

Yifei Lu Curriculum Vitae

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Research Profile

My research examines social stratification and inequality under conditions of rapid institutional and technological change, with a primary focus on contemporary China. I study how transformations in education systems, digital infrastructures, and policy environments shape individuals' cognition, behavior, and life chances. Using quantitative and comparative methods, I leverage the Chinese case to inform broader theoretical debates and policy discussions across developed and developing societies.

Education

2017-2021, Ph.D. in Sociology, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

2015-2017, M.Sc. in Quantitative Economics, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

2014-2015, M.A. in Public Policy and Management, Korea Development Institute, South Korea

2005-2009, B.A. in Economics, Shenyang Normal University, China

Other education and expertise

2021: Summer School in Building Solidarities: Feminist and Anti-Racist Practices in Higher Education, Erasmus+ Program

2020: Presenting Research, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

2018: Thesis Writing in English, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

2018: Summer School in Social Networks, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

2017: Spanish Course, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

2014: Workshop in Impact Evaluation, World Bank

Language skills

Native language: Chinese

Other languages: English (proficient), Spanish (intermediate)

Current employment

2021–Present: Lecturer/Assistant Professor, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics (SWUFE), Chengdu, China (full-time)

Previous work experience

2018–2021: Research Assistant, Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica, Spain

2014–2015: Research Assistant, Korea Development Institute, South Korea

2009–2014: Data Analyst & Human Resource, People's Bank of China, China

Research funding and grants: 2022 Central Universities Project: The Impact of Digital Inclusive Finance in Ethnic Regions on the Financial Well-being of Farmers and Herders—A Case Study of Aba Prefecture

Publications and Research Agenda:

Lu, Y. Digital Divides in the AI Era: Socioeconomic Stratification and the Dual Role of Digital Payments in China. Forthcoming *International Sociology*

Lu, Y., Li, W., & Zhou, Z. (2024). School Matters to Whom? The Impact of Educational Resources on Cognitive Inequality. *Applied Research in Quality Life*.

Li, W., Liang, Z., Zhou, B., & Lu, Y. (2024). Destination Choices of International Students in China: The Impacts of Environmental and Policy Factors. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 43(5), 1-36.

Lu, Y., Scandurra, R., & Bonal, X. (2022). An integral model of cultural reproduction: The case of China. *Current Sociology*, 70(6), 897-920.

Atterberry, A.L., McCallum, D.G., & Lu, Y. (2022). Interrogating parenting and intergenerational relationships within national and transnational contexts. *Current Sociology*, 70(6), 801-805.

Working paper:

Lu, Y., Li, S. & Li, D. Physical Education in Transition: Comparing Online and Traditional PE Effects on Student Fitness During the COVID-19 Pandemic (R&R)

Lu, Y., Baizan, P. & Nie, W Regional Dynamics and Policy Evolution: A Comprehensive Review of China's Fertility Policies (1980-2021)

Lu, Y Social Capital, Field and Mental Health: A Model and Empirical Test

Lu, Y Social Capital and Gender Income Gaps: Contextual Insights from 29 Societies

Lu, Y. & Zheng, Y. Exploring causal effect of intergenerational coresidence on depression among Chinese elders

Research supervision and leadership experience

Principal Supervisor for 1 Master's student (2024–2026)

Teaching merits

2022: College Student's Mental Health (Undergraduate, in Chinese), SWUFE

2023: Topics in Economic Sociology (Doctor students, in Chinese), SWUFE

2022–Present: Social Network and Behavior (Undergraduate, in Chinese), SWUFE

2022–Present: Economic Sociology (Graduate, in Chinese and English), SWUFE

Awards and honours: Not applicable

Other key academic merits:

Peer Reviewer for scientific publications: Current Sociology, International Journal of Comparative Sociology

Memberships in scientific communities: Committee member, Chinese Sociological Association; Committee member, Chinese Association of Financial Social Work

Scientific and societal impact:

Organizes and moderates a public-facing economic sociology reading group, disseminating research insights to academic and broader audiences.