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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, Harvard University, 2020–
Qualifying Paper Committee: Xiang Zhou (Chair); Robert J. Sampson; Christopher Winship
Qualifying Exams: Organizational Behavior, Gender, Social Stratification and Demography
(with Distinctions)
- MSc. Sociology, University of Oxford, 2018-2019
Distinction, Top of cohort
- BA, MA Social and Political Science, University of Cambridge, 2015-2018
Starred First Class, Top of cohort

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social stratification, education policy and inequality, applied statistics

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- 2022 Evans, Geoffrey, and **Aleksei Opacic**. "[How Social Class Influences Political Choices](#)." *The Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology* eds. Danny Osborne and Chris G. Sibley. Cambridge University Press. pp. 382-398.

JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

- 2023 Zhou, Xiang, and **Aleksei Opacic**. "[Marginal Interventional Effects](#)."
- 2023 **Opacic, Aleksei**, Lai Wei, and Xiang Zhou. "Disparity Analysis: A Tale of Two Approaches."

WORKING PAPERS

- 2023 **Opacic, Aleksei**. "Does Educational Attainment Tend Towards Egalitarianism? Evidence from a Population Transitions Model."
- 2023 **Opacic, Aleksei**. "Mothers and Mobility: Re-Examining Intergenerational Mobility in the UK."
- 2023 **Opacic, Aleksei** and Xiang Zhou. "Path-Specific Effects under Monotonic Mediation."
- 2023 **Opacic, Aleksei**. "An Interventional Approach to Primary and Secondary Class Effects on Intergenerational Mobility."

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Kennedy Scholarship, Harvard University (\$20,000)
- 2019 The A.H. Halsey Prize, University of Oxford
- 2018 The Pollard Memorial Prize, University of Cambridge (\$2,000)
- 2018 The Polity Prize, University of Cambridge
- 2018 King's College Scholarship, University of Cambridge
- 2017 The Gatsby Prize, University of Cambridge
- 2016, 2019 Leverhulme Trust Scholarship

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Inequality Workshop, Department of Sociology, Stanford University.
- 2022 Social Demography Seminar, Harvard University.

COURSES TAUGHT

Harvard University

- 2022 Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Quantitative Research Methods. *Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Aleksei Opacic and Xiang Zhou. "Path-Specific Effects under Monotonic Mediation." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA (August, Expected).
- 2023 Aleksei Opacic, Lai Wei and Xiang Zhou. "Disparity Analysis: A Tale of Two Approaches." Annual Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Melbourne, Australia (June, Declined).
- 2023 Aleksei Opacic. "Does Higher Education Tend Towards Egalitarianism? Evidence from a Causal Transitions Model." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA (April).
- 2022 Aleksei Opacic. "An Interventional Approach to Primary and Secondary Effects in Intergenerational Mobility." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA (August).
- 2023 Zhou, Xiang and Aleksei Opacic. "Marginal Interventional Effects." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA (August).

SERVICE

- Sociology Committee on Higher Degrees, Harvard University. 2022-
- Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee, Harvard University. 2021-2022

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Population Association of America; American Statistical Association; Institute for Quantitative Social Science (Harvard); Center for Population and Development Studies (Harvard); Center for American Political Studies (Harvard)

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2019–20 Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, London, UK.

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