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Biography

As a stratification researcher and social demographer, Prof. Xu's research centers on child development and youth employment issues in urban China, intersecting the fields of urban sociology, sociology of education, and sociology of work. In particular, she is interested in understanding: 1) impacts of various family, school and neighborhood factors on children's educational and developmental outcomes; 2) young people's experiences of school-to-work transition, precarious employment and skills mismatch; and 3) socio-spatial factors (e.g. migration, segregation, location) that shape urban residents' attitudes, wellbeing, and life chances. In this endeavor, she has published widely in leading academic journals including British Journal of Sociology, China Quarterly, Chinese Sociological Review, Demographic Research, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Work, Employment and Society, among others.

Xu has been awarded approximately HK\$17 million in research funding as PI or Co-PI. She has extensive experience in conducting large-scale data collection projects in Chinese metropolitan cities, including the first-ever city-wide representative household panel study in Hong Kong (HKPSSD). Recently, she and her collaborators have received generous funding support from the Hong Kong Research Grants Council's Collaborative Research Fund (CRF) for a comprehensive longitudinal study on about 3,000 preschoolers in Hong Kong (HK-CHILD).

Xu is currently serving as the Vice-President of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, the Associate Director of the HKU Social Science Research Center (SSRC), and an incoming editorial board member of the journal Chinese Sociological Review.