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## 🎓 EDUCATION

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**The Australian National University**, Canberra, Australia

07/2021 – Present

*Doctor of Philosophy*

- Project title: From point-to-pixel: understanding spatiotemporal scaling to improve soil moisture modelling capability through the utilisation of satellite observations

**The Australian National University**, Canberra, Australia

07/2018 – 08/2020

*Master of Environment (Advanced)*

- GPA: 6.56/7.00 (First Class Honours Equivalent); Activity: ANU Student Research Conference

**Southwest University**, Chongqing, China

09/2014 – 06/2018

*Bachelor of Land Resource Management*

- GPA: 83/100; Activity: Summer Program in Environmental Science (University of British Columbia, 2017)

## 🧰 EXPERIENCES

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**ANU Institute for Water Futures** Canberra, Australia

01/2021 – Present

*Research Officer* Supervisor: Dr. Luigi Renzullo

*Project: Data Assimilation into the AWRA-CMS for improved operational and forecast modelling*

- Processing continent-scale remote sensing (RS) and soil grid data acquired from NASA, USGS and CSIRO. Establishing machine learning models by using packages from Python and R (e.g. scikit-learn and randomForest). Familiar with essential Linux commands and utilising programming modules from Gadi (a supercomputer located in the ANU campus) to complete research tasks.
- Undertaking testing and statistical analysis as required and preparing and disseminating relevant analysis reports to internal and external stakeholders, including external funding agencies.
- Participating in workshops and professional networks across campus to develop a broad base of industry knowledge, and providing input to improve the area's research practices and processes.

## 📖 PUBLICATIONS

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[1] **Yu, Y.**, Xu, T. and Wang, T., 2020. Outmigration Drives Cropland Decline and Woodland Increase in Rural Regions of Southwest China, *Land*, 9(11), p.443. (IF=2.43)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/land9110443>

- I'm the primary and corresponding author. My contributions include conceptualisation, development of methodologies, data acquisition, analyses, draft writing and editing, and final review.

[2] Wang, T., Yan, J., Cheng, X. and **Yu, Y.**, 2020. Irrigation Influencing Farmers' Perceptions of Temperature and Precipitation: A Comparative Study of Two Regions of the Tibetan Plateau, *Sustainability*, 12(19), p.8164. (IF=2.58) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/su12198164>

- Contributions include conceptualisation, part of data analyses, part of draft writing and editing.

[3] Wang, T., **Yu, Y.**, Yang, X. and Yan, J. Fine-scale population mapping in Tibetan Plateau by using the ensemble machine learning approach, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, Under Review. (IF=7.25)

- Contributions include conceptualisation, part of data analyses, draft writing and editing, and final review.

## DESCRIPTIONS OF MOST SIGNIFICANT PUBLICATIONS

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### **[1] Outmigration Drives Cropland Decline and Woodland Increase in Rural Regions of Southwest China**

- Used a case study in southwest China to investigate how regional land use patterns have been changed in the context of rural outmigration and assessed the resulting dynamics on local society, agriculture, and the ecological environment. Data from multiple sources (e.g. climatic datasets, statistics and NDVI) were utilised to conduct a comprehensive assessment.
- The results implied that vegetation improvement can occur in the context of depopulation and farmland reduction, which didn't significantly threaten local agriculture. It could be a good choice to allow those high-slope and biophysically poor farmlands to undergo natural ecological evolution rather than cultivation.
- This study provided new insights and more realistic scenarios for rural development. The findings are expected to provide a better understanding to enable sustainable land use management in southwest China.

### **[2] Irrigation Influencing Farmers' Perceptions of Temperature and Precipitation - A Comparative Study of Two Regions of the Tibetan Plateau**

- Compared farmers' perceptions of temperature and precipitation change with meteorological data in two regions of the Tibetan Plateau and analysed how irrigation affects farmers' perceptions. Data were obtained from local meteorological stations and household questionnaires (N = 1005)
- This study found that farmers' perception of temperature change was consistent with meteorological data, but there was an obvious difference in precipitation perception between the two regions. The results also showed that irrigation facilities played a mediating role on precipitation perception and farmers having access to irrigation facilities were more likely to perceive increased precipitation.
- Provided suggestions to farmers and local governments that meteorological data and farmers' perceptions should be integrated when developing policies, and the consequences of climate change should be publicised to improve farmers' abilities of risk perception

### **[3] Fine-scale population mapping in Tibetan Plateau by using the ensemble machine learning approach**

- Employed multiple machine learning models, including three individual model methods (random forest, XGBoost, and Cubist) and two multi-model ensemble methods (weighted average ensemble and stacking ensemble), to spatialise the population data of the Tibetan Plateau to a 30m-grid map
- Conducted an accuracy assessment which indicated that the spatialisation results of all models were better than the WorldPop dataset, a well-known and reliable database. The results help to provide accurate and detailed population grid data for various studies and a new method for the spatialisation of statistical data about the plateau region.

## **★ HONOURS & AWARDS**

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- ANU University Research Scholarship
- CSIRO Digital Agriculture PhD Supplementary Scholarship
- Institute for Water Futures Supplementary Scholarship
- ANU Unilodge Senior Resident Scholarship
- MaxDream Achiever Scholarship 2020

## **i SKILLS & CERTIFICATES**

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- **Software Packages:** ArcGIS; EndNote; Linux Terminal; Origin; Google Earth Engine; LaTeX
- **Certificates:** First Aid Certificate; Youth Mental Health First Aider
- **Programming Languages:** Python (Expert); R; Shell Script

## **REFERENCES**

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- References available on request.