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Education

PhD (Geography), The University of Manchester, UK, 2022 Master of Science, Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School, China, 2016 Bachelor of Science, Sun Yat-sen University, China, 2013

Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor of Urban Studies, CIS, 7/2025 —
Lecturer of Social Science (Urban Studies), Yale-NUS College, 7/2022 — 6/2025

Other Positions Held

Associate of the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 8/2022 — 8/2024

Awards and Honors

2017 – 2020 | SEED PhD Scholarship | University of Manchester
2015 | Best Papers (Ranking 1st) | 2015 Annual Conference of Human Geographical Society of China
2014 & 2015 | Graduate Academic Scholarship | Peking University | Grand Prize, Twice
2013 | Outstanding Graduates of the Year | School of Geography and Planning of Sun Yat-sen University

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Urban governance; Urban geography; Critical economic geography; Urban planning theory; Youth

Publications

Journal Articles [Refereed]

Zhang Y. (2024). The scale question as an urban question: When state entrepreneurialism meets homo urbanicus. Transactions in Planning and Urban Research. Special issue: Urban dynamics across scales.

Zhang, Y. (2024). The partnership question as a scale question: Extending the theorization of entrepreneurial urbanism in China. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research. 48(5), 789-814

Wei, Q., & **Zhang, Y**. (2024). Vertical expansion in the making: Planning against deindustrialisation by promoting 'Industry's Going Upstairs' in Shenzhen. Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space. 56 (5), 1447–1461.

Zhang, Y., Tong, D., & Liang, X. (2018). New perspective on regional inequality: Theory and evidence from Guangdong, China. Journal of Urban Planning and Development, 144(1), 04018002.

He, S., Li, L., **Zhang, Y.**, & Wang J. (2018). A small entrepreneurial city in action: Policy mobility, urban entrepreneurialism, and politics of scale in Jiyuan, China. IJURR, 42(4), 684-702.

Zhang, Y., & Feng J. (2017). The vanishing village and evolving rurality in urbanizing China: evidence from Dengzhou, Henan province in China (Chinese). Urban Development Studies, 24 (9): 98-108.

Zhang, Y., & Feng J. (2016). Rationality, Mobility and Family: Transformation of Rurality in Hollow Village Residents' Daily Lives (Chinese). Human Geography, 31(6): 49-57.

Zhang, Y., & He, S. (2015). A small entrepreneurial city in action: Jiyuan's evolving strategies for urban development and competitiveness (Chinese). Human Geography, 30(2): 65-71.

Book Chapters

Xie, X., **Zhang, Y.**, & Cai, T. (2013). Illegal occupation of pedestrian underpasses by street hawkers in Zhuhai: A comparison of three different administrative regimes (Chinese), in Department of Education Administration (ed.) Teaching and Learning: Research and Practice, SYSU Press, 73-82.

Research Grants

2022 - 2025 | Book Project Subvention Grant | Yale-NUS College

2023 - 2025 | Travel and Research Grant | Yale-NUS College

TEACHING

Teaching Areas

Urban theory; Urban China; Urban planning; Cities and economy; Community development

Courses Taught

Singapore Management University

Postgraduate Professional Programmes:

Urban Studies: Theory and Method