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Education Ph.D. in Sociology, The University of Hong Kong (HKU) 2023 – Present
· Visiting Student, University of Helsinki Sept - Oct 2024

M.Phil. in Demography, Renmin University of China (RUC) 2020 – 2023

B.Sc. in Statistics, Minzu University of China (MUC) 2016 – 2020
· Minor in Sociology, School of Ethnology and Sociology

External Training

- Summer Institute in Computational Social Science - Lingnan 2025
- SYSU Workshop on Artificial Societies and Computational Social Science 2025
- UMacau-NJNU Corpus and Digital Humanities Summer School 2025, 2024

Research Fields - Demography, Social Epidemiology, Sociology of Work
Interests Methods - Quantitative and Computational Methods

Publications ‡ indicates contributed equally to the work. † indicates (co)corresponding author.

In English

7. Tarani Chandola, Stephanie Cahill, **Wanying Ling**, Meena Kumari. 2025. “[Measuring Resilience to Chronic Pain in Population Surveys Using Hair Cortisol](#).” *Psychological Medicine*. 55: e201.

6. Tarani Chandola, **Wanying Ling**, Patrick Rouxel. 2025. “[Short communication: Are Anxious Mondays associated with HPA-axis dysregulation? A Longitudinal Study of Older Adults in England](#).” *Journal of Affective Disorders*. 389:119611
· Awarded [the 2025 Pineapple Science Awards](#)

5. **Wanying Ling**, Senhu Wang, Zhuofei Lu. 2025. “[Working Time Mismatch and Employee Subjective Well-being Across Institutional Contexts: A Job Quality Perspective](#)”. *Work, Employment and Society*. 39(2):470–95.

4. Ya Guo, **Wanying Ling**, Wen Fan, Senhu Wang. 2025. “[Work-Schedule Instability and Workers’ Health and Wellbeing Across Different Socioeconomic Strata in China](#).” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*. 95:101008.

	<p>3. Wanying Ling, Senhu Wang, Shuanglong Li. 2024. “Diversity Patterns in Non-Standard Employment and Their Relationship with Self-Rated Health in Urban China from 2010 to 2021.” <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>. 348:116827.</p> <p>· Featured Article by Social Science & Medicine Authors in China</p>
	<p>2. Zhuofei Lu, Senhu Wang, Wanying Ling[†], Ya Guo. 2023. “Gig Work and Mental Health during the Covid-19 pandemic: A Gendered Examination of Comparisons with Regular Employment and Unemployment.” <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>. 337:116281.</p>
	<p>1. Senhu Wang, Wanying Ling, Zhuofei Lu et al. 2022. “Can Volunteering Buffer the Negative Impacts of Unemployment and Economic Inactivity on Mental Health? Longitudinal Evidence from the United Kingdom.” <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i>. 19(11):6809.</p>
<i>In Chinese</i>	<p>1. Wanying Ling, Sizhan Cui. 2025. “The Limits of Replication: The Possibility and Feasibility of Silicon Samples” <i>Journal of Intelligent Society</i>. 4(2):172-193.</p>
Manuscripts Under Review	<p>Manuscripts available on request.</p> <p>Wanying Ling, Senhu Wang, Qi Xu. “Are Large Language Model-Generated Survey Respondents Feasible? Evidence from a Cross-National Factorial Survey Experiment on Fertility Intentions.”</p> <p>Wanying Ling, Tarani Chandola, Senhu Wang. “Stock and Flow Wealth in Ideal Spouse Perceptions: Comparative Evidence from East Asia.”</p> <p>Jiaowei Gong[‡], Wanying Ling[‡], Yang Zhang. “Gendered Wealth and Depression in China: The Symbolic and Economic Dimensions.”</p>
<i>In Preparation</i>	<p>Wanying Ling, Tarani Chandola, Sizhan Cui, Weidong Wang, Vivian WQ Lou. “Gendered Patterns of Caring for Parents with Functional Limitations and Mental Health among Married Adults in China.”</p> <p>“Working-time Mismatch and Workers’ Health and Well-Being across Institutional Contexts (Doctoral Dissertation).”</p>
Conference Presentations	<p>“Stock and Flow Wealth in Ideal Spouse Perceptions: Comparative Evidence from East Asia” 2025-26 Tri-University Conference: Social Change and Social Inequality in East Asia, Tokyo, Japan (Jan 2026). Oral.</p>

“How Can Silicon Samples ‘Feasible’? Evidence from Factorial Survey Experiments.” Subforum on ‘Generative Artificial Intelligence and Sociological Knowledge Production’ Annual Meeting of the Chinese Sociological Association, Chengdu, China (July 2025). Oral; Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong SAR (Dec 2025). Oral

“The Wealthier, The Psychologically Healthier? Assets, Debt, and Depression in Urban and Rural China.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, USA (Apr 2025). Poster; and the 30th International Population Conference, Brisbane, Australia (Jul 2025). Oral.

“The Biological Consequences of Social Isolation and Loneliness.” SLLS Annual International Conference, Essex, United Kingdom (Sept 2024). Poster.

“Expansion or compression? Investigating healthy life expectancy of Chinese older adults from a life course perspective.” Annual China Population Society Conference, Taiyuan, China (Jul 2023). Oral.

“Measuring Marital Stability: An Application of the Single-declining Life Table Approach.” Annual China Population Society Conference, Guiyang, China (Jul 2021); and 13th National Postgraduate Forum on Population and Development, Tianjin, China (Jun 2021, Online). Oral.

Teaching Experience

Guest Lecture, SOWK 3099 Population and Development Oct & Mar 2025
Lecturer: Dr. Lei Chai, Department of Social Work, HKU

Teaching Assistant, SOCI 2030 Quantitative Research Methods 2026
Lecturer: Dr. Satoshi Araki, Department of Sociology, HKU

Teaching Assistant, SOCI 2010/3010 Education and Society 2024, 2025
Lecturer: Dr. Satoshi Araki, Department of Sociology, HKU

Teaching Assistant, Social Research Methods Mar 2021 - Jun 2021
Lecturer: Prof. Chengrong Duan, Department of Demography, RUC

Professional Service

Ad hoc Reviewer

BMC Public Health, Studies in Family Planning, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, Journal of Happiness Studies, Social Psychology Quarterly, Social Science & Medicine, Socius, The Journals of Gerontology Series B, The Sociological Quarterly, Work Employment and Society

Membership

China Population Association 2022 - Present
Hong Kong Sociological Association 2025 - Present

Work and Family Researchers Network	2026 - Present
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population	2024 - Present
To Public Sociology & Demography	
Editor, <i>Global Sociology Digest</i> - WeChat Public Accounts	2025 - Present