

ANTHONY J. SPIRES

Curriculum Vitae (February 2024)

Deputy Associate Dean International – China, Faculty of Arts
Associate Professor, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies
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EDUCATION

Yale University 2007
Ph.D., Department of Sociology

Dissertation Title: “China’s Un-Official Civil Society: The Development of Grassroots
NGOs in an Authoritarian State”

* *Awarded Distinction*

* *Awarded the 2010 Marvin B. Sussman Dissertation Prize*

Dissertation Committee: Deborah Davis (Advisor), Kai Erikson, Ronald Eyerman

Yale University
M.Phil., Department of Sociology 2005
M.A., Department of Sociology 2001
M.A., East Asian Studies (Concentration: Chinese Studies) 1998

Occidental College 1992
A.B., Asian Studies (Concentration: Chinese Studies)

Beijing University, Nanjing University 1990-1991
Study abroad with Council on International Educational Exchanges
Intensive training in Chinese language

AFS Exchange Year in Australia 1987-1988
High School Year Abroad in Tamworth, New South Wales, Australia

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Deputy Associate Dean International – China, Faculty of Arts, The University of Melbourne
February 2024 - Present

Assistant Deputy Vice-Chancellor International – China, The University of Melbourne
August 2023 – January 2024

Associate Professor, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, The University of Melbourne
January 2023 – Present

Senior Lecturer, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, The University of Melbourne
January 2018 – December 2022

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
August 2013 – December 2017

Director, Centre for Social Innovation Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
August 2015 – August 2017

Adjunct Research Fellow, Sun Yat-sen University School of Philanthropy
2011 – 2017

Graduate Division Head, Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
August 2016 – July 2017

Associate Director, Centre for Civil Society Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
February 2008 – July 2015

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
August 2007 – July 2013

Assistant Editor, YaleGlobal Online 2002-2004
Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, Yale University

Alliance for Life-Long Learning 2002-2004
Pedagogy, Training, and Support Leader 2002
Moderator Mentor

Academic Director 2001-2002
KoJen English Language Schools (formerly ELSI Taiwan), Taipei, Taiwan

Yale Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University
Graduate Coordinator, Central Asia Summer Seminar 1999
Academic Director, China Summer Institute 1998

Freelance Language Consultant 1992-2007

Occidental College

Director, Multicultural Residence Hall	1991-1992
Counselor, Upward Bound Pilot Program	1990
Assistant Coordinator, Volunteer and Community Services Center	1990

FORTHCOMING BOOKS

Everyday Democracy: Civil Society, Youth, and the Struggle against Authoritarian Culture in China, a sole-authored book manuscript in publication with Columbia University Press. (Forthcoming in 2024)

Global Civil Society and China, a sole-authored book manuscript in publication with Cambridge University Press. (Forthcoming in 2024)

BOOKS UNDER CONTRACT

Varieties of Civil Society in Asia, co-edited volume (with Akihiro Ogawa) under contract with Routledge.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Spires, Anthony J., and Akihiro Ogawa, eds. 2022. *Authoritarianism and Civil Society in Asia*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Spires, Anthony J. 2022. "Built on Shifting Sands: INGOs and Their Survival in China." Pp. 218-234 in *Authoritarianism and Civil Society in Asia*, edited by A. J. Spires and A. Ogawa. New York, NY: Routledge.

Spires, Anthony J., and Akihiro Ogawa. 2022. "Introduction – Civil Society in Asia: Challenging and Navigating the Boundaries of Authoritarianism." Pp. 1-15 in *Authoritarianism and Civil Society in Asia*, edited by A. J. Spires and A. Ogawa. New York, NY: Routledge.

Spires, Anthony J. and Akihiro Ogawa. 2022. Contributing Editor for "Trajectories of Civil Society in Asia," *Melbourne Asia Review*, 12.

Setiawan, Ken M. P., and Anthony J. Spires. 2021. Co-editors of "Special Issue on Human Rights and Civil Society in Asia: Challenges and Opportunities." *Asian Studies Review* 45(1).

Setiawan, Ken M. P., and Anthony J. Spires. 2021. "Global Concepts, Local Meanings: How Civil Society Interprets and Uses Human Rights in Asia." *Asian Studies Review* 45(1):1–12.

Lai, Weijun, and Anthony J. Spires. 2021. "Marketization and Its Discontents: Unveiling the Impacts of Foundation-Led Venture Philanthropy on Grassroots NGOs in China." *The China Quarterly* (245):72–93.

- Spires, Anthony J. 2021. Contributing Editor for “Human Rights and Civil Society in Asia,” *Melbourne Asia Review*, 6.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2021. “Questions and Challenges for Civil Society and Human Rights in Asia,” *Melbourne Asia Review*, 6: 1-5.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2020. “Regulation as Political Control: China’s First Charity Law and Its Implications for Civil Society.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 49(3):571–88.
- Dai, Jingyun, and Anthony J. Spires. 2020. “Grassroots NGOs and Environmental Advocacy in China.” Pp. 225–38 in *Greening East Asia, The Rise of the Eco-developmental State*, edited by A. Esarey, M. A. Haddad, J. I. Lewis, and S. Harrell. Seattle: University of Washington Press.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2018. “Chinese Youth and Alternative Narratives of Volunteering.” *China Information* 32(2):203-23.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2018. “China.” Pp. 49-65 in *Routledge Handbook on Civil Society in Asia*, edited by Akihiro Ogawa. New York, NY: Routledge.
- Dai, Jingyun and Anthony J. Spires. 2018. “Advocates in an Authoritarian State: How Grassroots ENGOs Influence the Government in China.” *The China Journal*, no. 79, pp. 62–83.
- Lai, Weijun, Jiangang Zhu, Lin Tao, and Anthony J. Spires. 2015. “Bounded by the State: Government Priorities and the Development of Private Philanthropic Foundations in China.” *The China Quarterly*, vol. 224, pp. 1083-1092.
- Spires, Anthony J., Lin Tao, and Kin-man Chan. 2014. “Societal Support for China’s Grassroots NGOs: Evidence from Yunnan, Guangdong and Beijing.” *The China Journal*, no. 71, pp. 65-90.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2012. “Lessons from Abroad: Foreign Influences on China’s Emerging Civil Society.” *The China Journal*, no. 68, pp. 125-146.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2011. “Contingent Symbiosis and Civil Society in an Authoritarian State: Understanding the Survival of China’s Grassroots NGOs.” *American Journal of Sociology*, 117(1): 1-45.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2011. “Organizational Homophily in International Grantmaking: US-Based Foundations and their Grantees in China.” *Journal of Civil Society*, 7(3): 305-331.
- Erni, John N. and Anthony Spires. 2005. “The Formation of a Queer-imagined Community in Post-Martial Law Taiwan.” Pp. 225-252 in John Erni and Chua Siew Keng (eds.), *Asian Media Studies: Politics of Subjectivities*. Malden, Mass.: Blackwell Publishers.
- Erni, John Nguyet and Anthony J. Spires. 2001. “Glossy Subjects: G&L Magazine and ‘Tongzhi’ Cultural Visibility in Taiwan.” *Sexualities*, 4(1): 25-49.

REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Spires, Anthony J. 2022. Book Review of Hsu, Szu-chien, Kellee S. Tsai, and Chun-chih Chang, (eds.), “Evolutionary Governance in China: State-Society Relations under Authoritarianism” *The China Journal* 87, 114-116.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2021. Book Review of Katja Levy and Knut Benjamin Pissler, “Charity with Chinese Characteristics: Chinese Charitable Foundations between the Party-state and Society,” *The China Quarterly*, 248(1), 1227-1229.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2021. [“What Future for International NGOs in China? A China File Conversation.”](#) *China File*. November 24.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2019. Book Review of Stephen Noakes, “The Advocacy Trap: Transnational Activism and State Power in China,” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, vol. 79 no. 1, pp. 252-253.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2015. Book Review of Jennifer Ryan, Lincoln C. Chen, and Tony Saich (eds.), “Philanthropy for Health in China,” *The China Quarterly*, vol. 222, pp. 567-569.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2014. Book Review of Jie Chen, “Transnational Civil Society in China: Intrusion and Impact,” *The China Journal*, no. 71, pp. 229-231.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2012 (March 28). “US Foundations Boost Chinese Government, Not NGOs,” *YaleGlobal Online*. Reprinted by *The South China Morning Post*, *The Khaleej Times*, and *The Epoch Times*. Translated and published in Chinese on the Fudan University/YaleGlobal Online website.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2010. Book Review of Jonathan Unger (ed.), “Associations and the Chinese State: Contested Spaces,” *China Perspectives* 2010/4.
- Spires, Anthony J. 2004 (May 14). “Some Chinese See Positive Lessons in Iraqi ‘Torture Gate’,” *YaleGlobal Online*. Reprinted in English by *The International Herald Tribune*, *The Straits Times*, *The Jakarta Post*, *The Asian Age*, and *The Korea Herald*. Reprinted in Chinese in *The Epoch Times*, *Renminbao*, and *Secret China News*.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Grants

Ford Foundation (2021-2023), for the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies to conduct collaborative research on local engagement within Indonesia for Chinese investment projects and to organise a network of scholars for sharing China knowledge in the Southeast Asia and Pacific, for the sum of US\$250,000. Chief Investigator.

National Foundation for Australia-China Relations (2021-2022), for the Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, “Engaging Digitally With Chinese International Students To Promote Australian International Education,” for the sum of AUD \$90,000. Chief Investigator.

Resona Foundation for Asia and Oceania (2021-2022), International Academic Exchange Grant, JPY1.9 million (with Akihiro Ogawa).

Taiwan Collaboration Fund (CUHK, 2016-17), to support special lectures and student field visit to Taiwan as part of new undergraduate course on “Civil Society in Comparative Perspective,” for the sum of HK\$60,000 (US\$7,700).

“Global Civil Society and China: Making Sense of International Nongovernmental Organizations in an Authoritarian State,” Hong Kong Research Grants Council, General Research Fund, for the sum of HK\$1.02 million (US\$131,500; including CUHK HK\$20,000 top-up grant; excluding on-costs), from September 2013 through August 2016. Principal Investigator.

“Information Session for Hong Kong-based NGO Practitioners and Policymakers,” OXFAM Hong Kong, May 2015, for the sum of HK\$70,232 (USD\$9,060).

“Civil Society and the Transformation of Authoritarian Regimes,” PROCORE-France/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme (2012-2013), with Chloe Froissart, for the sum of 9,500 Euros (US\$12,500).

“A National Survey of the Development Situation of Private Foundations in China.” Sponsored by the China Private Foundation Forum (*Zhongguo Feigongmu Jijinhui Fazhan Luntan*), during the period June 2012 to October 2012, for the sum of RMB 250,000 (US\$40,000). With Tao Lin (CUHK Centre for Civil Society Studies) and colleagues at the Sun Yat-sen University Center on Philanthropy (Guangzhou, China). First Co-Investigator.

“Chinese NGOs as Incubators of Democratic Culture?” Sponsored by the South China Program Research Grant of CUHK Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, during the period October 2010 to September 2012, for the sum of HK\$90,000 (US\$11,550). Principal Investigator.

“Grounding Global Civil Society: US Grantmakers and Their Impact on China” (SS07315). Sponsored by Direct Grants, CUHK Research Committee Funding, during the period May 2008 to May 2010, for the sum of HK\$69,080 (US\$8,865). Principal Investigator.

“Building CUHK the Most Influential Institute for Civil Society Studies in China: A Proposal to Establish Centre for Civil Society (CSS).” Funding from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, awarded 2007, for support from 2008-2010, HK \$2,000,000 (US \$258,000). Co-Investigator.

Fellowships and Awards

Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, Academic Writing Residency, for project entitled “Developing Democratic Culture in Chinese NGOs”, July–August, 2013.

Recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, given by the American Sociological Association’s Political Sociology Section, for the article “Contingent Symbiosis and Civil Society in an Authoritarian State: Understanding the Survival of China’s Grassroots NGOs” (2011, *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 117, no. 1, pp. 1-45).

CUHK High-Impact Scholarship Award (2011-2012), including a HK\$50,000 (US\$6,450) research grant, for the article “Contingent Symbiosis and Civil Society in an Authoritarian State: Understanding the Survival of China’s Grassroots NGOs” (2011, *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 117, no. 1, pp. 1-45).

National Committee on United States-China Relations, 2011-2013 Public Intellectuals Program (PIP) Fellow

Recipient of the 2010 Marvin B. Sussman Dissertation Prize, Department of Sociology, Yale University

Earlier Grants and Fellowships

Yale Council on East Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2006-2007; Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, 2005-2006; Yale Council on East Asian Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2004-2005; Cheng Lee Fellowship, 1998-2001; Charles Kao Fund, 2000; Yale Center for International and Area Studies Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 2000; Yale Council on East Asian Studies Summer Travel and Research Grant, 2000; George M. Camp Fund, 1998; 2007 Yale University Fellowship, 1998-2001; Occidental College Scholarship, 1988-1992; Oxy-in-China Scholarship, 1990-1991

SERVICE TO JOURNALS, PUBLISHERS, & GRANT AGENCIES

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Civil Society* (January 2024 – Present)

Occasional reviewer for *Administrative Science Quarterly*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology* (Consulting Editor, 2015-2017), *ASIANetwork Exchange*, *Asian Journal of Social Science*, *Asian Politics and Policies*, *Asian Studies Review*, *Asian Survey*, University of California Press, Columbia University Press, *China-An International Journal*, *The China Journal*, *The China Quarterly*, *The China Review*, *European Journal of Development Research*, *Gender Technology and Development*, The Hong Kong Research Grants Council, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, *Modern China*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, Oxford University Press, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Protest*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Forces*, The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, *Social Science Research*, *Sociological Theory*, *Sociology of Development*, Stanford University Press, *Theory and Society*, Temple University Press

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Challenges and Strategies.” Invited Presentation at “Studying China in Asia Workshop,” The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong). January 8, 2024.

“Chinese Civil Society and the (Re)Production of Hegemonic Authoritarianism.” Invited Presentation at The Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy, The University of Toronto. January 18, 2023.

“The Authoritarian Society.” Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. August 2022. (Accepted to Political Sociology Panel but declined due to Covid.)

- “INGOs in China.” Invited Seminar at the *Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of Universitas Airlangga* (Indonesia). May 25, 2022. (online)
- “The Authoritarian Society.” Invited Presentation at the University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Social Sciences (online). Hong Kong. November 3, 2021.
- Invited Commentator on *Voluntas* Special Issue Lead Article, “The Changing Space for NGOs: Civil Society in Authoritarian and Hybrid Regimes,” at a virtual seminar organized by the International Society for Third-Sector Research. Berlin, Germany. November 10, 2020.
- “Civil Society Regulation and Organizational Culture: Reflections on Theory and Practice in China.” Keynote Address at the International Society for Third-Sector Research Asia Pacific 2019 Conference, co-hosted by the Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society, National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) and School of Global Studies, Thammasat University. Bangkok, Thailand. July 15, 2019.
- “Regulation as Political Control: China’s First Charity Law and Its Implications for Civil Society.” Invited Presentation at “Good Life, State and Society,” Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany. December 7, 2018.
- “Youth, Democratic Culture, and Civil Society in China.” Keynote Address at “Voices from East Asia 2.0: Domestic and Transnational Challenges for East Asian Civil Societies,” Ruhr University Bochum, Bochum, Germany. December 5, 2018.
- “Regulation as Political Control: China’s First Charity Law and its Implications for Civil Society.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Austin, USA. November 17, 2018.
- “New Opportunities or Old Obstacles? China’s 2016 Charity Law and its Implications for Civil Society.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, USA. August 14, 2018.
- “Generation Change: Youth and Civic Engagement in mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.” Invited Presentation at “Spring Comes Around Again: Social Movements in Post-Colonial East Asia,” University of California Santa Barbara, USA, May 31, 2018.
- “Democratic Culture and Civil Society in China: A Work in Progress.” Invited Presentation at Hong Kong University Sociology Seminar Series, Hong Kong, Nov. 6, 2017.
- “Advocacy in an Authoritarian State: How Grassroots ENGOs Influence the Government in China.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 12, 2017.
- “No Longer Welcome? China’s New INGO Law and the Road Ahead.” Invited Presentation at “Conference on the Xi Jinping Doctrine,” National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, May 22, 2017.
- “No Longer Welcome? China’s New INGO Law and the Road Ahead,” Invited Presentation at the “Civic Sphere in East Asia” forum, hosted by the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society and Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan, March 27, 2017.
- “Civil Society in China.” Invited Presentation at “Civil Society in Asia: International Conference in Melbourne,” hosted by the University of Melbourne Asia Institute, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, February 2, 2017.
- Panel Discussant at the World Philanthropy Forum, hosted by The Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Tsinghua University, and the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation. Beijing, China. September 5, 2016.
- Discussant and Presider, Roundtable Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, “Social Movement Organizations,” at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington, USA, August 23, 2016.
- “Chinese Youth and Alternative Narratives of Volunteering.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington, USA, August 21, 2016.

- “Grassroots NGOs and Responses to the Charity Law,” Invited Presentation at the Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society forum, “Building Capacity for Civil Society: Scholarly Research,” at the Stanford Center at Peking University, March 18, 2016.
- “China’s Draft Charity Law: Implications for Civil Society.” Presentation at the CUHK University Service Centre for China Studies, Hong Kong, Nov. 27, 2015.
- “Pushing a ‘Foreign Agenda’ in an Authoritarian Regime? INGOs and Government Relations in China.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, USA, August 25, 2015.
- “Rejecting Formalism: Chinese Youth and the Pursuit of Meaningful Volunteering.” Presentation at The 9th International Convention of Asia Scholars, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia, July 7, 2015.
- “Pushing a ‘Foreign Agenda’ in an Authoritarian Regime? INGOs and Government Relations in China.” Conference presentation at the ‘Advancing the Field(s) of Nonprofit Management: New Structures, New Solutions,’ at the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Bloomington, Indiana, USA, April 16, 2015.
- “Changing Norms: University Students and Volunteering in China.” Invited Presentation at the Indiana University East Asian Studies Center, Bloomington, Indiana, USA, April 15, 2015.
- “The Rise of Modern Private Philanthropic Foundations in China.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, USA, August 18, 2014.
- “Changing Culture: Democratic Values and Youth-Led NGOs.” Presentation to the Public Intellectuals Program of the National Committee on US-China Relations, Seattle, USA, August 14, 2014.
- Panel Discussant for Jenny Hodgson, “The Case for Community Foundations,” at the Inaugural Forum on Community Foundations, organized by the School of Philanthropy, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, May 29, 2014.
- Co-Organizer, International Workshop on “New Developments in Chinese Civil Society: Dissent, Networks and Participation”, with Prof. Chloe Froissart, with funding from the French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC) and the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Social Sciences HKJC Excel-3 Program. October 30-31, 2013, Hong Kong.
- “Developing Democratic Culture in Chinese NGOs.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, USA, August 13, 2013.
- “Chinese Civil Society and Democratic Practice.” Presentation to the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center’s Residency Program Fellows, Bellagio, Italy, July 24, 2013.
- “Grassroots NGOs and the Emergence of Civil Society in China.” Invited presentation as the 125th Anniversary Distinguished Alumni Speaker for the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures at Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, USA, March 5, 2013.
- “Establishing a Democratic Culture in Chinese NGOs?” Invited presentation at Rennes 2 University, Rennes, France, February 18, 2013.
- Co-Organizer, Workshop on “Civil Society Development and Transformation of Authoritarian Regimes,” with Prof. Chloe Froissart, at L’École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France, February 15, 2013.
- “The Rise of Philanthropy and Support for Civil Society in China.” Invited presentation at the Center for Chinese Studies, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, USA, October 8, 2012.
- “Who Funds China’s Grassroots NGOs?” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, USA, August 17, 2012.
- “Grassroots NGOs in China: Filling in the Landscape.” Presented at the International Society for Third-Sector Research, Siena, Italy, July 11, 2012.
- “Who is Funding China’s Grassroots NGOs?” Invited presentation at the “International Workshop on Charities and Legitimacy of Organization, Law, Accountability, and Transparency,” Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey, December 13, 2011.

- “Meiguo Jijinhui yu Qi Zhongguo Zizhu Duixiang” (US Foundations and their Chinese Grantees).
Invited speaker, Institute for Civil Society, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, Guangdong,
PRC. October 28, 2011. [In Chinese.]
- “Grassroots NGOs in the Pearl River Delta: An Empirical Overview.” Presented at the conference,
“Social Issues in the Great Pearl River Delta,” CUHK, Hong Kong, March 5, 2011.
- “Learning to be ‘Professional’: Foreign-Funded Training Programs, Study Tours, and China’s
Emerging Civil Society.” Presented at the International Sociological Association World
Congress 2010, Gothenburg, Sweden. July 14, 2010.
- “Democratic Yearnings: The Internal Life of Chinese NGOs and the Cultural Struggle against
Authoritarianism.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological
Association, San Francisco, USA. August 8, 2009.
- “Ideas from Abroad: Global Civil Society and Its Impact on China.” Presented at the PEWS Mini-
conference on “The Social and Natural Limits of Globalization and the Current
Conjuncture,” San Francisco, USA. August 7, 2009.
- “Civil Society in an Authoritarian State: Understanding the Emergence and Survival of China’s
Grassroots NGOs.” Invited presentation at The Center for Contemporary China, National
Tsing Hua University, Hsinchu, Taiwan. April 29, 2009.
- “Ideas from Abroad: Global Civil Society and Its Impact on China.” Invited speaker at National
Taipei University, Taipei, Taiwan. November 28, 2008.
- “Organizational Homophily in International Grantmaking.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the
American Sociological Association, Boston, USA. August 1, 2008.
- “Lessons from Abroad: The Impact of Foreign Funding on Civil Society Development in China.”
Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sociological Association, Vancouver,
Canada. June 5, 2008.
- “Zhongguo Dalu Caogen NGO Fazhan yu Xianzhuang” (The Development and Current Situation of
Grassroots NGOs in Mainland China). Invited speaker, Department of Sociology, National
Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan. September 5, 2006. [In Chinese.]
- “Working around the Law: Grassroots Chinese NGOs and the Issue of Autonomy.” Presented at panel
on “Dynamics of Civil Society in East Asia” at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Association of
Asian Studies, April 9, 2006.
- “Chinese NGOs and the Push for Accountability in a Globalized World.” Presented at the Social Science
Workshop on Contemporary China, Yale University, October 3, 2005.
- “Jumping into the Sea: Entry into Self-Employment During China's Reform Era.” Presented at the
Harvard East Asia Society Graduate Student Conference, Harvard University, February 28,
2004.
- “Glossy Subjects: G&L Magazine and Gay, Lesbian, and Tongzhi Cultural Visibility in Taiwan.”
Presented at the Harvard East Asia Society Graduate Student Conference, Harvard University,
February 20, 1999.

SERVICE TO SCHOOL/FACULTY (UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE)

University Chancellery

Assistant Vice-Chancellor International – China (August 2023 – January 2024)

Asia Institute and Faculty of Arts

Deputy Associate Dean International – China (February 2024 – Present)

Deputy Director, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies (2018 – 2024)

Course Developer, Master of Contemporary Chinese Studies Program (2020-2024)

Research Coordinator (2023)
Course Academic Progress Committee (2022)
AI Research and Research Training Committee, Human Research Ethics (2022)
Faculty of Arts Board (2018; 2020)
Faculty Human Research Ethics Committee (2020)
Coordinator, Asia Institute Public Lectures and Seminars (2020)
Asia Institute Research and Research Training Committee (2020)
Co-Coordinator, Asia Institute Research Cluster on Civil Society (2018-present)
Honours Coordinator, Asia Institute (2018)

Co-Organizer (with Akihiro Ogawa), “Diversities of Civil Society in Asia,” an International Workshop, Dec. 2022, at the University of Melbourne.

Co-Organizer (with Akihiro Ogawa and Jay Song), “Authoritarianism, Democracy, and Civil Society in Asia,” an International Workshop, November 28-29, 2019, at the University of Melbourne Asia Institute.

Co-Organizer (with Ken Setiawan), “New Challenges for Rights Consciousness and Civil Society in Asia,” an International Workshop, October 30-31, 2018, at the University of Melbourne Asia Institute.

SERVICE TO COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (CUHK)

CUHK Department of Sociology Committee Memberships

Head of Sociology Graduate Division. 2016 - 2017

Executive Committee Member. 2015 – 2017

Research Committee Chair. 2015 – 2016

Graduate Studies Committee Member. 2013 – 2015

Admissions Committee. 2010 – 2017

Academic Exchange Committee. 2008-2010

Sub-Committee on Pearl River Delta Research. 2010-2012

Academic Exchange Committee. 2008-2010

Staff-Student Consultation Committee. 2007-2008

Reviewer, Survey and Behavioral Research Ethics Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences. 2015-2016.

Director, Centre for Social Innovation Studies, 2015-2017.

Morningside College Committee Memberships

Admissions and Financial Aid Committee Member. 2009 – 2017.

Visitors Committee Member. 2009-2017.

College Life Committee Member. 2009-2017.

Co-founding Associate Director, Centre for Civil Society Studies, 2008-2015

Organizer and Moderator, “太陽花運動後的台灣公民社會 vs. 雨傘運動後的香港公民社會”

[Taiwanese Civil Society after the Sunflower Movement vs. Hong Kong Civil Society after the Umbrella Movement], A Conversation between Prof. FAN Yun (National Taiwan University Dept. of Sociology) and Prof. Kin-man Chan (CUHK Sociology), November 10, 2016, in the CUHK Sociology Department.

Host and Convener, "The Extraordinary or Ordinary of the Changing Political Process of Taiwan's Civil Society?" Presentation by Prof. FAN Yun (National Taiwan University Dept. of Sociology) November 10, 2016, in the CUHK Sociology Department.

- Host and Convener, Presentation by Prof. FAN Yun (National Taiwan University Dept. of Sociology) April 2016, in the CUHK Sociology Department.
- Organizer, Sharing Session for Junior Faculty (Assistant Professors and Lecturers) on Experiences of the Substantiation/Tenure Review Process. May 11, 2015. CUHK.
- Organizer, Junior Faculty Seminar Series, CUHK Department of Sociology, to nurture community and facilitate scholarly exchange within the department. Fall 2013; Spring and Fall 2009; Spring 2008.
- Presenter, “Sociology at CUHK”, talk for international high school students, Dec. 12, 2012.
- Host and Convener, Presentation by Prof. Thomas Gold (UC Berkeley Dept. of Sociology) on January 11, 2011, in the Department of Sociology, CUHK.
- Host and Convener, Presentation by Prof. Thomas Gold (UC Berkeley Dept. of Sociology) on January 12, 2011, at the CUHK University Services Center.
- Organizer, Cross-University Sociology Junior Faculty Seminar Series, to nurture community and facilitate scholarly exchange between junior sociologists at all Hong Kong universities. Spring 2010.
- Presenter, Orientation Day Admission Talk, “What is Sociology?” Oct. 10, 2009; Oct. 9, 2010. CUHK.
- Host Supervisor for Eli Friedman, PhD Candidate in Sociology at the University of California at Berkeley, during his tenure at CUHK as a recipient of the Global Scholarship for Research Excellence. Nov. – Dec. 2009.

EXTERNAL / PUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, The University of Melbourne. Organizer and Chair, “Tongzhi/同志/LGBTQIA+ Activism in China,” May 20, 2022, public seminar at the University of Melbourne (online).
- Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, The University of Melbourne. Public seminar. “China’s First Charity Law and its Implications for Civil Society.” October 4, 2018.
- Center for Asian Philanthropy and Society, Invited Speaker. “Civil Society in China: A Brief Overview.” October 12, 2017.
- Consulting Editor, *The American Journal of Sociology*. 2015 – 2017.
- Award Committee Member, Asia and Asian America Section of the American Sociological Association 2017 Awards Committee, Book Award on Asia/Transnational.
- Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Invited Speaker at Pre-Departure Orientation for Inaugural Richard Rockefeller Fellowship Recipients. Beijing, China. September 7, 2016.
- Research-based Feedback on the PRC Charity Law (Draft Two), “关于《中华人民共和国慈善法》(草案)(二次审议稿修改稿)的意见反馈”(In Chinese only) February 29, 2016. Online via: <http://anthonyjspires.weebly.com/charity-law-in-china.html>
- Research-based Feedback on the PRC Foreign NGO Law (Draft Two), “关于《中华人民共和国境外非政府组织管理法》(草案)(二次审议稿)的意见反馈”(Feedback and Suggestions on the “Overseas NGO Management Law of the People’s Republic of China (Draft)” (Second reading)) May 15, 2015. In Chinese and English online via: <http://anthonyjspires.weebly.com/ingos-in-china>
- Mentor to Junior Faculty, ASA Political Economy of the World System Section. 2015 – 2016.
- Yale-China Association, Invited Speaker for Teaching Fellows Orientation. “China’s Proposed ‘Overseas NGO’ Management Law – Background and Implications” Hong Kong, August 19, 2015.

- ZeShan Foundation Philanthropy Forum Series. Featured Speaker. "China's Proposed 'Overseas NGO' Management Law – Background and Implications." July 15, 2015.
- Award Committee Member, Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association 2015 Awards Committee, Best Graduate Student Paper Award.
- China Charity Information Center. Invited Participant at Forum on the Draft Non-Mainland NGO Management Law. May 25, 2015.
- United Nations Development Program (Beijing Office) Information Meeting on the Draft Non-Mainland NGO Management Law. Invited Speaker on Panel entitled, "Findings of National Consultation and Surveys." 22 May 2015.
- ClimateWorks Foundation. Invited Speaker at the "China Deep Dive Meeting" (Hong Kong). Talk entitled, "Civil Society and Foreign Philanthropy in China." May 18, 2015.
- Committee on Foreign Relations and the Channel City Club (Santa Barbara, California). Featured Speaker at China Town Hall Meeting Organized by the National Committee on US-China Relations. Talk entitled, "Civil Society in China." October 16, 2014.
- Yale-China Association, Invited Speaker for Teaching Fellows Orientation. "Overview of Civil Society in China." Hong Kong, August 21, 2014.
- Advisory Board Member, Occidental College McKinnon Family Center for Politics and Global Affairs.
- Award Committee Member, Global and Transnational Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association 2013 Awards Committee.
- Award Committee Member, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association 2013 Awards Committee.
- Scholar-Escort for US Congress Senior Staff Delegation to China, with the National Committee on US-China Relations. May 2012.
- United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, Invited Speaker on Board Members' Visit to Kunming. "China's Grassroots NGOs: Results from a 3-Site Study." April 15, 2012.
- Henry Luce Foundation and the National Committee on US-China Relations, Invited Speaker. "China's Grassroots NGOs: Comparing Beijing, Yunnan, and Guangdong." March 13, 2012.
- Member, National Committee on United States – China Relations. December 2011 – Present.
- Community Business, Invited Speaker at Leadership Team Meeting. "NGOs in China: Domestic Challenges and Foreign Support." November 18, 2011.
- Lingnan Foundation, W.T. Chan Fellowship Program, Invited Speaker at Orientation Program. "NGOs in China and the USA: A Comparative Perspective." June 12, 2011.
- American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, Invited Speaker. "Cooperating with Chinese NGOs as Part of a Sustainability Strategy." March 7, 2011.
- Hong Kong International School, Focus on China Lecture Series, Invited Speaker. "Grassroots NGOs in China: An Emerging Social Phenomenon." January 17, 2011.
- Clinton Global Initiative, Academic Consultant. Served as advisor to organizers and as facilitator for philanthropists at CGI Asia Meeting in Hong Kong. Jan. to Dec. 2008.
- Ford Foundation. Delivered presentation at NGO Capacity Building Roundtable, "Measurement and Evaluation: Comparing Available Resources and Asking How Effectiveness is Measured." Dec. 2009.
- Lingnan Foundation. Selection committee member for W.T. Chan International Fellowship Program (March 2009 and March 2010). Provided pre-departure orientation talks for Sun Yat-sen University and Lingnan University student fellows (July 2008).
- Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF) – Hong Kong. Participated in external review of China programming and strategy. Feb 2009.
- PRC Ministry of Civil Affairs, China Charity and Donation Information Center. Assisted and advised in efforts to standardize data collection on charity in China. 2008 to 2010.

- Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Invited Speaker at Board Members' Annual Retreat. Topic: "Civil Society Development in China." October 2007.
- Yale-China Association, Invited Speaker. Provided orientation talk for incoming Yale-China teaching fellows and New Asia College – Yale exchange students about civil society and volunteer opportunities in Hong Kong and mainland China. Aug. 2007.
- Various Chinese Grassroots NGOs*. Periodic advisor to several Chinese grassroots NGOs on issues of funding, government relations, and internal governance. Feb. 2005 to present.
- Various Government Aid Agencies*. Periodic advisor to various Chinese and foreign government agencies working to promote civil society development in mainland China. Feb. 2005 to present.
- Various International Nongovernmental Organizations*. Periodic advisor to various INGOs already operating in or looking to begin working in mainland China. Feb. 2005 to present.

* Confidentiality concerns preclude naming these organizations.

CONSULTANCY / COMMISSIONED PROJECTS

- Co-Principal Investigator for Global Greengrants Fund China Program Evaluation (2011-12 to 2012-05)
- Principal Investigator for SIDA-FDI Funding Review and Evaluation, Embassy of Sweden in China; SIDA (2009-05 to 2009-09)

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

Activism and Social Change in China; Human Rights in East and Southeast Asia; Globalization and China; Introduction to Sociology; Chinese Society; Qualitative Research; Civil Society in Comparative Perspective; Graduate Thesis (*CUHK – 2015-16 Theme: Environmental Civil Society in China; 2016-2017 Theme: Civil Society in China*)

Graduate

Advanced Qualitative Methods; Guided Studies (*various topics*); Global Civil Society and Global Governance; Contemporary Chinese Society; Civil Society and Social Change in China

M.PHIL. / M.A. THESIS COMMITTEES

- CHAN, K. T. "Public Toilet as a Gendered Space - From Sex-segregated Toilet to Unisex Toilet" (Sociology, CUHK, 2016), Thesis Committee Chair.
- CHAN, Pui Man, "Framing: A Study of Pro-Gay Protestant Organizations in Hong Kong" (Sociology, CUHK, 2015), Thesis Committee Chair.
- CHANG, Angel, "Bargained Corporatism: The Study of Non-profit Incubators in China" (Sociology, CUHK, 2018), Thesis Supervisor (2015-17)
- CHENG, Man Chuen Catherine, "Dangerous Rice Bowl: Risks and Their Management among Chinese Female Sex Workers (FSWs) in Macau" (Sociology, CUHK, 2010), Committee Member. Winner of the 2011 Hong Kong Sociological Association Best Thesis Award.
- CHIU, Tuen Yi, "Wife Abuse in Cross-border Marriages: Intersections of Migration, Gender, Class, and Culture" (Sociology, CUHK, 2012), Committee Member.
- LIU, Ran, "Transformation of Trust Structure: Goal Displacement of Microfinance Institutions in Rural China" (Sociology, CUHK, 2013), Thesis Committee Chair.

- LIU, Shichao, "The Development Trajectory of Social Organization Incubators in Shenzhen: Taking the Luohu Social Innovation Space as an Example" (Sociology, CUHK, 2017), Thesis Supervisor.
- LO, Sin Chi, "The Process of Identity Correspondence in Lifestyle Movements: A Case Study of Choi Yuen Village Livelihood Place" (Sociology, CUHK, 2012), Thesis Supervisor.
- LUO, Ming, "Reinforcement or Resistance: Functional Marriage in Mainland China" (Gender Studies Program, CUHK, 2012), Committee Member.
- MARJANOVIC, Jovana, "Mental illness manga in contemporary Japan: patients (tojisha) as knowledge producers" (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, 2021), Committee Chair.
- PANG, Chi Long Javier, "家庭、城市與物質化男性特質：以南中國男性農民工為例" ("Family, City, and Materialized Masculinity: A Case Study of Male Migrant Workers in Southern China") (Sociology, CUHK, 2014), Committee Chair.
- PENG, Qiaoyang, "Grassroots NGOs and Their Strategic Alliances with the Chinese State: A Case Study in Guangzhou" (Sociology, Hong Kong University, 2016), External Examiner.
- RIDWAN, Sofia, "The Influence of Mainland China on Hong Kong Universities" (Master of International Relations, University of Melbourne, 2018), Thesis Supervisor.
- SZE, Tak On, "Kuangjia yu Jiti Shenfen Rentong: Guangzhou Wenhua Baohu Yundong de Ge'an Yanjiu" [Framing and Collective Identity: A Case Study of Guangzhou's Cultural Preservation Movement] (Sociology, CUHK, 2012), Committee Member.
- ZHANG, Yinxian, "Surviving in Conflicting Institutional Environments: A Case Study of Government-Run Non-Governmental Organizations in China" (Sociology, Hong Kong University, 2013), External Examiner.
- ZHU, Can, "當代重點大學大學生政黨認同與政治參與研究 — 以廣州中山大學為例" ("Research on Student Political Party Identification and Political Participation at a Key University – A Case Study of Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou") (Sociology, CUHK, 2014), Thesis Supervisor.

PHD DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

- CHANG, Jasmine. "The Political Economy of Taiwan's Media Industry" (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, anticipated 2025), Committee Chair.
- DENG, Xili. "Domesticating a State-owned Social Organisation: How the State and the Family Affect Individual and Group Behaviour in Organisational Life" (Sociology, The University of Hong Kong, anticipated 2020), External Examiner.
- JI, Yingying, "The Political Economy of Business Associations in Contemporary China" (Sociology, CUHK, 2013), Dissertation Supervisor.
- LAI, Weijun, "Zizhu de luoji: Zhongguo zizhuxing jijinhui de fazhan yu shijian" (Sociology, CUHK, 2017), Dissertation Supervisor.
- DE LEON, Syme, "The politics of emotion in human rights: A critical discursive analysis of affective human rights discourses in the Philippines," (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, anticipated 2025), Co-Supervisor.
- LI, Xiaojun, "Intersection of Sexuality, Gender and Sport: A Study of Chinese Volleyball and Its Male Amateur Participants" (Sociology, CUHK, 2016), Committee Member.
- MCMAHON, Jack, "What are the perceived implications on the Tibetan diaspora stemming from the influence that the Chinese Communist Party has over the selection of the 15th Dalai Lama?" (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, anticipated 2026), Co-Supervisor.

- MISAKI, Kiyomi, “Multicultural Coexistence in an ‘International’ Community in Japan: Boundaries of Social Inclusion and Exclusion” (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, anticipated 2023), Committee Chair.
- NG, Vitrierat, “Emotional Politics: Joyous Resistance of People Power” (Sociology, CUHK, 2014), Committee Member.
- QIAOAN, Runya, “David Speaks to Goliath: Civil Society Policy Advocacy in China” (Sociology, Masaryk University, 2018), External Examiner.
- RUTKOWSKI, Alexia, “The Rise of the Yellow Umbrellas: A Historical Reflection of Hong Kong’s Political Culture Through Social Movements,” (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, anticipated 2026), Co-Supervisor.
- TURLAND, Jesse, “A Greener Belt and Road: Exporting Chinese Environmental Aspirations” (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, anticipated 2025), Committee Chair.
- WAN, Rong, “Discourses of Beauty Blogging in Contemporary China,” (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, anticipated 2026), Committee Chair.
- WU, Di, “Tamed by the State? The State-Society Relationship in Xi era (2012-2020)” (Asia Institute, The University of Melbourne, anticipated 2024), Dissertation Supervisor.
- YANG, Xuehui “Labor NGOs: Labor Movement Agencies in China” (Department of Government and International Studies, Baptist University of Hong Kong, 2016), External Examiner.
- ZHOU, Yan, “Diceng kangzheng yu shehui yundong de jiaohui: Dui Jinshajiangbian nongmin fanba xingdong de ge’an yanjiu” (Sociology, CUHK, 2013), Committee Member.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spoken Mandarin and Written Chinese (Simplified and Traditional Characters)
English (Native Language)
Smattering of random words in Italian, Spanish, French, Thai, Taiwanese, Cantonese