Zheng Fu

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EDUCATION

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| 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”](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/socf.12819). *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)

* 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)

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]](https://www.sixthtone.com/news/1006760)

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]](https://items.ssrc.org/covid-19-and-the-social-sciences/society-after-pandemic/varieties-of-covid-19-expertise-the-pandemic-in-china-hong-kong-and-the-united-states/)

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| 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**

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| 2023 | Zheng Fu. Rumor Networks: An Analysis of Societal Trust, Politics, and the Role of Science Amidst Crises. Society for Social Studies of Science, Honululu, 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**

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| 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**

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| *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**

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| 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.