps in Bulgaria, 1991-2013.
 Xueshi Li, 2006-2014, Organic Agri-food Movements in China.
 Alexandra Gelbard, 2004-2017, African Diaspora and Music Practices in Cuba.
 Manashi Ray, 2001-2009, Transnational Migration and Indian Entrepreneurs.
 Jose Villarreal, 2007-2015, The Rise of Nino Fidencio in the US and Mexico.

Graduate committees at other universities

Astrid Safina, PhD in Urban Planning and Architecture, Turin Polytechnic University, Italy (2020)
 Leonardo Ramondetti, PhD in Urban Planning and Architecture, Turin Polytechnic University, Italy (2020)
 Chen Li, PhD in Geography, University of Melbourne, Australia (2018)
 Jenifer Day, PhD in Geography, University of Melbourne, Australia (2018)
 Dror Kochan, PhD in Asian Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (2013)
 Linda Szabo, PhD in Sociology, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (2009)
 Yidan Pang, MA in Architecture, Art Institute of Chicago (2018)

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Academic and Professional Service

Deputy Editor: *City & Community* (2022-2025)

Managing Editor: *Journal of Urban Affairs* (2015-2021)

Editorial Board: *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (2007-present)

Eurasian Geography & Economics (2013-present)

Urban Planning International (2007-present)

Journal of Chinese Architecture and Urbanism (2020-present)

2023	Mentor, Urban Affairs Association conference
2022-present	Governing board member of RC21 (Research Committee 21 for Urban and Regional Development), International Sociological Association
2023-present	Urban China Research Network (UCRN) board member
2014, 16, 18, 19	Special Track Committee on Asia, Urban Affairs Association
2018	Best Book Award Committee, Urban Affairs Association
2013, 18, 23	Robert E. Park Best Book Award Committee, Community & Urban Sociology, ASA
2006-2007	Editorial Assistant, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>

Service for the Broader Community

2022	Invited Expert on Urbanization, Migration, and Family, for the United Nations.
2021	Organized food relief for families in Rojkot, Gujarat, India.
2020	Advisory board of India China Foundation in Delhi

University Service

2021-23	College of Social Science Research Committee
2020-21	Dean's Advisory Board on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DABDI)
2019, 21	Judge for the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF)
2020, 21, 22	Reviewer for S. C. Lee Best Student Paper Award, Asian Studies Center
2018-present	Core faculty of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
2015-17	Asian Studies Center Advisory Council
2015-16	Reviewer for Delia Koo Proposals, Asian Studies Center
2012	MSU delegation to Sichuan University, Chengdu, China
2007-present	Core faculty of the Asian Studies Program
2007-present	Core faculty of the Center for Advanced Studies of International Development (CASID)
2010	Organizer of Chinese calligraphy and painting workshop, Asian Studies Center
2009	Reviewer for China Program Small Research Grant
2007-2009	Committee member, Strategic Partnership with Zhejiang University

Departmental Service (Sociology & Global Urban Studies)

2022	Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee
2022	Speaker at the Professional Development Workshop for Ph.D Students
2022	Committee for the reappointment of assistant professor Molly Copeland

2021	Faculty Advisory Committee Member
2020-present	Global Urban Studies Standing Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)
2020-2021	Chair, Department of Sociology's Chair Review
2019, 21	Chair, Sociology Annual Research Symposium
2021	Chair, Search Committee (Dean's research associate, Monique Kelly)
2021	Search Committee Member (Dean's research associate, Rebecca Karam)
2019-21	Graduate Education and Admission Committee
2020	Speaker at the Professional Development and Graduate Writing Seminar
2019	Chair of the Department of Sociology Research Symposium and Awards Ceremony
2018-19	Graduate Education committee
2018-19	Teaching assignments and course scheduling committee
2018	Ad hoc committee for the Dean's Research Associate search
2017-19	Sociology speakers, awards & research symposium committee
2015-17	Faculty Advisory Committee
2015-16	Faculty search committee on the assistant professor position in migration studies
2008-13	Graduate admission committee
2011	Committee, Reappointment of the Director of Global Urban Studies
2008-10	Founder & coordinator, Global Urban Studies Colloquium
2007-08	Faculty search committee, Global Urban Studies Program

Occasional Reviewer:

Journals:

American Journal of Sociology

Antipode

Architectural Theory Journal

Asia Pacific Viewpoint

Built Environment

Built Heritage

China Information

Cities

City and Community

City and Society

East Asia

Environment and Planning A, C, D

Eurasian Geography & Economics

Espacetemps

Frontiers of Literary Studies in China

Geoforum

Global Environmental Change

Housing Policy Debate

International Journal of Housing Policy

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research

Journal of Chinese Architecture and Urbanism

Journal of Contemporary Asia

Journal of Contemporary China

Journal of Urbanism

Journal of Urban Affairs

Modern China

Review of International Political Economy

Social Problems

Sociological Forum

Sociological Theory

Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers

Urban Geography

Urban Planning International

Urban Studies

Publishers:

Cambridge University Press

Princeton University Press

MIT Press

New York University Press

University of Michigan Press

National University of Singapore Press

Association of Asian Studies Press

Routledge

Springer

Policy Press

Edward Elgar

Grant Agencies and Foundations:

National Science Foundation

Hong Kong Grant Council

Media Interviews

New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, CBS, National Geographic, Foreign Policy, The Guardian, Wire China, Quartz, Weekendavisen (Denmark), and others.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Association of American Geographers
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
Urban Affairs Association
International Sociological Association, Research Committee 21 (Urban and Regional Development)
Association of Asian Studies
Social Science History Association

LANGUAGES

French, Japanese, Chinese