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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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| 2022 | <b>Ph.D., Sociology</b><br>University of Toronto                                          |
| 2016 | <b>M.Sc., Social Research Methods</b><br>London School of Economics and Political Science |
| 2015 | <b>B.A. (Hon), Sociology</b><br>University of Toronto                                     |

## CURRENT POSITIONS

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| 2022–Present | <b>Hong Kong Polytechnic University</b><br>Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Applied Social Sciences |
| 2018–Present | <b>Canada-International HIV &amp; Rehabilitation Research Collaborative</b><br>China Member                        |
| 2013–Present | <b>International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation</b><br>Research Member, Zambian Division                 |

## SELECT PREVIOUS POSITIONS

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| 2017–2022 | <b>University of Toronto</b><br>Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Asian Institute                                                      |
| 2020      | <b>University of Malaya</b><br>Visiting Scholar, Department of Information Systems, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology |

- 2020                    **National Sun Yat-Sen University**  
University Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology & Department of Chinese Literature (Cross Appointment)
- 2016–2019            **London School of Economics and Political Science**  
Research Affiliate, Department of Social Policy
- 2018                    **Seoul National University**  
Visiting Scholar, Seoul National University Asia Center
- 2018                    **Yonsei University**  
Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology
- 2016                    **London School of Economics and Political Science**  
Research Officer, LSE Health & Social Care and Department of Social Policy (Joint Appointment)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Economic Sociology, Networks, Digitalization, Professions & Organizations

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

1. Au, Anson. 2024. *The Governance of Economic Development: Investment, Innovation, and Competition in China*. London: Routledge (162 pages).
2. Au, Anson. 2023. *Chinese Social Networks in an Age of Digitalization: Liquid Guanxi*. London: Routledge (166 pages).
3. Au, Anson. 2023. *Mental Health in East Asia: Cultural Beliefs, Social Networks, and Mental Health Experiences*. London: Routledge (148 pages).

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Au, Anson. Forthcoming. “How Elites Invigorate Emotionality and Extremity in Digital Networks.” *Social Science Computer Review*.
2. Au, Anson. 2024. “How do Different Forms of Digitalization Affect Income Inequality?” *Technological and Economic Development of Economy* (Online First), 1-21. DOI: 10.3846/tede.2024.20562.
3. Au, Anson. Forthcoming. “Social Networks and Ethnonational Hinges in Hong Kong: A Relational Approach to Ethnonational Identification.” *China Perspectives*.
4. Au, Anson. 2023. “Digitalization in China: Who’s Left Behind?”. *Information, Communication, & Society*. (Online First). DOI: 10.1080/1369118X.2023.2245871
5. Au, Anson. 2023. “China’s Internet Sector Reforms and the Rise of ESG in the State Technonationalist Agenda.” *Policy & Internet*. (Online First). DOI: 10.1002/poi3.352

6. Au, Anson. 2023. "A Theoretical Review of Homophily beyond Focus Theory: Causes, Consequences, and New Directions." *Sage Open* 13(2):1-12. DOI: 10.1177/21582440231173915
7. Au, Anson. 2023. "Reassessing the Econometric Measurement of Inequality and Poverty: Toward a Cost-of-Living Approach." *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications* 10, Article 228. DOI: 10.1057/s41599-023-01738-3
8. Au, Anson. 2023. "Pricing the Priceless Surgery: Professional Expertise and the Marketing of High-Risk Surgery in South Korea." *Medical Anthropology* (Online First). DOI: 10.1080/01459740.2023.2203392
9. Au, Anson. 2023. "Bourdieuian Boundary-Making, Social Networks, and Capital Conversion: Inequality among International Degree-Holders in Hong Kong." *Cultural Sociology*. (Online First). DOI: 10.1177/17499755231157115
10. Au, Anson. 2023. "The Massifying Consumption of Embodied Goods in an Advanced Capitalist State: Capital, Economic Anxieties and Social Networks." *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* (Online First). DOI: 10.1111/apv.12368
11. Au, Anson. 2023. "How Professionals Cooperate through Conflicts: Networks and Social Face in the Workplace." *Cultural Sociology*.(Online First). DOI: 10.1177/17499755221147073
12. Au, Anson. 2023. "Framing the Purchase of Human Goods: The Case of Cosmetic Surgery Consumption in Capitalist South Korea." *Symbolic Interaction* 46(1): 72-93.
13. Au, Anson. 2023. "Social Capital Exchanges in Voluntary Associations and Work Organizations: A Network Perspective." *Sociology Compass* 17(1), Article e13031.
14. Au, Anson. 2023. "A Black Feminist Approach to Antiracist Qualitative Research Methods: The Legacy of bell hooks." *Current Sociology* (Online First).DOI: 10.1177/00113921221146583.
15. Au, Anson. 2022. "Consumer Logics and the Relational Performance of Selling High-Risk Goods: The Case of Elective Cosmetic Surgery." *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*.(Online First). DOI: 10.1108/IJSSP-07-2022-0180
16. Au, Anson. 2022. "Cryptocurrencies and the Promise of Individual Economic Sovereignty in an Age of Digitalization: A Critical Appraisal." *The Sociological Review* (Online First). DOI: 10.1177/00380261221127858
17. Au, Anson. 2022. "Narrative Metaphors as a Qualitative Analytical Tool: Networked Webs of Oppression and Pedagogical Care for People of Colour in Academia." *International Journal of Qualitative Methods* 21 (Online First). DOI: 10.1177/16094069221133637
18. Au, Anson. 2022. "Network Discrimination among LGBTQ Minorities in Taiwan after Same-Sex Marriage Legalization: A Goffmanian Micro-sociological Approach." *Critical Asian Studies* (Online First). DOI: 10.1080/14672715.2022.2100803
19. Au, Anson. 2022. "Guanxi in an Age of Digitalization: Toward Value Homophily in New Tie-Formation." *Journal of Chinese Sociology* 9, Article 7.
20. Au, Anson. 2022. "Decolonization and Qualitative Epistemology: Toward Reconciliation in the Academy." *Qualitative Social Work* (Online First). DOI: 10.1177/14733250221108626

21. Au, Anson. 2022. "An Ethnographic Toolkit for Studying Networking Pathways of Hard-to-Reach Populations: The Case of Cosmetic Surgery Consumers in South Korea." *International Journal of Qualitative Methods* (Online First). DOI: 10.1177/16094069221101962
22. Liu, Sida, Daniel Blocq, Ali Honari, and Anson Au. 2022. "Professional Flows: Lateral Moves of Law Firm Partners in Hong Kong, 1994-2018." *Journal of Professions and Organization* 9(1): 1-19. (Lead Article)
  - Shortlisted for the 2022 biennial *Journal of Professions and Organization* Best Article Award
23. Au, Anson. 2022. "FinTech Innovation and Knowledge Flows in Hong Kong's Financial Sector: A Social Network Analysis Approach." *Journal of Asia Business Studies* 16(2): 294-307.
24. Au, Anson. 2021. "Guanxi 2.0: The Exchange of Likes in Social Networking Sites." *Information, Communication, & Society* 24(13): 1891-1906.
25. Au, Anson. 2021. "The Economic Costs of Protests and Policy Recommendations for Preventing them in Hong Kong." *Journal of Chinese Economic and Foreign Trade Studies* 14(3): 277-292.
26. Au, Anson. 2021. "Over-Complexifying Social Reality: A Critical Exploration of Systematicity and Rigidification in Ethnographic Practice and Writing." *The Qualitative Report* 26(4): 1161-1178.
27. Au, Anson. 2021. "Japanese Sociology in a Global Network: Internationalization, Disciplinary Development, and Minority Integration in the Road Ahead." *International Journal of Japanese Sociology* 30(1): 94-121.
28. Liu, Sida and Anson Au. 2020. "The Gateway to Global China: Hong Kong and the Future of Chinese Law Firms." *Wisconsin International Law Journal* 37(2): 308-349.
29. Au, Anson. 2020. "Reconceptualizing the Generation in a Digital(izing) Modernity: Digitalization, Social Networking Sites, and the Flattening of Generations." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* 50(2): 163-183.
30. Au, Anson. 2020. "Networks, Politics, and the Literary Public Sphere: The Foundation of Modern Democracy in Taiwan (1970s-1990s)." *Sage Open* 10(2): 1-10.
31. Au, Anson. 2020. "Feminist Methods in a "Post-Truth" Political Climate: Objectives, Strategies, and Divisions." *Sociological Spectrum* 40(2): 99-115.
32. Au, Anson. 2020. "What a Highly Controversial Ethnography says about Tensions, Problematizations, and Inequality in Contemporary Ethnographic Practice." *Qualitative Research Journal* 20(1): 140-151.
33. Au, Anson. 2019. "The Embodiment of Social Capital at Individual and Communal Levels: Action, Rewards, Inequality, and New Directions." *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 39(9/10): 812-830.
34. Au, Anson. 2019. "Why Physician Guidance Matters: A Night of Neuralgia, Meningitis, and WebMD." *Annals of Family Medicine* 17(5): 462-464.
35. Au, Anson. 2019. "Re-examining Adorno on Democracy and the Regression of Consciousness: Towards Social Transformation." *Social Thought and Research* 35(1): 53-78.

36. Au, Anson. 2019. "Abandon Canon in American Sociology." *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 39(5/6): 494-504.
37. Hopkin, Gareth, Anson Au, Jane V. Collier, John S. Yudkin, Sanjay Basu, and Huseyin Naci. 2019. "Combining Multiple Treatment Comparisons with Personalized Patient Preferences: A Randomized Trial of an Interactive Platform for Statin Treatment Selection." *Medical Decision Making* 39(7): 264-277.
38. Au, Anson. 2019. "Thinking about Cross-Cultural Differences in Qualitative Interviews: Practices for More Responsive and Trusting Encounters." *The Qualitative Report* 24(1): 58-77.
39. O'Brien, Kelly K., Patricia Solomon, Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Will Chegwiddden, Esther McDonnell, Darren Brown, Richard Harding, Colm Bergin, Catherine Worthington, Stephen Tattle, Larry Baxter, Ayesha Nayar, David M. Kietrys, Mary Lou Galantino, Tammy Yates, Canada-International HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CIHRRC). 2018. "Evolution of an International Research Collaborative in HIV and Rehabilitation: Community Engaged Process, Lessons Learned, and Recommendations." *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action* 12(4): 395-408.
40. Au, Anson. 2018. "Online Physicians, Offline Patients: Professional Identity and Ethics in Social Media Use." *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 38(5/6): 474-483.
41. Au, Anson. 2018. "Finding a Doctor to Trust: The Journey of a Sexual Minority Patient." *Family Medicine* 50(7): 546-547.
42. Au, Anson. 2018. "Sociology and Science: The Making of the Social Scientific Method." *The American Sociologist* 49(1): 98-115.
  - Most downloaded article in *The American Sociologist*
43. Au, Anson. 2017. "Reconceptualizing Social Movements and Power: Towards a Social Ecological Approach." *The Sociological Quarterly* 58(3): 519-545.
  - Honorary Mention for the 2019 biennial *The Sociological Quarterly* Best Article Award for an article published between 2017-2018 and judged by the Midwest Sociological Society to represent "the highest quality of research and methodology, theoretically-informed inquiry, and publicly important scholarship"
44. Au, Anson and Matthew M. Chew. 2017. "How do you Feel? Managing Emotional Reaction, Conveyance, and Detachment on Facebook and Instagram." *Bulletin of Science, Technology, & Society* 37(3): 127-137.
45. Au, Anson. 2017. "Collective Identity, Organization, and Public Reaction in Protests: A Qualitative Case Study of Hong Kong and Taiwan." *Social Sciences* 6(4). Article 150. Published Online.
46. Au, Anson. 2017. "Redefining the Family in Mental Health: Understanding Norms and Improving Professional Practice." *Mental Health in Family Medicine* 13(4): 566-569.
47. Au, Anson. 2017. "The Sociological Study of Stress: An Analysis and Critique of the Stress Process Model." *European Journal of Mental Health* 12(1): 53-72.
48. Au, Anson. 2017. "The Sunflower Movement and the Taiwanese National Identity: Building an Anti-Sinoist Civic Nationalism." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 27. Published Online.

49. Au, Anson. 2017. "Low Mental Health Treatment Participation and Confucianist Familial Norms among East Asian Immigrants: A Critical Review." *International Journal of Mental Health* 46(1): 1-17. (Lead Article)
50. Au, Anson. 2016. "Reconceptualizing Online Free Spaces: A Case Study of the Sunflower Movement." *Journal of Contemporary Eastern Asia* 15(2): 145-161.
  - 2016 Best Student Paper Award, *International Network for Social Network Analysis and World Association for Triple-Helix and Future Strategies Studies*
51. Landy, Rachel, Anson Au, Cathy Cameron, Brent Oliver, Shawna O’Hearn, Lynn Cockburn, Larry Baxter, Katherine Robrigado, Kelly O’Brien, Debra Cameron, Stephanie Nixon. 2016. "Educational Strategies to Enhance Reflexivity among Clinicians and Health Professional Students: A Scoping Study." *Forum: Qualitative Sozialforschung/Forum: Qualitative Social Research* 17(3), Article 14: 1-25.
  - Integrated into World Health Organization 2019 Quality Rights Core Training Manual for Mental Health & Social Services (Freedom from Coercion, Violence, and Abuse)
52. Landy, Rachel, Anson Au, Cathy Cameron, Brent Oliver, Shawna O’Hearn, Lynn Cockburn, Larry Baxter, Katherine Robrigado, Kelly O’Brien, Debra Cameron, Stephanie Nixon. 2016. "Developing Accountability to Difference: A Scoping Study of Enhancing Reflexivity in Health Professions Education." *Medical Education* 50(Suppl.1): 68-69.
53. Au, Anson. 2015. "'Coming Out,' Stigma, and Support: Distress and Health Consequences among Sexual Minorities within a Stress Process Model Framework." *Health Perspectives* 6(1): 1-16. (Lead Article)

## Book Chapters

1. Au, Anson. Forthcoming. "Transnational Cross-Cultural Research: Modern Challenges and Solutions for Field Access, Data Collection, and Analysis." Pp.XX-XX in P. Liamputtong (ed.), *Handbook of Qualitative Cross-Cultural Research*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

## Non-Peer-Reviewed Academic Articles

1. Au, Anson. 2021. "Japanese Sociology and the 2019 Japanese Sociological Society Annual Conference." *Japanese Sociological Society*.
2. Au, Anson. 2019. "K-pop deaths show East Asia must end the stigma, and the solitude that surrounds mental health." *International Sociological Association: Public Sociology*. Published Online.
3. Au, Anson. 2019. "Political Contention in the University: New Conceptualizations of Social Networking Sites and New Frontiers for Political Strife." *Critical Mass* 44(1): 3-4.
4. Au, Anson. 2018. "Leadership: Collaborative Leadership Models, not Hierarchies." *LSE National Newsletter*. Published Online.
5. Au, Anson. 2017. "What is Social Responsibility?" *LSE National Newsletter*. Published Online.

6. Au, Anson. 2017. "A Social Ecological Approach for Ethnography: Flexibilizing Roles and Remembering Social Embeddedness." *Thinking Methods: Explorations in Social Research Methodology*. Published Online.
7. Au, Anson. 2015. "Political Ideologies, Institutions, and Health: The Role of Privatization." *Juxtaposition Global Health Magazine* 8(1). Published Online.

## Translations

1. Au, Anson. 2019. "Community Report: Asian Immigrant Women Workers Organizing in California's In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Sector." *UCLA Downtown Labor Center* (Jennifer Jihye Chun & Cynthia Cranford 2019). Translation into Traditional Chinese and Cantonese.

## GRANTS

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1. Startup Grant, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Digitalization, Economic Growth, and Inequality Worldwide, 2022-2024; HK\$500,000 (Anson Au, PI)
2. School of Graduate Studies Research Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto. A Brother Afar or a Friend Next Door: Proximity, Tie Strength, and Social Support Choices on Social Media, 2019; CA\$9,181 (Anson Au, PI)
3. Big Ideas Competition: Exploring Global Taiwan, Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto. The Last Sanctuary for Taiwan's LGBTQ: The Brokerage of Social Exchange Networks in LGBTQ Community Organizations in Taiwan, 2019; CA\$3,000 (Anson Au, PI)
4. Globalink Research Award, Mitacs Foundation. One Nation, One Face: A Critical Exploration of Sociality and Cultural Oppression in the South Korean Plastic Surgery Phenomenon, 2018; CA\$7,500 (Anson Au, PI)
5. Toronto Foundation Research Grant, Environics Institute. The Toronto Social Capital Project, 2017-2018; CA\$200,000 (Keith Neuman, PI; Anson Au, Collaborator)
6. The Suntory and Toyota International Centres for Economics and Related Disciplines Research Grant, Suntory and Toyota International Centre for Economics and Related Disciplines, London School of Economics and Political Science. Comparative Tolerability and Harms of Statins, 2015-2017; £10,000 (Huseyin Naci, PI; Anson Au, Research Officer and Collaborator)
7. Data Visualization Project Award, Institute of Public Affairs, London School of Economics and Political Science. The Statin Ranking Tool, 2015-2016; £2,500 (Huseyin Naci, PI; Anson Au, Research Officer and Collaborator)
8. Stars in Global Health, Grand Challenges Canada, Government of Canada. Adapting a Canadian eModule on HIV-related Disability and Rehabilitation for Health Workers in Sub-Saharan Africa, 2013-2015; CA\$100,000 (Stephanie A. Nixon, PI; Anson Au, Collaborator)

## SELECT HONOURS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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2020-2022	Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship (CA\$40,000), Government of Canada
2021	A. Noam Chomsky Rising Star Emerging Scholar, Society of Transnational Academic Researchers
2018-2021	Sociology Summer Fellowships(CA\$8,885), Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
2020	Social Sciences Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship Top-Up Award (CA\$3,000), Faculty of Arts Science, University of Toronto
2020	Work honored as organizing themes of 2020 Japanese Sociological Society's 93rd Annual Meeting (for Au, "Japanese sociology in a global network"), Japanese Sociological Society, Japan
2017-2020	Ontario Graduate Scholarships (CA\$30,000), Government of Ontario, Canada
2019	Full Fellow, The Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland
2019	Honorary Mention for the 2019 biennial The Sociological Quarterly Best Article Award for an article published between 2017-2018 and judged to represent "the highest quality of research and methodology, theoretically-informed inquiry, and publicly important scholarship" (for Au, "Reconceptualizing social movements and power"), Midwest Sociological Society
2019	Starting Scholar Award for Overseas Scholars (¥80,000/CA\$1,000), Japan Sociological Society
2019	Richard Charles Lee Leadership Award, Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
2019	Finalist for Best Student Article – Media Award, Mind Media (Hong Kong)
2019	Public Sociologist of the Month (December), International Sociological Association
2018-2019	University of Toronto Fellowship (CA\$18,250), Faculty of Arts Science, University of Toronto
2018	SGS Conference Travel Grant (CA\$1,030), School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto
2018	Finalist for Making a Difference: Award for Outstanding Contribution to Portrayal of Mental Health, Mind Media (Hong Kong) and Aetna
2016	Best Student Paper Award (US\$500USD/CA\$630), International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) and World Association for Triple-Helix and Future Strategies Studies (WATEF)

## CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS, INVITED TALKS, & PRESENTATIONS

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1. Au, Anson. "The Left Behind of Digitalization." Presentation at British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Apr 2024, online.
2. Au, Anson. "Social Mobility from Diverse Perspectives." Panel Chair at Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference, Dec 2, 2023, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China.
3. Au, Anson. "The Left Behind of Digitalization in China." Presentation at Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference, Dec 2, 2023, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China.
4. Liu, Sida & Anson Au. "Mobility spaces: Physical and social distances in professional career development." Presentation at Professional Service Firms Annual Conference, July 10-11, 2023, Saïd Business School, Oxford University, United Kingdom.
5. Au, Anson. 2023. "Cryptocurrencies and the Promise of Individual Economic Sovereignty in an Age of Digitalization: A Critical Appraisal." Presentation at the International Sociological Association, June 2023, Melbourne, Australia.
6. Au, Anson. 2022. "Moving from Relative to Material Deprivation in the Sociological Study of Economic Wellbeing." Presentation at Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference, Dec 2022, Lingnan University, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China.
7. Au, Anson. 2021. "Roundtable on Academic Publishing." Invited speaker at Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. February 2021, Toronto, Canada.
8. Au, Anson. 2020. "A Network Approach to Innovation in Hong Kong's Financial Sector." Presentation at Graduate Student Research Session, Center for the Study of Korea, Asian Institute, University of Toronto. November 2020, Toronto, Canada.
9. Au, Anson. 2019. "Social Media in the Las Vegas Shooting: The Social Structure of Discourse in the Digital Public Sphere." Presentation at Japan Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Tokyo Woman's Christian University. October 2019, Tokyo, Japan.
10. Liu, Sida and Anson Au. 2019. "Hong Kong and the Future of Chinese Law Firms." Special Lecture at Faculty of Law, Oxford University. October 2019, Oxford, United Kingdom.
11. Au, Anson. 2019. "The Last Sanctuary for Taiwan's LGBTQ: The Brokerage of Social Exchange Networks in LGBTQ Community Organizations in Taiwan." Presentation at Asian Institute Research Seminar, Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs. September 2019, Toronto, Canada.
12. Au, Anson. 2019. "Better Face, Better Everything: Reconceptualizing Beauty and Plastic Surgery in South Korea." Presentation at Practicum Conference, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. April 2019, Toronto, Canada.
13. Liu, Sida Anson Au. 2019. "The Gateway to Global China: Chinese Law Firms Arriving in Hong Kong." Paper presented at Wisconsin International Law Journal Symposium, Faculty of Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison. April 2019, Madison, Wisconsin, USA.

14. Liu, Sida Anson Au. 2019. "The Gateway to Global China: Chinese Law Firms Arriving in Hong Kong." Paper presented at University of Hong Kong Research Forum, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong. March 2019, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China.
15. Au, Anson. 2019. "Better Face, Better Everything: Reconceptualizing Beauty and Plastic Surgery in South Korea." Invited lecture for Department of Sociology, March 2019, University of Toronto-Scarborough.
16. Au, Anson. 2019. "Using Health Evaluation Findings in Practice." Invited lecture for Health Studies Program, University College, March 2019, University of Toronto.
17. Au, Anson. 2018. "'It's not about money, it's about life': Converting International Education into Symbolic Capital and Symbolic Violence among International Education Graduate Workers in Hong Kong." Presentation at International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Conference, Dec 2018, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China.
18. Au, Anson. 2018. "Reconceptualizing Symbolic Violence and Social Stratification in Hong Kong International Student Migration: Towards an Intersectional Nexus of Capital Conversion Pathways." Presentation at Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Conference, Dec 2018, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China.
19. Au, Anson. 2018. "Commentary on 'Dark Days: American Social Science in Crisis during the Reagan Years.'" Invited speaker for Social Theory Workshop at Faculty of Arts and Science, February 2018, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
20. Au, Anson. 2016. "New Directions at the Crossroads of E-Democracy and Open Government: Reconceptualizing Online Free Spaces with the Sunflower Movement." Invited presentation at Daegu Gyeongbuk International Social Network Conference 2016, December 2016, Daegu, Republic of Korea.
21. Landy, Rachel, Brent Oliver, Shawna O'Hearn, Lynn Cockburn, Larry Baxter, Katherine Robrigado, Kelly O'Brien, Deb Cameron, Anson Au, Stephanie Nixon. 2013. "Developing Accountability to Difference: A Scoping Study of Enhancing Reflexivity in Health Professions Education." Presentation at Canadian Conference on Medical Education, April 2013, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
22. Landy, Rachel, Stephanie Nixon, Anson Au, Larry Baxter, Cathy Cameron, Debra Cameron, Lynn Cockburn, Kelly O'Brien, Shawna O'Hearn, Brent Oliver, and Katherine Robrigado. 2013. "Improving Engagement: A Scoping Study of Research on Enhancing Reflexivity amongst Clinicians working in HIV Prevention and Care." Poster presentation at International Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV, November 2013, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

## TEACHING

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### Courses

2022–Present      **The Hong Kong Polytechnic University**  
 APSS1A08: Introduction to Sociology; APSS6402: Issues in Health Sociology (Doc-

toral level); APSS5204: Social Policy and Social Development in China (Master level)

- 2017–2022 **University of Toronto-Scarborough**  
SOC13H3: Sociology of Finance; SOCB42H3: Classical Sociological Theory; SOCB37H3: Economy, Culture, & Society; SOCA03Y3: Introduction to Sociology; SOCC23H3S: Practicum in Qualitative Research Methods; SOCC44H3: Media Society
- 2017–2022 **University of Toronto**  
SOC354H1F: Sociology of Murder; SOC213H1F: Sociological Social Psychology; SOC254H1F: Intermediate Qualitative Methods; SOC100H: Introduction to Sociology; SOC260H1: Fundamentals of Political Sociology; HST330H1: Population Health
- 2018–2020 **Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto**  
CAS450H1: Asian Pathways Research Practice; CAS200H1F: Introduction to Contemporary Asian Studies

## MEDIA

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### Public Work

- 2024 Au, Anson. "Why China must waste no time in pivoting to a consumption-based economy." *The South China Morning Post*. January 25, 2024.
- 2022 Au, Anson. "Coronavirus pandemic is unleashing a mental health crisis Hong Kong is unprepared for." *The South China Morning Post*. March 10, 2022.
- 2021 Au, Anson. "Three reasons not to fear China's regulatory crackdown." *The South China Morning Post*. August 26, 2021.
- 2021 Au, Anson. "Global cryptocurrency crackdown looms as governments enter digital currency race." *The South China Morning Post*. June 21, 2021.
- 2021 Au, Anson. "How US Fed monetary policy is putting Hong Kong's economy at risk." *The South China Morning Post*. May 22, 2021.
- 2021 Au, Anson. "WallStreetBets and GameStop saga reveals the cultural power of social media." *The South China Morning Post*. February 11, 2021.
- 2020 Au, Anson. "Hong Kong's government must wrest back control of the housing market – or risk the city's breakdown." *The South China Morning Post*. October 10, 2021.
- 2020 Au, Anson. "Why the US footprint in Asia looks set to shrink." *The South China Morning Post*. September 1, 2020.
- 2020 Au, Anson. "How the coronavirus will humble Donald Trump." *The South China Morning Post*. March 19, 2020.

- 2020 Au, Anson. "What the world learned from Sars stands us in good stead to curb Covid-19." *The South China Morning Post*. February 27, 2020.
- 2020 Au, Anson. "Why Hong Kong's economy is more than capable of weathering the recent protest headwinds." *The South China Morning Post*. January 23, 2020.
- 2019 Au, Anson. "K-pop deaths show East Asia must end the stigma, and the solitude, that surrounds mental health." *The South China Morning Post*. November 30, 2019.
- 2019 Au, Anson. "Four key areas where Hong Kong's protest movement has come up short." *The South China Morning Post*. July 7, 2019.
- 2019 Au, Anson. "Pushing forward the fight for LGBT equality in Hong Kong" *The South China Morning Post*. June 1, 2019.
- 2019 Au, Anson. "How Hong Kong public hospitals can ease overcrowding without turning to the private sector." *The South China Morning Post*. February 8, 2019.
- 2019 Au, Anson. "To beat air pollution, Hong Kong must turn to science and technology." *The South China Morning Post*. January 27, 2019.
- 2019 Au, Anson. "Stress facing Hong Kong teachers and students is a collective problem we cannot ignore." *The South China Morning Post*. January 6, 2019.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "Three reasons why same-sex marriage is still a no go in Taiwan and Hong Kong." *The South China Morning Post*. November 30, 2018.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "Why Hong Kong should not fear change under China, because even the mainland is changing, too." *The South China Morning Post*. November 7, 2018.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "US political realities mean Trump's trade war won't last – and maybe neither will he" *The South China Morning Post*. October 26, 2018.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "Crazy Rich Asians is just a movie. Let's not confuse Hollywood with reality." *The South China Morning Post*. September 13, 2018.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "The moral decline of China has been greatly exaggerated." *The South China Morning Post*. August 12, 2018.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "Why giving up your plastic straw won't save the planet." *The South China Morning Post*. July 13, 2018.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "How China is winning the war with the US for scientific hearts and minds." *The South China Morning Post*. June 24, 2018.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "Hong Kong's HIV problem: why prejudice is the real malady." *The South China Morning Post*. May 31, 2018.
- 2018 Au, Anson. "Any attack on the Cantonese language will only strengthen Hong Kong identity – just look at Taiwan's experience." *The South China Morning Post*. June 25, 2018.

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- 2018 Au, Anson. "Hong Kong needs a strong feminist movement, and not just for its women." *The South China Morning Post*. April 25, 2018.
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- 2017 Au, Anson. "Hong Kong's democracy focus ignores what really matters in society." *The South China Morning Post*. October 1, 2017.
- 2017 Au, Anson. "To ease the suffering, fight the stigma of mental health problems." *The South China Morning Post*. July 20, 2017.

#### ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

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- 2020 **University of Toronto**  
Basic Health and Safety Awareness, Environmental Health & Safety
- 2019 **Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) 3902**  
How to Talk to your Students about Mental Health
- 2019 **University of Toronto**  
Identify, Assist, Refer (IAR) Support for Student Mental Health
- 2019 **University of Toronto**  
Active Learning and Adapting Teaching Techniques, Teaching Assistants' Training Program (TATP)
- 2018 **University of Toronto**  
Certificate for Accessibility Ontario Disability Accommodation (for Staff)
- 2018 **Seoul National University**  
Certificate for Education for Human Rights and Gender Equalities (for Faculty Members)
- 2017 **Council of Ontario Universities**  
More Feet on the Ground: Recognizing, Responding, and Referring Students Experiencing Mental Health Issues

- 2017 **University of Toronto**  
Grading in the Social Sciences and Humanities, Teaching Assistants' Training Program (TATP)
- 2017 **University of Toronto**  
Discussion Based Tutorial Training, Teaching Assistants' Training Program (TATP)
- 2014 **Panel on Research Ethics, Government of Canada**  
Tri-Council Policy Statement Course II on Research Ethics (TCPS 2-CORE)

#### CONSULTANCY

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- 2021 **The European Commission**  
Consultant for the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission on the future of the retail ecosystem, consumer behaviours, transformations in supply chains, retail interfaces, sustainable commerce
- 2015 **Liberian Health Clinics**  
Consultant for Liberian health clinics on disability interventions and community health care experiences in Liberia
- 2013-2015 **Plan international West Africa Regional Office**  
Consultant for Plan international West Africa Regional Office on trends in experiences of disabled children in West African educational settings
- 2014 **Dalla Lana School of Public Health**  
Consultant for the Dalla Lana School of Public Health on public health projects on HIV clinical treatment and rehabilitation interventions
- 2014 **Superior Court of Ontario**  
Consultant for legal cases in the provincial court on social determinants of health and social inequalities related to health

#### MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

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##### Internal

- 2024–Present **Department Research Grant Reviewer**  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2023–Present **Doctoral Student Confirmation Assessment Panel Member**  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2022–Present **Master of Arts Social Policy and Social Administration Admissions Committee**  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

2022–Present **Department Website Task Force**  
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

## **External**

2023–2025 **Editorial Board Member**  
*Sociological Theory*

2022–Present **University Reviewer**  
*Times University Ranking*

2018–Present **Member**  
Hong Kong Sociological Association, International Chinese Sociological Association

2017–Present **Member**  
American Sociological Association, Canadian Sociological Association, International Sociological Association, Pink Alliance, The Solutions Project, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Knowledge Community (United Kingdom)

2018–Present **Canada-International HIV & Rehabilitation Research Collaborative**  
China Member

2013–Present **Member**  
Communications Division, International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation

## **Journal Reviews**

*American Journal of Sociology, Asian Journal of Social Psychology, International Relations, Social Indicators Research, British Journal of Sociology, Sociology, China Journal of Social Work, Current Sociology, PLOS One, Annals of Family Medicine, Transcultural Psychiatry, Current Medical Research & Opinion, The Sociological Quarterly, Sociology of Health and Illness, AJOB Empirical Bioethics, Forum: Qualitative Sozialforschung/Forum: Qualitative Social Research, International Sociology, Sociological Inquiry, Health, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, Sociology Compass, Mental Health in Family Medicine, Current Drug Abuse Reviews, Council on Undergraduate Research Quarterly, Journal for Social Thought, Scholarship and Practice of Undergraduate Research*

## **STUDENT TEACHING AND SUPERVISION**

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### **Postgraduate Student Advising**

2023– Yan Xu (Doctor of Philosophy, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

### **Undergraduate Research Student Advising**

2019 Arya Bhat (Sociology & Psychology, University of Toronto)

- 2019 Jaewon Rim (Mental Health & Psychology, University of Toronto)
- 2018 Irish Marigmen (Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto)
- 2018 Joanne Haye Wu (Sociology, University of Toronto)
- 2018 Joannie Fu (Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto)
- 2018 Kana Shishikura (Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto)

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