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PERSONAL INTRODUCTION



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Educational Background

Architecture
The University of Sheffield

Research Interests

- Strategic Planning
- Urban and Rural Planning & Building Designs
- Research-by-Design

Representative Projects/ Grants

- "Sustainable and Creative Village Research Network in SW China
- "Research on the Application Design of 3D Printing Technology in Contemporary Rural Architecture" (Enterprise Design Consulting Project)

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Representative Publications

- [M] Editorial board member, Portfolio of Research Alliance for Rural Innovation and Sustainable Development in Southwest China
- Bing Chen, Zhen Yao, Hua Zhang, Christian Nolf. Landscape Guided Planning and Design of Rural Revitalization [J].Chinese Landscape Architecture, 2020, (8): 58-62.



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Educational Background

Town and Regional Planning
University of Liverpool

Research Interests

- Smart Sustainable Cities
- Environmental Planning
- Geographic Information Systems

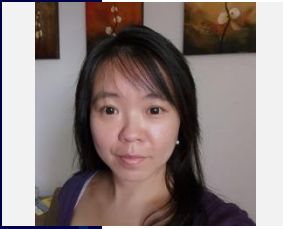
Representative Projects/ Grants

- Financing Clean Air / NSFC-Joint Programme Initiative-Urban Europe
- Sustainable Growth for Urban Commercial Centres in Suzhou / Key Special Programme Fund (KSF)
- Mapping Suzhou's Digital Tourism Identity in Social Media / Suzhou Social Science Planning Programme

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Representative Publications

- Kim, J.S. "Making smart cities work in the face of conflicts: lessons from practitioners of South Korea's U-City projects", Town Planning Review, 86 (5), 2015, pp561-585.
- Kim, J.S. and Batey, P.W.J. "Integrated watershed revitalization: the experience of the Mersey Basin Campaign". Asia-Pacific Journal of Regional Science. 2020.<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41685-020-00146-8> (view link: <https://rdcu.be/b12Og>)



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Educational Background

Urban Planning
University of Washington

Research Interests

- Quantify urban form
- Human behaviors (physical activities and daily activities such as travel behaviors, diet, etc.)
- Public health

Representative Projects/ Grants

- RDF – XJTLU ¥100,000 (2018-2021)
- NSFC-Young Science Fund ¥230,000 (2014-2016)

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Representative Publications

- “Urban regeneration in the context of ‘New Urbanisation’: Case of Xietang Old Street, Suzhou Industrial Park, China”, The Town Planning Review.
- “Artists and Shanghai’s culture-led urban regeneration”, Cities.
- China’s quality-oriented urban development in the New Urbanization. Policy Background Brief No. 1451, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore.



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Educational Background

Architecture
Università IUAV di Venezia

Research Interests

- Sustainable Urbanism
- Urban Heritage

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Densify high-density China. Scenarios by design
- The regeneration of the historic centers in Northern Italy

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Representative Publications

- The slow abandonment of the Italian Historic Centers, Journal of Cultural Heritage.
- Paradoxes of the historic centers. Between under-utilization and planning policies for sustainability, Sustainability.
- Exploring transition in a Chinese high-density New Town: scenarios of densification, AESOP.



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Educational Background

Geography and Resource Management
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Research Interests

- Geographical Information Science
- Urban Planning
- Quantitative Analysis

Representative Projects/ Grants

- 2020.08~2023.07, Principal Investigator, "Assessing disaster resilience from multiple perspectives and identifying key indicators: a case study of Suzhou", RDF-19-02-13, XJTLU.

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Representative Publications

- Song, J.*; Huang, B., Joon, S. K., Wen, J. H. & Li, R. (2020). Fine-scale Mapping of an Evidence-based Heat Health Risk Index for High-density Cities: Hong Kong as a Case Study. *Science of the Total Environment*. 718
- Song, J.*, Huang, B., Li, R., & Pandey, R. (2019). Construction of the Scale-Specific Resilience Index to Facilitate Multiscale Decision Making in Disaster Management: A Case Study of the 2015 Nepal Earthquake. *Social Indicators Research*, 1-35.



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Educational Background

Real estate management, Oxford Brookes University

Research Interests

- Sustainable cities and assessment, property-led development, sustainable urbanization and industrial parks
- Housing, livable development and property and urban policies
- Discretionary planning and incentivized urbanisation

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Urban Density and Housing Occupancy of Global Cities / UN-Habitat and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- For A Better Quality of Life in China: Planning Incentivisation in Housing Development / PhD Supervision Scholarship
- Developing 'Enclave Economy' in Suzhou from the Perspective of 'Knowledge Transfer' / Suzhou Social Science Fund Project (Applied Strategies)

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Representative Publications

- Xu, Y. & Kim, J. (2021) Future Suzhou: Urban planning and operation of Suzhou from an international perspective, China Architecture & Building Press
- Zhang, X.Q. and Xu, Y. (2021), Development of the digital economy towards future Suzhou, Future Suzhou: Urban Planning and Operation of Suzhou from An International Perspective, China Architecture & Building Press



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Educational Background

Economic Geography
Cardiff University

Research Interests

- High-tech startups
- Entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Industry clusters

Representative Projects/ Grants

- 2020 Entrepreneurship and Innovation Award, Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education (via XJTLU)
- 2014 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Irish Research Council (via Trinity College Dublin)
- 2010 Doctoral Scholarship, Nesta (via University of Wales)

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Representative Publications

- Zhang and Lucey, 2019, Globalisation, the mobility of skilled workers, and economic growth – Constructing a novel brain drain/gain index for European countries
- Breznitz and Zhang, 2020, Determinants of graduates' entrepreneurial activity
- Breznitz and Zhang, 2021, Entrepreneurship education and firm creation



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Educational Background

Urban Planning
Tongji U., NUS, UBC

Research Interests

- Cultural and creative economy
- Chinese urbanization
- Culture-led urban regeneration
- Village regeneration

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Journal paper funded by XJTLU RDF
- Journal paper funded by doctoral fellowship from The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Representative Publications

- "Urban regeneration in the context of 'New Urbanisation': Case of Xietang Old Street, Suzhou Industrial Park, China", The Town Planning Review.
- "Artists and Shanghai's culture-led urban regeneration", Cities.
- China's quality-oriented urban development in the New Urbanization. Policy Background Brief No. 1451, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore.



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Educational Background

Civil Engineering,
Lowa State University

Research Interests

- Civil integrated management
- Building information modeling (BIM)
- BIM for infrastructure

Representative Projects/ Grants

- XJTLU Postgraduate Research Scholarship (PGRS), "A roadmap for applying Civil Integrated Management related technologies to civil infrastructure projects in China".
- XJTLU Research Development Fund, "Evaluating costs and benefits of using BIM for infrastructure for a PPP project in China".

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Representative Publications

- "Civil Integrated Management: An Emerging Paradigm for Civil Infrastructure Project Delivery and Management", Journal of Management in Engineering.
- "Electronic Document Management Systems for the Transportation Construction Industry", International Journal of Construction Education and Research.
- "Implementation of CIM-related Technologies within Transportation Projects", International Journal of Construction Management.



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Educational Background

Geotechnical Engineering,
University of Birmingham (UK)

Research Interests

- Soil mechanics, structural mechanics
- Finite element method, discrete element method

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Footfall induced vibration of floors based on experiments and FEM simulations.
- Numerical and experimental investigations of compressive behaviour of FRP-confined waste-containing concrete columns.
- Anisotropic critical state theory based constitutive modeling of soil accounting for the influence of internal structure.

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Representative Publications

- DEM investigations of the effects of particle morphology on granular material behaviour using a multi-sphere approach, Journal of Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering.
- The influence of particle elongations on direct shear behaviour of granular materials using DEM, Granular Matter.
- Simulations of human-induced floor vibrations considering walking overlap, SN Applied Sciences.



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Educational Background

Construction Project Management
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Research Interests

- Sustainability in construction project management
- Waste-to-energy

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Study on the strategy of promoting emergency management capability for the property management during public health events.
- Behavior of contracts facing dumping charges under the complex PEST.
- Dynamic causal loop modelling of waste to resource in Yangtze Delta Region: a cost-benefit analysis approach.

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Representative Publications

- Carbon Emission Reduction in Prefabrication Construction during Materialization Stage: A BIM-based Life-cycle Assessment Approach, Science of the Total Environment.
- Quantifying construction waste reduction through the application of prefabrication: a case study in Anhui China. Environmental Science and Pollution Research.
- A model for assessing the economic performance of construction waste reduction. Journal of Cleaner Production.



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Educational Background

Hydraulics and Fluid Mechanics
The University of Birmingham

Research Interests

- Water Resources
- Fluid Mechanics

Representative Projects/ Grants

- "Structure Optimum of River and Lake Networks in Wujiang", 243K RMB, Industrial Project of XJTLU Urban and Environmental Studies University Research Centre (UES), 2020 Project 3, Co-Investigator.

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Representative Publications

- "Outstanding Educator of Suzhou", by Suzhou Education Bureau, Suzhou, China
- "Excellent Scientific and Educational Talents", by Suzhou Dushu Lake Science and Education Innovation District (Local Higher Education Bureau), Suzhou
- "Harold Jan Schoemaker Award", awarded (biennially) by the International Association of Hydro-Environment Engineering and Research (IAHR)



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Educational Background

Civil Engineering,
University of Central Florida

Research Interests

- UHPFRC
- High performance structure component
- Sustainable cementitious composites

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Composite deck system made of ultra-high performance concrete and high strength steel
- Study on Mechanical Properties of Assembled Ultra-high Performance fibred reinforced Concrete-High Strength Steel Composite Beams

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Representative Publications

- "Shear failure analysis on ultra-high performance concrete beams reinforced with high strength steel, J Xia, KR Mackie, MA Saleem, A Mirmiran, Engineering Structures 33 (12), 3597-3609
- Properties of high-performance cementitious composites containing recycled rubber crumb, X Wang, J Xia, O Nanayakkara, Y Li, Construction and Building Materials 156, 1127-1136



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Educational Background

Environmental Engineering
Nanyang Technological University

Research Interests

- Nanomaterials for environmental applications
- Environmental catalysis, renewable and sustainable energy
- Climate change mitigation, enzyme technology

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS), Ministry of Education, Malaysia, "Mechanistic study on the formation of self-assembly magnetic endzyme-inorganic hybrid nanoflowers biocatalyst".

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Representative Publications

- Synthesis of TiO₂ modified self-assembled honeycomb ZnO/SnO₂ nanocomposites for exceptional photocatalytic degradation of 2,4-dichlorophenol and bisphenol A, Science of the Total Environment.
- Microplastics in the freshwater and terrestrial environments: Prevalence, fates, impacts and sustainable solutions, Science of the Total Environment.



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Educational Background

Building Engineering
Concordia University

Research Interests

- Building Information Modelling (BIM) and 3D Reconstruction
- Sustainable Construction and Smart Construction Site
- Smart Transportation and Energy Efficiency

Representative Projects/ Grants

- 2020 Jiangsu Science and Technology Programme, "Improving the precision and intelligence of 3D reconstruction for Construction Information Modelling".

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Representative Publications

- BIM-based Investigation of Total Energy Consumption in Delivering Building Products, Advanced Engineering Informatics.
- A satisfaction-range approach for achieving thermal comfort in shared offices, Journal of Building and Environment.
- A BIM based Tool for Assessing Embodied Energy for Buildings, Journal of Energy and Buildings.



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Educational Background

Fluid mechanics
Université Paris-Est

Research Interests

- Sediment transport, river modelling
- Reinforced concrete structure, simulation

Representative Projects/ Grants

- 2020 Jiangsu Science and Technology Programme, "Improving the precision and intelligence of 3D reconstruction for Construction Information Modelling".

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Representative Publications

- A combined momentum interpolation and centre schemes for 3D incompressible, non-hydrostatic turbulent flow solver based on projection methods in unstructured grids, European Journal of Mechanics B/Fluid.
- 3D simulation of horseshoes vortex and local scours around a vertical cylinder using an unstructured finite-volume technique, International Journal of sediment research.



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Educational Background

Architecture
University of Rome la Sapienza

Research Interests

- Building stock energy
- Low energy design

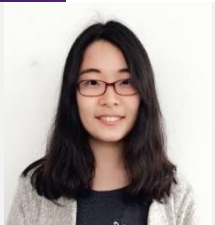
Representative Projects/ Grants

- Solar Decathlon China (external 1,000,000 RMB)
- The energy Modelling of the Residential Building Stock in Jiangsu Province (RDF, 97,000 RMB)
- The energy Modelling of the Residential Building Stock in Jiangsu Province (PhD Supervision)
- Large Scale Rapid Energy Modelling (PhD Supervision)

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Representative Publications

- Green Economy, Urban Development, City Legacy: a possible future dialectic in Italy, Dwelling on Earth - Review of Geo-architecture.
- Energy Modelling and Retrofit of the Residential Building Stock of Jiangsu Province, Proceedings of the International Conference: "Architecture Across Boundaries", Suzhou, China.



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Educational Background

Architecture
The University of Sheffield

Research Interests

- Low energy consumption transformation of old houses
- Microclimate analysis of old residential area

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Marco Cimillo, Filippo Calcerano, Xi Chen, David Chow, and Elena Gigliarelli (2019). Energy Modelling and Retrofit of the Residential Building Stock of Jiangsu Province. Presented at: 2019 XJTLU International Conference: Architecture across Boundaries, KnE Social Sciences, pages 1–10. DOI 10.18502/45



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Educational Background

Sustainable Environmental Design in Architecture
University of Liverpool

Research Interests

- Urban building energy modelling
- Retrofit of existing buildings

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Large-scale rapid energy modelling of buildings;
- Research on the Protection and Renewal of Huaian Historic District Hexia Ancient Town under the Influence of the Grand Canal Culture;



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Educational Background

Mechanical Engineering,
Southeast University

Research Interests

- Numerical analysis and optimization of structures
- Multiscale analysis of composites
- Computational mechanics

Representative Projects/ Grants

- National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) Young Scientist Fund
- Jiangsu Natural Science Foundation Young Scientist Fund
- Jiangsu University Natural Science Research Program

Representative Publications

- "Understanding influence of micro pores on strengths of LMDed AISi10Mg material using a direct method based statistical multiscale framework", Materials and Design;
- "Geometrically nonlinear analysis of CNT-reinforced functionally graded composite plates integrated with piezoelectric layers", Composite Structures;
- "Numerical investigation on hydraulic and thermal characteristics of micro latticed pin fin in the heat sink", International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer



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Educational Background

Biology
University of Madras

Research Interests

- Water pollution, Environmental Microbiology, Microbial Ecology, Antibiotic resistance, Biofilms

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Role: Principal Investigator;
- Evaluation of novel microbial source tracking markers for identification of fecal contamination in inflow rivers of Taihu Lake. Key Programme Special Fund (KSF-E-20), XJTLU, Suzhou Industrial Park Technology and Information Bureau / Finance Bureau. 2019.01 to 2021.12. (Status: Ongoing)

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Representative Publications

- Corresponding author
- T. Yuan, H. Zhang, Q. Feng, X. Wu, Y. Zhang, A. J. McCarthy and R. Sekar* (2020). Changes in fungal community structure in freshwater canals across a gradient of urbanization. *Water* 12(7): 1917.
- T. Yuan, A.J. McCarthy, Y. Zhang and R. Sekar* (2020). Impact of temperature, nutrients and heavy metals on bacterial diversity and ecosystem functioning studied by freshwater microcosms and high throughput DNA sequencing. *Current Microbiology* 77(11), 3512-3525



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Educational Background

Management Science
Lancaster University

Research Interests

- Enterprise strategy
- Sustainable development

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Research on the Establishment of green, low-carbon and circular Development Economic System in Suzhou Industrial Park

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International Business School Suzhou UES

Representative Publications

- Outstanding Achievement Award in Social Science Research (Third Prize), Suzhou Industrial Park, 2019



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Educational Background

Business Administration
Xi'an Jiaotong University

Research Interests

- Low carbon innovation adoption and diffusion
- Data-driven marketing strategy
- Energy & environmental sustainability

Representative Projects/ Grants

- General Programme, National Natural Science Foundation of China, Adoption and Diffusion of New Energy Vehicles: the Unified View of Electrification, Sharing and Connected-Autonomous Driving.

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Representative Publications

- "The Impact of Service and Governmental Policy Attributes on Consumer Preferences towards Electric Vehicles in China", Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice.
- "Sharing sustainability: how values and ethics matter in consumers' adoption of public bicycle-sharing scheme", Journal of Business Ethics.



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Educational Background

Management
University of Glasgow

Research Interests

- Strategic management, international business, innovation
- Regional economy; regional formal and informal institution, FDI spillovers
- International friendship city; strategic partnership

Representative Projects/ Grants

- The Study on the Bilateral Driving Mechanism and Influence Path of International Friendship Cities on the Sustainable Development of China's Foreign Direct Investment: A Case Study of Infrastructure Investment in Europe, Principal investigator, National Natural Science Foundation of China International cooperation project, closed

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Representative Publications

- Zhang, Y., Zhan, W., Xu, Y., & Kumar, V. (2020). International friendship cities, regional government leaders, and outward foreign direct investment from China. Journal of business research, 108, 105-118.
- Zhou, C., Zhang, Y., & Bu, M. (2024). Home country adverse political shocks and cross-border mergers and acquisitions financial performance of politically connected emerging market firms. International Business Review, 33(3), 102175.



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Educational Background

Applied Economics (Real Estate)
University of Alicante (Spain)

Research Interests

- Real Estate Economics and Finance
- Housing Affordability
- Energy Economics (Residential)

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Research on Economic Implications of Energy Efficiency in Chinese Urban Housing buildings (RDF)

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Representative Publications

- Taltavull de La Paz, P., Juez Tarrega, F., Su, Z., & Monllor, P. (2022). Sources of energy poverty: a factor analysis approach for Spain. *Frontiers in energy research*, 10, 847845.
- de La Paz, P. T., Sánchez, R. P., Tárraga, F. J., Mora, E. N., & Su, Z. (2023). Synchronisation among short-term rental markets, co-movements and cycles in 39 European cities. *Cities*, 134, 104148.
- Su, Z., & Taltavull, P. (2021). Applying the Fama and French three-factor model to analyze risk/reward in the Spanish REITs: An ARDL approach. *Journal of European Real Estate Research*, 14(2), 189-208.



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Educational Background

Computer Science
University of Liverpool

Research Interests

- Research on intelligent Water Quality Monitoring Vessel
- Development and application
- Multi-objective optimization
- Path planning
- Automatic navigation and obstacle avoidance

Representative Projects/ Grants

- XJTU Key Project / Suzhou Industrial Park (KSF), Water Environment Management based on Multifunctional Unmanned Surface Vehicles (1,000,000 RMB), Major Member, 2019-2022

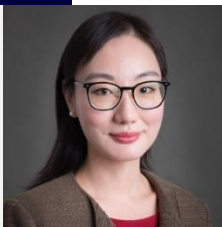
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Computing



Representative Publications

- Zhu, X., Yue, Y., Wong, P.W., Zhang, Y. and Ding, H., 2019. Designing an Optimized Water Quality Monitoring Network with Reserved Monitoring Locations. *Water*, 11(4), p.713. (SCI; IF:2.1)
- Zhu, X., Yue, Y., Hu, F., Shou, J., Zhang, J. and Cao, K., 2019. Accuracy Control of Fiber Cable's Outer Diameter with Algorithms of Filtration, Prediction and PID Controller. *Arabian Journal for Science and Engineering*, pp.1-17. (SCI; IF: 1.1)



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Educational Background

Sociology
Australian National University

Research Interests

- Local governance, State-society relations
- Social inequality, stratification and mobility
- Urbanization, Urban governance

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Representative Publications

- Tang, Beibei and Paul Cheung eds. Suzhou in Transition. Routledge, 2020.
- Tang, Beibei. China's Housing Middle Class: Changing Urban Life in Gated Communities. Routledge, 2018.
- Tang, Beibei. 2015. "Not Rural but Not Urban": Community Governance in Urbanized Villages." The China Quarterly Vol.223, 724-744. (2015 Gordon White Prize Winner.)



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Educational Background

Media and Communication
University of Southern Denmark

Research Interests

- Urban communication
- Creative industries
- Health communication

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Principal Investigator (PI). 2020. 2020 Suzhou Science and Technology Development Planning Project, Soft-Science Research Project (General Programme). Project Title: Communicating Public Health Emergencies in Suzhou: A Case of COVID-19. Awarded amount: CNY30,000.

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Media and communication, School of HSS

Representative Publications

- Kuang, Xianwen & Wang, Hui. (2020). Framing international news in China: An analysis of trans-edited news in Chinese newspapers, Global Media and China. DOI: 10.1177/2059436420924947.
- Kuang, Xianwen. 2020. 'Self-caging or playing with the edge? News selection autonomy in authoritarian China, SAGE Open. April-June 2020: 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2158244020922980>



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Educational Background

Education, linguistics
 University of Reading

Research Interests

- Second language acquisition
- Academic English and Special-purpose English
- Discourse analysis
- Bilingual research

Representative Projects/ Grants

- Academic English Teaching and Research in the 11th Five-Year Plan of the Ministry of Education

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Representative Publications

- RUAN, Zhoulin. 2019. Metadiscourse use in L2 student essay writing: a longitudinal cross-contextual comparison. *Chinese Journal of Applied Linguistics*, Vol. 42/4, 484-505.
- RUAN, Zhoulin. 2018. Structural compression in academic writing: An English-Chinese comparison study of complex noun phrases in research article abstracts. *Journal of English for Academic Purposes*, Vol. 36, 37-47.



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