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EDUCATION

- April 2023 Ph.D. in Urban Studies**
Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands
Dissertation title: “Towards a Better-Functioning Private Rented Sector in Metropolitan China: The Case of Shenzhen”
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- June 2018 M.S. in Architecture and Civil Engineering**
Chongqing University, China
- June 2015 B.S. in Civil Engineering**
Sichuan University, China

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 2024.03-
Present | Assistant Professor | Department of Sociology, John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Free University of Berlin |
| 2023.05-
2024.02 | Postdoc | Department of Management in the Built Environment, Faculty of Architecture and Built Environment, Delft University of Technology |
| 2018.09-
2023.04 | PhD Candidate | Department of Management in the Built Environment, Faculty of Architecture and Built Environment, Delft University of Technology, with Prof. Peter Boelhouwer |

GRANTS

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 2026.06-
2028.06 | Principal Investigator | Foreign Real Estate Investment, Housing Affordability, and Regulations: A Comparative Political Economy Analysis of 50 Countries (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship funded by EU Commission, € 217,965) |
| 2024.03-
Present | Principal Investigator | Financialization of Rental Housing: A Historical Comparative Global Study (Rubicon Fellowship funded by Dutch Research Council, € 144,140) |
| 2018.09-
2023.04 | Principal Investigator | Towards a Better-Functioning Private Rented Sector in Metropolitan China: The Case of Shenzhen (Funded by China Scholarship Council, € 64,800) |
| 2017-2018 | Principal Investigator | Study on the Synergistic Development Model of Smart Industrial Park Construction in Chongqing (Funded by Chongqing Research Council, ¥ 10,000) |
| 2015-2018 | Co-Investigator | Smart Industrial Parks in China: Towards Joint Design and Implementation, jointly funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China and Dutch Research Council |

TEACHING & SUPERVISION

2025.09- 2026.03	Lecturer (Scheduled)	Course: Housing in Urban Sociology and Urban Planning JFK Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
2024.04- 2024.07	Teaching Assistant & Lecturer	Introduction to Comparative-historical Housing Sociology JFK Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
2023.04- Present	PhD Co-supervisor	Title: Migration and Housing Market in Polycentric Mega City-Regions. TU Delft
2023.04- Present	PhD Co-supervisor	Title: Aspire, Adapt, Anchor: Young Talents' Migration and Housing Decisions in China's Metropolitan Cities. TU Delft
2022.06	Teaching Assistant	Professor Lecture Series Summer School TU Delft; For master students and professionals

ACADEMIC SERVICES

2023.06- Present	Associate Editor	Journal of Urban Management
2023.07- Present	Associate Editor	Humanities & Social Sciences Communications
2023- Present	Organizing Committee Member	European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) Conference 2024 in Delft
2019- Present	Reviewer	Urban Studies, Antipode, Sustainable Cities and Society, Cities, Journal of Housing and the Built Environment, International Journal of Housing Policy, IEEE Transactions on Engineering Management, Frontiers of Urban and Rural Planning, International Journal of Strategic Property Management

PUBLISHED WORK

Research Articles (* denotes corresponding author):

- Li, B., Jansen, S. J., van der Heijden, H., Yan, J., & Boelhouwer, P. (2024). Promoting the Private Rented Sector in Metropolitan China: Key Challenges and Solutions. *International Journal of Housing Policy*. doi.org/10.1080/19491247.2024.2308735
- Li, B*. (2023). The Realization of Class-Monopoly Rents: Landlords' Class Power and Its Impact on Tenants' Housing Experiences. *Journal of Urban Management*. doi.org/10.1016/j.jum.2023.08.002
- Li, B., Jansen, S. J., van der Heijden, H., Jin, C., & Boelhouwer, P. (2023). Understanding the Relationship between Residential Environment, Social Exclusion, and Life Satisfaction of Private Renters in Shenzhen. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*. doi.org/10.1007/s10901-023-10049-7
- Jin, C., Li, B*, Jansen, S. J., Boumeester, H. J., & Boelhouwer, P. J. (2023). Understanding the Housing Pathways and Migration Plans of Young Talents in Metropolises—A Case Study of Shenzhen. *Housing, Theory and Society*. [10.1080/14036096.2023.2200784](https://doi.org/10.1080/14036096.2023.2200784)
- Jin, C., Li, B*, Jansen, S. J., Boumeester, H. J., & Boelhouwer, P. J. (2022). What Attracts Young Talents? Understanding the Migration Intention of University Students to First-tier Cities in China. *Cities*. [10.1016/j.cities.2022.103802](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2022.103802)
- Li, B., Jansen, S. J., van der Heijden, H., Jin, C.*, & Boelhouwer, P. (2022). Unraveling the determinants for

private renting in metropolitan China: An application of the Theory of Planned Behavior. *Habitat International*. [10.1016/j.habitatint.2022.102640](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.habitatint.2022.102640)

Li, B., Jin, C.*, Jansen, S. J., van der Heijden, H., & Boelhouwer, P. (2021). Residential Satisfaction of Private Tenants in China's Superstar Cities: The Case of Shenzhen, China. *Cities*. [10.1016/j.cities.2021.103355](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2021.103355)

Li, B., Xiang, P.*, Hu, M., Zhang, C., & Dong, L. (2017). The Vulnerability of Industrial Symbiosis: A Case Study of Qijiang Industrial Park, China. *Journal of Cleaner Production*. [10.1016/j.jclepro.2017.04.087](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2017.04.087)

Liang, Y., Qian, Q. K., Li, B., An, Y., & Shi, L. (2025). A critical review on China's old neighborhood renovation: Barriers analysis, solutions and future research prospects. *Energy and Buildings*, 115407. doi.org/10.1016/j.enbuild.2025.115407

Chen, M., Chen, C., Jin, C., Li, B., Zhang, Y., & Zhu, P. (2024). Evaluation and obstacle analysis of sustainable development in small towns based on multi-source big data: A case study of 782 top small towns in China. *Journal of Environmental Management*, 366, 121847. [10.1016/j.jenvman.2024.121847](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2024.121847)

Zhang, G., Xu, K., Liu, Z., Huang, R., Li, B., & Wang, R. (2023). Policy-based initiatives on promoting China's affordable housing: Challenges and opportunities. *Developments in the Built Environment*, 16, 100222. [10.1016/j.dibe.2023.100222](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dibe.2023.100222)

Book Review

Li, B., (2023) Why Politics Fails: The Five Traps of the Modern World & How to Escape Them, by Ben Ansell, *Economic Sociology: Perspectives and Conversations*. econsoc.mpifg.de/48858/econ_soc_25-1.pdf

Work In Progress

Li, B*. (2024). Housing Market Resilience in Post-COVID China: Cross-Regional Patterns and Global Comparison. **Working Paper**. Available upon request.

Li, B., Aalbers, M., Kohl, S., & Chen, J. (2024). Navigating Overaccumulation: The Financialization of Social Rented Housing in China. Status: **Revise & Resubmit** at *Environment and Planning A*.

Kohl, S., Li, B.*, & Cui, C. (2024). Housing Segregation in Chinese Major Cities: A K-Nearest Neighbor Analysis of Longitudinal Big Data. **Revise & Resubmit** at *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*.

Jin, C., Li, B.*, Jansen, S. J., Boumeester, H. J., & Boelhouwer, P. J. (2024). Prospect Theory in Migration: Understanding Young Talents' Settlement Intention in China's First-Tier Cities. **Revise & Resubmit** at *Urban Studies*.

Qi, X., Chen, J., Li, B*. (2024). The Financialization and De-financialization of Rental Housing in China: how the state's governance capacity affects financialization. **Revise & Resubmit** at *International Journal of Housing Policy*.

Jin, C., Li, B.*, Jansen, S. J., Boumeester, H. J., & Boelhouwer, P. J. (2024). Beyond Economics: Unravelling the Psychological and Socio-Demographic Factors Shaping Home Purchase Intentions among Young Talents in China's First-Tier Cities. **Revise & Resubmit** at *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*.

Wen, J., Li, B.*, Jansen, S. J., van der Heijden, H. & Boelhouwer, P. (2024). Leaving Intention of Recent Migrants across Urban Hierarchies: The Role of Housing, Employment and Amenities. **Revise & Resubmit** at *Cities*.

Liu, Z., Qian, Q., Li, B.*, & Visscher, H. (2024). Dutch Householders' Intentions to Adopt Shallow Geothermal Systems for Energy Transition of Existing Buildings: A Theory of Planned Behavior Approach. Status: **Revise & Resubmit** at *Energy & Buildings*.

Li, B., Jin, C, Shao, Q., Kohl S. (2025). Climate Risk Capitalization in Emerging Markets: Spatial Panel Analysis of Flood Vulnerability and Property Valuation in Chinese Urban Housing Markets. Status: **Abstract Submitted** to *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*

ANALYTICAL APPROACHES

Historical Comparative Analysis; Geospatial Big Data Analysis; Structural Equation Modelling; Social Network Analysis; Qualitative Research; In-depth Interview; Questionnaire Design

IT SOFTWARE SKILLS

R, GIS, STATA, SPSS, AMOS, UCINET, ATLAS.TI

CONFERENCES & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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|-----------------|---|
| August, 2024 | Housing Segregation Trends in China: A K-Nearest Neighbor Analysis of Online Ads, on European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) conference in Delft |
| June, 2024 | Navigating Overaccumulation: The Financialization of Social Rented Housing in China, on Financialization of Social Housing workshop in Brussels |
| December, 2023 | Promoting the Private Rented Sector in Metropolitan China: Key Challenges and Solutions, on Housing in Contemporary China workshop in Amsterdam |
| September, 2022 | How do the management practices of landlords influence renters' housing experiences, on European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) conference in Barcelona |
| June, 2022 | Improving residential satisfaction of private tenants in megacities: lessons for policy makers. Invited lecture by the Taoyuan Municipal Government's Residential Development Office of Taiwan, June 2022 |
| March, 2022 | Understanding the management practices of private landlords in China, ENHR Young Researchers Online Seminar |

HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2025 | Marie Curie Fellow, EU Commission |
| 2024 | Rubicon Fellow, Dutch Research Council (NWO) |
| 2018 | Excellent Postgraduate, Chongqing University |
| 2018 | Full Scholarship for Postgraduate, Chongqing University |
| 2017 | National Scholarship of Postgraduate (Top 1%), Ministry of Education of P. R. China |
| 2017 | Full Scholarship for Postgraduate, Chongqing University |
| 2016 | Full Scholarship for Postgraduate, Chongqing University |
| 2015 | Outstanding Student, Sichuan University |
| 2013 | The third place in the Business Innovation Competition, Sichuan University |
| 2012 | Comprehensive Merit Scholarship, Sichuan University |