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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Phonetics and Phonology, Experimental Phonetics, Computational Modelling,  
Prosody, Sociolinguistics, Sociophonetics, Variation and Dialectology, Language  
and Identity, Language Production and Perception.

## EDUCATION

- 2018-Present      *DPhil in Linguistics*  
University of Oxford  
Phonetics Laboratory, St Hugh's College  
Supervisor: Prof. John COLEMAN
- 2016-2018      *MPhil in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology* (Distinction)  
University of Oxford  
Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, St Edmund Hall  
Thesis: *Characterising Plastic Mandarin: A Quantitative Modelling Approach*  
Supervisor: Prof. Deborah CAMERON
- 2012-2016      *BA in English Studies for the Professions* (Summa cum laude)  
*Minor in Translation and Bilingual Communication*  
Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
CGPA:3.85/4.00 · Department of English
- 2015      *University of California Education Abroad Program*  
University of California, Berkeley  
GPA:3.91/4.00 · College of Letters and Science

## WORKSHOPS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

- Aug 2019      Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School, Keble College, University of Oxford
- Jan 2018      Software Carpentry Workshop, Reproducible Research Oxford
- Aug 2017      Advanced Workshop of Contemporary Phonetics and Phonology, Fudan University

## HONOURS, AWARDS & GRANTS

- Sept 2019      Basant Kumar and Sarala Birla Graduate Studentship (GBP 35,124), Faculty of  
Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
- Jun 2019      Barbinder Watson Trust Fund (GBP 500), St Hugh's College
- May 2019      Siddiki Travel Bursary (GBP 500), Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
- May 2019      Digital Humanities at Oxford Summer School Bursary (GBP 650)
- Jan 2019      Best Oral Presentation Award, 6th ICLLA
- Aug 2018      School Prize (GBP 100), St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford
- 2016-2018      Oxford-Kaifeng Graduate Scholarship (*approx.* GBP 69,000), University of Oxford
- Mar 2016      Outstanding Student Award, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2013-2016      Deans Certificates of Academic Achievement, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2012-2015      The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Entry Scholarship (*approx.* GBP 40,000)
- Dec 2015      2016 Rhodes Scholarship Finalist Hong Kong
- Jun 2015      Reaching Out Award (GBP 1,000), HKSAR Government Scholarship

May 2015	President Emeritus Professor Poon Chung-kwong Scholarship (GBP 2,000)
Apr 2014	International Student Ambassador Scheme Outreaching Award (GBP 250)
Dec 2013	Dr. Y.K.Ching Memorial Scholarship (GBP 1,385)
Apr 2013	Chan Hon Yin Couple Charity Trust Scholarship (GBP 1,000)
Dec 2012	One Asia Foundation Scholarship (GBP 500)

## PUBLICATIONS

soon	<b>Mycock, L. Xu, C. Lahiri, A.</b> Wh-Question Intonation in Standard Colloquial Bengali: a Lexical-Functional Grammar analysis.
soon	<b>Xu, C.</b> Revisiting Neutral Tone in Mandarin Broadcast News Speech.
2019	<b>Xu, C.</b> Characterising Intonation in Plastic Mandarin Using Polynomial Modelling. <i>Proceedings of the 19th International Congress of Phonetic Sciences (ICPHS19)</i> , 696-700.
2019	<b>Xu, C.</b> Char siu is Better than Guanxi? Identity in Hong Kong English. <i>International Journal of Languages, Literature and Linguistics</i> , 5(2), 62-70.

## MANUSCRIPTS

2018	<b>Xu, C.</b> Characterising Plastic Mandarin: A Quantitative Modelling Approach. <i>MPhil Thesis</i> , University of Oxford
2018	<b>Xu, C.</b> The Identification and Differentiation of Synthetic English Voiceless Fricatives by British and Chinese Speakers <i>MPhil Option B Paper for Experimental Phonetics</i> , University of Oxford
2018	<b>Xu, C.</b> Char siu is Better than Guanxi? Identity in Hong Kong English <i>MPhil Option B Paper for Sociolinguistics</i> , University of Oxford
2018	<b>Xu, C.</b> Revisiting Concepts in Motion Event Expressions: Insights from Mandarin. <i>MPhil Option B Paper for Semantics</i> , University of Oxford
2016	<b>Xu, C.</b> "You are Fired": Media Representation of Gender and Communication in Workplace <i>BA Capstone Project</i> , Hong Kong Polytechnic University

## EXPERIENCE

### TEACHING & VOLUNTEERING

Oct 2019-	Oxford, UK	Tutor for Phonetics and Phonology, University of Oxford
2018-2019	Oxford, UK	Lab Demonstrator, Phonetics Laboratory, University of Oxford
Jul-Aug 2017	Changsha, China	IELTS Speaking Tutor, TIGER Education
Jul 2015	Guilin, China	Summer School Teacher, Esquel-Y.L. Yang Education Foundation Guilin Creative Technology and English Summer Camp
Jun-Jul 2014	Beijing, China	Teaching Assistant, Tsinghua University Tsinghua University English Summer Camp
Jun 2013	Pokhara, Nepal	Volunteer Teacher, Nepal Motherland Boarding School
May 2013	Xiangxi, China	Volunteer Teacher, Hunan Xi Zhou Village Primary School
2012-2013	Hong Kong	English Literacy Tutor, Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service A J.P Morgan-funded project for underprivileged pupils in Sham Shui Po, HK

### LEADERSHIP & OUTREACH

Sept 2018	Oxford, UK	Bridge to Business Programme, St Edmund Hall
2017-2018	Oxford, UK	Treasurer, St Edmund Hall MCR, University of Oxford
2017-2018	Oxford, UK	Academic Rep, Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics
2016	Hong Kong	Group Leader, Hong Kong Polytechnic University A service learning project <i>Recycling Production Waste of Jew's Ears into Nutrient Soil</i>
Jan-May 2015	Berkeley, US	Intercultural Leadership Initiative, UC Berkeley

	A semester-long, intensive leadership cohort program by the Center of Intercultural Leadership and International House at UC Berkeley	
<i>Jan-Sept 2014</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	Core Management Committee, Project ENLIGHTEN A student-initiated UGC-funded project with over 1500 participants breaking the Guinness World Record <i>The Most Electrical Energy Generated By Pedaling On Bicycles In 24 Hours</i>
<i>Jan 2014</i>	<i>Seoul, S. Korea</i>	Student Delegate of HK, Korea Sookmyung Womens University A cultural exchange tour between universities in HK and South Korea
<i>Jan-Oct 2013</i>	<i>Hunan, China</i>	Project Manager, Service Project for “Left-behind” Children A student-initiated project for over 100 underprivileged children in Xizhou village
<i>2013-2014</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	Secretary, English Club, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
<i>Jul 2013</i>	<i>Singapore</i>	Student Leader Delegate, Singapore Youth Leaders Summit

## SKILLS

<i>Languages</i>	ENGLISH	· Full Professional
	MANDARIN	· Native
	XIANG CHINESE	· Native
	CANTONESE	· Elementary
	SPANISH	· Elementary
<i>Computational</i>	Progamming	· R, Python, MATLAB (OCTAVE), Git, Java
	Sound	· Audacity, Praat, Wavesufer, ELAN
	Corpus	· W-Matrix, AntConc, WordSmith, Sketch Engine
	Image	· Adobe Photoshop (GIMP)
	Document	· L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Microsoft Office
<i>Interests</i>	Minority Languages Documentation · Hiking · Salsa Dance · Photography	

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