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Academic Background

Ph.D	2021	University College London
M.A	2016	Shanghai Jiao Tong University
B.A	2013	Northwestern Polytechnical University

Research Interests

Social mobility (subjective experiences), educational/career aspirations, student identity, rural-urban migration, international students/scholars' cross-cultural adaptation

Publications

- Chen, J. (2021). Clothing and identity: Chinese rural students' embodied transformations in the urban university. *Journal of Sociology*. (SSCI, Q2)
- Chen, J. and Zhu, J. (2020). False anticipation and misfits in a cross-cultural setting: International scholars working in Chinese universities. *Journal of Studies in International Education*. (SSCI, Q1)
- Chen, J. (2020). Hysteresis effect and symbolic violence: Chinese rural students' encounters with urban university. *Sociological Research Online*. (SSCI, Q2)
- Chen, J. and Zhu, J. (2020). *The Cross-cultural Adaptation Experiences of International Scholars in Shanghai: From the Perspective of Organisational Culture*. Springer Nature. (Monograph)
- Chen, J. Ma, C. and Zhu, J. (2015). The Operational Mechanism and Implications of Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA), *Fudan Education Forum*, (2), pp.94-99. (in Chinese)

Manuscripts under review

- Chen, J. (2021). Rural students' evolving educational aspirations and the sense of 'fit' in the changing context of China's higher education: a life history approach. (R&R)

Research Projects

- Chinese Rural students' social mobility experiences through higher education: from a life history approach
- International scholars' cross-cultural adaptation in Chinese universities
- Chinese students' perceptions of responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and their lived lockdown experiences

Selective conference presentations/papers

- Chen, J. (2021). Rural students' transformative habitus in Chinese urban universities. UCL Youth Mobility seminar series. Co-presented with Prof. Johanna Waters.
- Chen, J. (2021). Being and becoming a university student: rural students negotiating the sense of self in Chinese urban universities. Eurostudents Mobility Conference. Online.
- Chen, J. (2020). Rural morality and bodily practice: Chinese rural students' transformative strategies in the urban university. UCL IoE Doctoral School Summer Conference. Online.
- Chen, J. (2020). Hysteresis effect and symbolic violence: Chinese rural students' encounters with urban university. British Postgraduate Network for Chinese Studies (BPCS). Online.
- Chen, J. (2019). Chinese rural students' mobility trajectory within the field of rural education. British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference. Glasgow. UK.
- Chen, J. (2019). The Cross-cultural Adaptation Experiences of International Scholars in Shanghai: From the Perspective of Organisational Culture. "Advancing Intercultural Research and Dialogue: Crossing Boundaries and Building Bridges, 11th IAIR Biennial Conference and the 15th CAFIC Annual Conference" at Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai, China.
- Chen, J. (2019). Exploring the concept of rural habitus: A Bourdieusian analysis of Chinese rural students' educational desire. European Sociological Association (ESA) Annual Conference. Manchester. UK.
- Chen, J. (2019). Chinese rural students' social mobility experiences through higher education across four decades. Themed workshop 'Make sense of social mobility' at University of Manchester, UK.
- Chen, J. (2018). Chinese rural students entering into the urban university: the role of *guanxi* in *Shengxueyan* (banquet) and campus adaptation. University of Birmingham's 17th Annual Research Conference "Education and Identity: New Directions"

Academic awards

- Best Presenter Award. British Postgraduate Network for Chinese Studies (BPCS). Online. 2020.
- Conference scholarship at University College London, London, UK, 2019.
- Scholarship for PhD summer school at European Sociological Association (ESA)

conference, Manchester, UK, 2019.

- Scholarship for attending International Perspectives on Education Policy (IPEP) winter school jointly organized by University of Nottingham, Aalborg University and University of Verona, Verona, Italy, 2018
- Full scholarship for Ph.D. project awarded by China Scholarship Council, 2016
- Shanghai Outstanding Graduate, Shanghai, 2016

Academic/teaching Experiences

- Guest Lecturer at King's College London, MA International Development (Education) (2019 autumn term)
- Guest presenter at University College London, MA Urban Sociology (2020 autumn term)
- Facilitator at University College London doctoral training program, Bourdieu Reading Group/Seminar series (2019 autumn, spring terms/ 2020 spring, summer terms/ 2021 spring summer terms)
- Facilitator at University College London doctoral training program, Inclusive Higher Education Reading Group/Seminar series (2019 autumn, spring terms)
- PhD mentor at University College London doctoral training program, mentor-mentee scheme (2018 autumn, spring terms)

Professional membership

British Educational Research Association

British Sociological Association

European Sociological Association