

NEWSLETTER



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 #VAST(Video Analysis, Science, and Technology)

Video Analysis by Xinzhi Xu

Video has been widely used in social science research. Under the perspective of Ethnomethodology, which emphasizes the study of “doing” on phenomena, Video Analysis offers a wonderful channel to access the whole process of accomplishing an activity. It is really a good way to settle the argument of ‘credibility’ in ethnographic studies.

We video record whatever we’re interested in, and analyze the verbal and embodied interactions among participants. Video gives us the chance to share and work with others, vividly and entertainingly. When I was applying for my PhD, I thought there would be a scientific lab. In fact, with advanced equipment, teamwork, high-tech software, we ARE the ‘Lab’.

CONFERENCES

Yunran Zhang and Jakob Demant

- 45th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society, Utrecht, the Netherlands, June 3-7, 2019.
- The Stockholm Criminology Symposium, Stockholm, Sweden, June 10-12, 2019.

Peng Wang - Annual Conference of Chinese Sociological Association, Kunming, China, July 12-14, 2019.

Anita Venanzi - 11th ISTR Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, July 15-16, 2019.

David Edmonds - 16th International Pragmatics Conference, Hong Kong, June 9-14, 2019.

Chen Chen, Xiao Yuan, Francisco Olivos and Peng Wang – Accepted to present at the 2019 conference of the European Sociological Association in Manchester, UK.

PUBLICATIONS

- Edmonds, David and Ann Weatherall. 2019. “Managing verbal and embodied conduct in telephone-mediated service encounters.” Pp. 71-96 in *Technology Mediated Service Encounters*, edited by P. Garcés- Conejos Blitvich, L. Fernandez-Amaya and M. de la O Hernandez-Lopez. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. ([read the abstract](#))
- Sossa, Alexis, Olivos, Francisco & Andrés Brange (*forthcoming, 2019*). “Community participation, trust and perception of rights in Latin America and the Caribbean: evidence from 18 countries.” *NuestraAmérica (In Spanish)*. ([read the abstract](#))

Mphil Graduates

What have they been up to ?

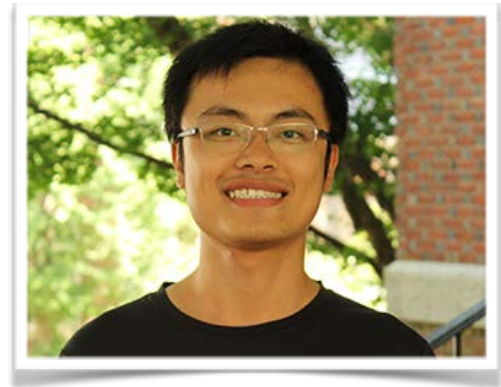
Yifan Shen

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO PURSUE ACADEMIA?

I chose to do a PhD in the US mainly because, when I was writing my MA thesis at CUHK, I realized I actually was able to do a PhD in quantitative sociology because I always wanted to make my work look better. If I work in other industries I “guess” there would always be tight deadlines and I would not be able to pursue perfection in my work.

HOW HAS YOUR EXPERIENCE AT CUHK BROUGHT YOU TO YOUR CURRENT STATUS?

After I transferred from PhD to the MPhil track, I participated in a workshop given by an American professor. Since then, I became interested in his research. My connection with him helped my PhD application the following year.



CURRENT POSITION

Brown University, USA. PhD student, 2017-2022. Economic inequality, marriage, education.

ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR CURRENT MPhil STUDENTS IN CUHK WHO WANT TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS?

It would be great if you can devote more time reading literature in various fields so that you would have a better idea about how to frame your research question.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ **Research Poster Exhibition 2019 at CUHK - Francisco Olivos** - Parental meritocratic beliefs and educational performance in China: A chicken or egg problem? (*See his poster*)
- ✓ **Poster Presentation submission deadline:** The 19th Annual Research Postgraduate Conference at **HKU** - Submission deadline: **May 24th 2019 (Fri.)** (*see more informations*)
- ✓ **Job opportunities:**
 - **Assistant professor position (2 posts) at the Department of Sociology and Social Policy - Lingnan University.** (*see the ad*)
 - **Full-time positions (18 posts: Professor, Assoc. prof., Instructor) - Prefectural University of Hiroshima, Japan.** (*see the ad*)
 - **Tenure track positions (Chair prof./Prof./Assoc. prof./Asst. prof.) in the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences - The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.** (*see the ad*)
- ✓ **Yumei Gan** was awarded the research funding ICS Mok Hing Cheong Postgraduate Scholarship 2019/2020 sponsored by the Institute of Chinese Studies (CUHK).

