



Doing Sociology as Non-sociologist: My Way and Endeavour

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I was among the few PhD students enrolled in the Department of Sociology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) with no background in the subject. Nonetheless, I am definitely not the only one to benefit from academic training in sociology. Before beginning the PhD programme, I worked in the legal profession for several years. Not all the legal disputes for which I was engaged left both parties satisfied, though most of them stood up well to legal scrutiny. This is partly due to the fact that most legal cases epitomize interactions and conflicts between and among individuals or institutions, whereas any given legal system may not be capable of sorting out in any meaningful way the complex human and social aspects of people. The roles and discourses embodied by people drive their expectations of and strategies for, as well as the affordability of and accessibility to, the justice system. It was primarily because of this that I turned to sociology.

Since graduating from CUHK, I have served as director of legal affairs for a top hospital in Shanghai. Beyond being involved in settling disputes, my enthusiasm for sociology attracted me to a general hospital in the expectation it would be a perfect milieu for sociological observation and examination. Though research is not my main mission, my understanding of the sociological perspectives has been immensely helpful in tackling the legal work.

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In the last issue, one of the authors' name was miss-spelled at the "publications" section. The corrected information is "Xu, X. 2022. "Look, Robots!": The dynamic construction of artificial intelligent robot's social role(s) in service practices. Science and Society [in Chinese] ([read the article](#))" We sincerely apologize to XU Xinzhi and all the readers

