

NEWSLETTER



Being a Postdoctoral Fellow by Binbin Shu

1. What are your main duties as a Postdoctoral fellow?

On the one hand, I conduct research work, help with research proposals, and assist in research-related administration for the projects I am working on. On the other hand, I am encouraged by my supervisor to continue my dissertation research and other related research.

2. Could you describe one of the projects you are working on?

This year, Professor Eric Fong organized a team and we successfully applied to the Strategic Public Policy Research (SPPR) Funding Scheme granted by Hong Kong Government. The project aims to study the intentions of Hong Kong residents to move and work in the mainland cities of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. In addition, it also examines their experience and settlement outcomes after they move or work there. For more details, please refer to the webpage of The Research Centre of Migration and Mobility of our department.

3. What is the contribution of a Postdoctoral fellowship to your future career in academia?

In my case, I believe the experiences I gained from research and project work during this period not only makes me more knowledgeable about how to conduct better research, but also broadened my research horizons.

4. Do you recommend a Postdoctoral fellowship to the future graduates and why?

If the candidate wishes to have additional time to build his or her publication record and would like to broaden his or her research horizons by working with other scholars or by working in other projects, he/she may find Postdoc a suitable choice.

[See the full interview](#)

CONFERENCES

Siyuan Zhou and Lulu Li - The Next Generation of Urban China Research - 20 Year Anniversary of UCRN, Nanjing University, China, June 21-23, 2019.

Sin Chi Lo, Yingtong Lai and Aijia Li - The Society for Hong Kong Studies Annual Conference 2019, Hong Kong, June 22, 2019.

Francisco Olivos - The ISA Middle-Term Conference "Culture and Education: Social Transformations and Multicultural Communication" RCO4 Sociology of Education, Moscow, Russia, July 24-26, 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

- Fong, Eric, Yingtong, Lai, and Aijia Li. 2019. "Migration and Integration in China." Pp. 783-799 in *The Oxford Handbook of Migration Crises*, edited by Cecilia Menjivar, Marie Ruiz, and Immanuel Ness. New York: Oxford University Press. ([read the abstract](#))
- Maldonado, Luis, Olivos, Francisco, Castillo, Juan C., Atria, Jorge, and Ariel Azar. (forthcoming, 2019). "Risk exposure, humanitarianism and willingness to pay for universal healthcare: A cross-national analysis of 28 countries." *Social Justice Research*. 1 ([read the abstract](#))

Our Classmates Abroad: Yunran Zhang at the University of Copenhagen



HOW DOES YOUR THESIS SUPERVISION WORK WHEN YOU ARE ABROAD?

I have video calls with my supervisor in HK from time to time. My supervisor here in Denmark is also a researcher in my field, so he meets me on a regular basis to give me some advice on my thesis as well.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES WITH THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT AT CUHK?

The Department of Sociology in the University of Copenhagen has a very interesting tradition that all faculty members including students are welcomed to have lunch together in a meeting room. Therefore, they can get more opportunities to get connected to colleagues to talk about research, life... anything they like. It makes faculty members feel more integrated into the department and know what research their colleagues are doing recently.

BASED ON YOUR NEW EXPERIENCES, WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND TO YOUR CLASSMATES?

It's a good experience to exchange overseas. I learned how scholars work here and how they design their academic career, which provide me with more possibilities and networks for my future career plan.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FOR YOUR THESIS?

While working with my host supervisor, a scholar from Western academia, I realized he could easily know which point in my research is most attractive to the Western academia. Therefore, I think it benefits me a lot by cooperating with scholars from different backgrounds.

WHAT DO YOU BASICALLY DO OVER THERE?

- Writing a paper with my host supervisor.
- Taking two courses on criminology and statistics.
- Participating in two conferences in Stockholm and Utrecht.

DEFINE IN ONE WORD YOUR EXPERIENCE

Inspiring.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ **Save the date!** First grads meeting: Thursday **6th June** 2019 from 11:00 AM to 13:00 PM.
- ✓ **Conference submission deadline:** The NZASIA 23rd Biennial International 2019 Conference - The Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, from Nov. 24th to Nov. 27th, 2019 - **deadline 30 June 2019** (*see more informations*)
- ✓ **Job opportunities:**
 - 3 to 5 postdoctoral fellows positions - Princeton university, USA - **Application deadline: August 6, 2019** (*see the ad*)

