

# Sonia Yuhui Zhang

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## EDUCATION

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**The New School for Social Research, New York, the United States**

Expected June 2020

*M.A. Anthropology*

- > Recipient of **NSSR Merit Scholarship**

**University of Oxford, Oxford, the United Kingdom**

September 2017

*B.A. Human Sciences*

- > Awarded **Gibbs Prize** for outstanding academic performance
- > Dissertation Title: *Why does place matter? An anthropological and geographical investigation into the sense of belonging*
- > Key modules: Anthropology | Human Ecology | Evolutionary Genetics | Demography | Statistics | Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology

**University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan**

July 2016

*Exchange Student at Sustainable Urban Management Summer School*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**New Austral Centre for Social Development, Guangzhou, China**

September 2017 – June 2018

*Research Assistant*

- > Authored a literature review on rural development in China for public readership
- > Carried out ethnographic research at a rural high-school regarding literacy and language learning
- > Designed and conducted in-depth interviews with students on internal migration of family members
- > Condensed research materials into a report to inform NGO workers about local education resource

**Field Camp of Youth Social Leaders, Yunnan, China**

July – August 2017

*Full Participant*

- > Researched and presented on the philosophical and methodological foundations of social research
- > Organised and led two workshops on research methods and academic writing
- > Independently conducted a three-week ethnographic research project in Shaxi Town, Yunnan Province, China
- > Composed a 9000-word ethnographic report

**Department of Social Policy and Intervention, Oxford, the United Kingdom** April – August 2016

*Transcriber*

- > Joined Professor Stuart Gietel-Basten's team researching on childlessness in contemporary Britain
- > Collected and transcribed qualitative and quantitative data from 40 surveys

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## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

**Zhang, S.**, *Encountering Tourism: An Exploration of Agency, Identity and Rural Development in Southwest China*. Published on Wechat Official Account "Field Camp of Youth Social Leaders".

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## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**Prayog Education, Oxford, the United Kingdom**

January – September 2016

*Secretary*

- > Built partnership with schools in rural India and Nepal
- > Designed projects to improve education quality by IT technology

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**KnowYourself Educational Technology Ltd., Beijing, China**

July – September 2017

*Intern Editor*

- > Designed and conducted interviews with 15 individuals about their biographies and perspectives on public psychology
- > Enhanced readership by Independently operating and editing articles for NetEase official account

**Shenwan & Hongyuan Securities Co. Ltd., Shanghai, China**

August – September 2015

*Intern Analyst Assistant*

- > Collated and updated database of financial products from various securities companies and produced weekly reports
- > Assisted with fund product design and contract modification
- > Researched and participated in marketing of M&A fund products

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## **LANGUAGES**

- > Chinese Mandarin (Native)
- > English (Proficient)
- > Japanese (Intermediate)

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## **IT SKILLS**

- > R Programming; Python