



Yapeng Wang
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
Director of the Institute for Social Psychology
Renmin University of China

Yapeng Wang is an Associate Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Institute for Social Psychology at Renmin University of China. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Virginia in 2022. His research broadly focuses on social stratification and mobility, sociology of education, and child and youth development. More specifically, his work examines how intersectional systems of inequality—particularly those related to gender, class, and race/ethnicity—shape educational attainment and labour market outcomes in both China and the United States. Using both quantitative and qualitative methods, his research explores topics such as educational expansion, parenting practices, gender gaps in education and earnings, and the intersecting role of family socioeconomic resources, gender, and race in shaping life chances. His recent work also investigates early childhood education and care, youth mobility experiences, and the social consequences of rising social inequality in contemporary China. His research has been published in leading journals, including *Educational Researcher*, *Social Science Research*, *Research in Higher Education*, and *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*. His work contributes to broader debates on inequality, meritocracy, and social reproduction in rapidly changing societies. At Renmin University, he teaches courses on sociology of education, social stratification, and quantitative research methods. His teaching emphasises the integration of sociological theory, empirical research, and real-world social issues. He is also actively involved in international academic collaborations and regularly presents his research at major conferences such as the American Sociological Association (ASA) and RC28 of the International Sociological Association.