

# Qi Cheng

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**Research Interests:** Climate Adaption, Sustainable Development, Risk Assessment and Reduction, Health inequality

## EDUCATION

<b>University College London (UK)</b>	<i>Oct. 2025-Present</i>
• PhD student in Department of Risk and Disaster Reduction (RDR)	
<b>Harbin Institute of Technology (China)</b>	<i>Sep. 2022-Mar. 2025</i>
• Master of Engineering in Urban and Rural Planning	
• Average score: 90.0 /100   Ranking: 1/38	
<b>Hebei University of Technology (China)</b>	<i>Sep. 2017-Jun. 2022</i>
• Bachelor of Engineering in Urban and Rural Planning	
• GPA: 3.90   Ranking: 2/40	

## FUNDING & GRANTS

<b>UCL Careers: Supervisory funding scheme for short-term research projects</b>	<i>Jun. 2026-Present</i>
<i>For 1500£</i>	
• Selected for the UCL Research Culture scheme to design and deliver a 70-hour summer research project for a Careers Extra undergraduate from an underrepresented background, including supervision, mentoring, and applicant interview and selection training.	

## PUBLICATIONS

\* Corresponding author

- [1] Cheng, Q., & Sha, S.\* (2024). Last defense in climate change: Assessing healthcare inequities in response to compound environmental risk in a megacity in Northern China. *Sustainable Cities and Society*, 115, 105886.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scs.2024.105886> (SCIE Q1 IF=12.0)
- [2] Cheng, Q., & Sha, S.\* (2024). Revealing the injustice and factors that affect the resilience responses of residents in the full period of heat waves. *Sustainable Cities and Society*, 107, 105467.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scs.2024.105467> (SCIE Q1 IF=12.0)
- [3] Cheng, Q., & Sha, S.\* (2024). Resisting the heat wave: Revealing inequalities in matching between heat exposure risk and healthcare services in a megacity. *Applied Geography*, 167, 103291.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2024.103291> (SSCI Q1 IF=5.4)
- [4] Cheng, Q., Sha, S.\*., & Cheng, W. (2023). Revealing the heterogeneity of social capital in shrinking cities from a social infrastructure perspective: Evidence from Hegang, China. *Applied Geography*, 159, 103087.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2023.103087> (SSCI Q1 IF=5.4)
- [5] Sha, S., Cheng, Q., & Lu, M.\* (2024). Building a “reservoir of social resilience”: A strategy for social infrastructure regeneration in shrinking cities based on social network analysis. *Habitat International*, 143, 102991.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.habitatint.2023.102991> (SSCI Q1 IF=7.0)
- [6] Sha, S., & Cheng, Q.\* (2024). Built or Social environment? Effects of perceptions of neighborhood green spaces on resilience of residents to heat waves. *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening*, 94, 128267.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ufug.2024.128267> (SCIE/SSCI Q1 IF=6.7)
- [7] Sha, S., & Cheng, Q.\* (2024). Determining the effects of green space usage on health inequalities among residents of shrinking cities based on a social capital perspective. *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening*, 97, 128375.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ufug.2024.128375> (SCIE/SSCI Q1 IF=6.7)
- [8] Lu, M., Sha, S.\*., & Cheng, Q. (2023). The Inspirations of Action-Oriented Social Infrastructure Regeneration Practices: A Case Study of Bayside City, Australia. *Urban Planning International*.  
<https://doi.org/10.19830/j.upi.2023.077> (CSSCI/CSCD IF=4.5)

- [9] Bian, G., Gao, X., Zou, Q., Cheng, Q., Sun, T., Sha, S., & Zhen, M.\* (2023). Effects of thermal environment and air quality on outdoor thermal comfort in urban parks of Tianjin, China. *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, 30(43), 97363-97376.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-023-29130-3> (SCIE Q1 IF=5.8)
- [10] Bian, G., Cheng, Q., Yan, G., Sha, S., & Zhen, M.\* (2024). Effects of landform and building layout on outdoor thermal environment: a case study of mountain villages in severely cold regions. *Journal of Asian Architecture and Building Engineering*, 1-31.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13467581.2024.2389162> (SCIE/AHCI IF=1.6)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- [1] Cheng, Q., Sha, S., Cheng, W., & Lu, M. (2023). The thermal environmental characteristics and climate-responsive planning of “Rural Communities” in severe cold regions: Evidence from Zhangjiakou, China. *Proceedings of the 59th ISOCARP Congress*. Toronto, Canada: ISOCARP. (Presentation)
- [2] Cheng, Q., Sha, S., Cheng, W., & Lu, M. (2023). Social infrastructure demand evaluation and planning policies of historical communities from a resilience perspective: Evidence from typical communities in Hebei, China. *Proceedings of the 59th ISOCARP Congress*. Toronto, Canada: ISOCARP. (Presentation)
- [3] Cheng, Q., Sha, S., Cheng, W., & Lu, M. (2023). Evaluation of urban community healing space demand and planning strategies from a health equity perspective: Evidence from Tianjin, China. *Proceedings of the 59th ISOCARP Congress*. Toronto, Canada: ISOCARP. (Presentation)
- [4] Cheng, Q., Sha, S., Cheng, W., & Lu, M. (2023). Comparison of the spatial and temporal distribution characteristics of the “Informal Economy” in the context of multi-sector collaboration and governance: Evidence from Tianjin, China. *Proceedings of the 59th ISOCARP Congress*. Toronto, Canada: ISOCARP. (Presentation)

## CERTIFICATES

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Reviewer for international journals (30+ peer reviews)

- For the following SCIE/SSCI journals (mostly JCR Q1):  
*Sustainable Cities and Society* (SCIE JCR Q1), *Habitat International* (SSCI JCR Q1), *Cities* (SSCI JCR Q1), *Urban Climate* (SCIE JCR Q1), *Climate Risk Management* (SCIE JCR Q1), *Applied Geography* (SSCI JCR Q1)

Member of ISOCARP (International Society of City and Regional Planners)

Jun. 2023-Present

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- [1] Awarded the **Swire Scholarship** at St Antony's College, University of Oxford (2025), funded by the Swire Charitable Trust. (**Fully funded scholarship**)
- [2] Awarded the **UCL Dean's Prize** at Faculty of Mathematical & Physical Sciences, University College London (2025). (**Tuition-fee waiver scholarship, Ranked first among all candidates**)
- [3] Awarded the **China Scholarship Council - UCL Joint Research Scholarship** (2025), jointly funded by University College London and the China Scholarships Council. (**Fully funded scholarship**)
- [4] Awarded the **National Encouragement Scholarship** (2019-2021), funded by Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

## SKILLS

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Research skills:

*Statistical Analysis Methods; Geospatial Analysis Methods; Climate Modelling Methods; Questionnaire and Interview Methods; Team Collaboration and Coordination Methods*

Communication skills: Mandarin Chinese (Native); English (Can read, write, speak, understand and peer review)