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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"  
*Committee:* Peter Boelhouwer (Promotor), Jie Chen, Can Cui, Marja Elsinga, Marietta Haffner, Shenjing He, Harry van der Heijden (Co-promotor)
- 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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| <b>2024.03-Present</b> | <b>Researcher</b>    | Department of Sociology, John F. Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Free University of Berlin  |
| <b>2023.05-2024.02</b> | <b>Postdoc</b>       | Department of Management in the Built Environment, Faculty of Architecture and Built Environment, Delft University of Technology                              |
| <b>2018.09-2023.04</b> | <b>PhD Candidate</b> | 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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|------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>2026.06-2028.06</b> | <b>Principal Investigator</b> | Foreign Real Estate Investment, Housing Affordability, and Regulations: A Comparative Political Economy Analysis of 50 Countries ( <b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship</b> funded by EU Commission, € 217,965) |
| <b>2024.03-Present</b> | <b>Principal Investigator</b> | Financialization of Rental Housing: A Historical Comparative Global Study ( <b>Rubicon Fellowship</b> funded by Dutch Research Council, € 144,140)  |

## TEACHING & SUPERVISION

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| <b>2025.09-2026.03</b> | <b>Lecturer (Scheduled)</b>              | Course: Housing in Urban Sociology and Urban Planning<br>JFK Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany    |
| <b>2024.04-2024.07</b> | <b>Teaching Assistant &amp; Lecturer</b> | Introduction to Comparative-historical Housing Sociology<br>JFK Institute, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany |
| <b>2023.04-Present</b> | <b>PhD Co-supervisor</b>                 | Title: Migration and Housing Market in Polycentric Mega City-Regions. TU Delft                               |

<b>2023.04-Present</b>	<b>PhD Co-supervisor</b>	Title: Aspire, Adapt, Anchor: Young Talents' Migration and Housing Decisions in China's Metropolitan Cities. TU Delft
<b>2022.06</b>	<b>Teaching Assistant</b>	Professor Lecture Series Summer School TU Delft; For master students and professionals

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

<b>2023.06-Present</b>	<b>Associate Editor</b>	Journal of Urban Management
<b>2023.07-Present</b>	<b>Associate Editor</b>	Humanities & Social Sciences Communications
<b>2023-Present</b>	<b>Organizing Committee Member</b>	European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) Conference 2024 in Delft
<b>2019-Present</b>	<b>Reviewer</b>	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.,** Aalbers, M., Kohl, S., & Chen, J. (Forthcoming). Navigating Overaccumulation: The Financialization of Social Rented Housing in China. *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*.
- Kohl, S., **Li, B.\***, & Cui, C. (2025). Housing Segregation in Chinese Major Cities: A K-Nearest Neighbor Analysis of Longitudinal Big Data. *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*. [doi.org/10.1016/j.compenvurbsys.2025.102326](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.compenvurbsys.2025.102326)
- 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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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.
- 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. **Under Review** at *Population, Space and Place*.
- 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.\*, Jin, C. & 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*.

## 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

July, 2025	Navigating Overaccumulation: The Financialization of Social Rented Housing in China, on International Conference on China Urban Development in <b>London</b>
June, 2025	The Fiscal-Property Nexus: How Local Government Finance Shapes Housing Market Resilience During China's Real Estate Downturn Asian-Pacific Network for Housing Research (APNHR) conference, <b>Beijing</b>
June, 2025	The Fiscal-Property Nexus: How Local Government Finance Shapes Housing Market Resilience During China's Real Estate Downturn, Urban China Research Network (UCRN) conference in <b>Chengdu. Best Paper Award</b>
August, 2024	Housing Segregation Trends in China: A K-Nearest Neighbor Analysis of Online Ads, on European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) conference in <b>Delft</b>
June, 2024	Navigating Overaccumulation: The Financialization of Social Rented Housing in China, on Financialization of Social Housing workshop in <b>Brussels</b>
December, 2023	Promoting the Private Rented Sector in Metropolitan China: Key Challenges and Solutions, on Housing in Contemporary China workshop in <b>Amsterdam</b>
September, 2022	How do the management practices of landlords influence renters' housing experiences, on European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) conference in <b>Barcelona</b>
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

2025	<b>Best Paper Award for Junior Scholars, Urban China Research Network (UCRN)</b>
2025	<b>Marie Curie Fellow, EU Commission</b>
2024	<b>Rubicon Fellow, Dutch Research Council (NWO)</b>
2018	Excellent Postgraduate, Chongqing University
2018	Full Scholarship for Postgraduate, Chongqing University
2017	<b>National Scholarship of Postgraduate (Top 1%), Ministry of Education of P. R. China</b>
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