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EDUCATION

expected Ph.D., Sociology, Columbia University
2025 Dissertation: Work of Legitimacy: Legitimation and Repression in the Context of Labor Unrest in China
Committee: Peter Bearman (Chair), Gil Eyal, James Chu
2022 M.Phil., Sociology, Columbia University
2018 M.Phil., Social Science, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2016 B.A., Sun Yat-sen University (*summa cum laude*)

PUBLICATIONS

* = co-first authorship; + = first authorship.

Peer-reviewed Articles

Larry Au*, **Zheng Fu***, and Chuncheng Liu*. 2022. “‘It’s (Not) Like the Flu’: Expert Narratives and the Covid-19 Pandemic in Mainland China, Hong Kong, and the United States”. *Sociological Forum*. 37(3). <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/socf.12819>

- *Sociological Forum* most cited paper published between Jan 2022 and Dec 2023 (as of July 2024).

Andreas Wimmer, Bart Bonikowski, Charles Crabtree, **Zheng Fu**, Matt Golder and Kiyoteru Tsutsui. 2024. “Geo-political rivalry and anti-immigrant sentiment: A conjoint experiment in 22 countries”. *American Political Science Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055424000753>

Under Review

Zheng Fu. “Missing Binds: How Absent Ties Unleash Migrant Worker Activism Under an Authoritarian Regime” (Under Review at *American Sociological Review*)

- Co-Winner, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Paper by a Graduate Student Award, ASA Political Sociology section, 2024. (earlier version of this paper)

Zheng Fu⁺, Gil Eyal. “The Work of Legitimacy in China: The Implementation of the 2008 Labor Contract Law in a Chinese City” (Under Review at *American Journal of Sociology*)

Gil Eyal, **Zheng Fu**. “Legitimacy, Trust in Experts, and Legal Institutions” (invited submission at *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Zheng Fu⁺, Chuncheng Liu. “Political Capital and AI Trust in China”.

Zheng Fu. “What’s in the Frame? Comparing Fact-checked Contents of Lay and Professional Fact Checkers”.

OTHER ENGLISH WRITING

Zheng Fu. 2021. “Why Can’t China’s Workers Unite on Overtime?” Sixth Tones. [\[Link\]](#)

Larry Au, **Zheng Fu**, Chuncheng Liu. 2020. “Varieties of Covid-19 Expertise: The Pandemic in China, Hong Kong, and the United States”.Items. Blog of the Social Science Research Council. [\[Link\]](#)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Paper by a Graduate Student Award, ASA Political Sociology section
- 2016 Undergraduate Honors Student, Sun Yat-sen University
- 2016 Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Sun Yat-sen University

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Zheng Fu. Rumor Networks: An Analysis of Societal Trust, Politics, and the Role of Science Amidst Crises. Society for Social Studies of Science, Honolulu, HI
- 2022 Zheng Fu. Demobilization Through Social Ties: Comparing Labor Protests between Migrant and Local Peasant Workers in China. American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 Larry Au*, Zheng Fu*, and Chuncheng Liu*.It is (not) like the Flu: Resonant Expertise and the COVID-19 Pandemic in Mainland China, Hong Kong, and the United States. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Virtual
- 2019 Zheng Fu. The Work of Legitimacy in China: Promoting Labor Law as an Legitimate Order Among Businesses. American Sociological Association, New York, NY

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2022 Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University
- 2020-2024 Sociology Small Research Grant, Columbia University
- 2018-2023 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellow, Columbia University
- 2016-2018 Postgraduate Studentship Award, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 2017 Travel Grant for Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

2020-2022	Research assistant at Columbia University Analyzing newspapers across several languages with Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers model to explore the cultural dimensions of nationalism.
2014-2016	Supervisor of Survey for CEPS (China Educational Panel Survey) Contacting the school principal, supervising the filling out of questionnaires and checking the validity of the questionnaires.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2024	Instructor for Media, Culture and Society, Columbia University
Spring 2022	Teaching assistant for Social World, Columbia University
Fall 2020 - Spring 2021	Teaching assistant for Senior Thesis, Columbia University
Fall 2019	Teaching assistant for Social World, Columbia University
Spring 2017, Spring 2018	Teaching assistant for Government, Law and Society in China, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

SOFTWARES AND SKILLS

Python, R, Stata, Google Cloud Platform, html.

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native), English (fluent).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Coordinator of Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Seminar at Columbia University.
 Coordinator of Quantitative Lab at Columbia University.
 Member of Communications Committee at Science, Knowledge, and Technology section of American Sociological Association.
 Occasional reviewer for American Journal of Sociology, Qualitative Sociology.