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AREAS OF RESEARCH/TEACHING

Social Theory, Critical Theory, Cultural Sociology, Sociology of Time

EDUCATION

2012, Ph.D, Sociology, Free University of Berlin
2020- present, Habilitation Candidate, Sociology, Friedrich Schiller University Jena

FELLOWSHIPS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

2022, Best Paper Award, 2022 Annual conference of the Chinese Sociological Association
2021, Award for Teaching Excellence, Nanjing University
2020, Third Prize of the 16th Jiangsu Province for Outstanding Achievements in Philosophy and Social Science
2019, Distinguished Professor of Chutian Scholar (declined)
2015, Best Paper Award, 2015 Annual conference of the Chinese Sociological Association
2014, Award for Teaching Excellence, Southwest University
2008, German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, DAAD) Scholarship

COURSES TAUGHT

2020-present, Social Theory: Selected Readings (Masters level)
2020-present, Contemporary Social Theories (Undergraduate level)
2020-present, Also a History of the German Sociology (Undergraduate level)

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

2025-present, Editorial board, *Beliner Journal für Soziologie*
2025-present, Editorial board, *Fujian Tribune*
2019-present, Executive Director, Spatio-Temporal Sociology Branch, Chinese Sociological Association
2019-present, Director, Theoretical Sociology Branch, Chinese Sociological Association
2018-2019, Director and Deputy Secretary General, Sociological Society of Hubei Province

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph in German

2012, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** *Soziale Geschwindigkeit: Ein theoretischer Grundriss und eine zeitpolitische Fragestellung.* Berlin: Freie Universität Berlin.

Monograph in Chinese

2026, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** *Navigation to Sociology.* Shanghai: Shanghai Joint Publishing.

- 2025, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** *Current Frontiers in Social Theory*. Shanghai: Shanghai People's Publishing House.
- 2018, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** *Social time: Genesis, Changes, and Problems*. Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press.

English Peer-Reviewed Articles (* Denotes corresponding author)

- 2023, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** "On the quadrants of the thing-world relations: a critical revision of Hartmut Rosa's resonance theory in terms of thing-world", *The Journal of Chinese Sociology*, 9(2): 33-51.
- 2021, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu** and Zhang, Shuwen*. Book review: Hartmut Rosa's Resonance: A Sociology of Our Relationship to the World, *International Sociology*, 36(5): 757-761.
- 2017, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** The Ecology of Social Time: An Outline of an Empirical Analytic Framework of the Sociology of Time, *Time & Society*, 26(2), 137-164.

Chinese Peer-Reviewed Articles (* Denotes undergraduate or graduate student co-author)

- 2025, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** More-than-AI: A System-Level Hierarchical Analytical Framework of Web 3.0. *Jianghai Academic Journal*, 3: 156-162.
- 2025, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu** and Wu, Xiaoguang *. The Implication of Emergence Theory of Durkheim's Sociological Theory. *Fujian Tribune*, 8: 129-144.
- 2024, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu** and Chen, Zhenyu *. The Praxeological Constitution of Society: The Contributions and Deficiencies in Andreas Reckwitz's Practice Theory. *Zhejiang Academic Journal*, 3: 13-25.
- 2023, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** Our Algorithmic-animist World: Rethinking the Instrumental Reason in the Contemporary Society. *Academic Monthly*, 55(12): 99-111.
- 2023, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** The Basic Categories of Object Human Relations: A Synthesis of the Sociological Theories of New Materialism. *Sociological Studies*, 2: 72-92.
- 2022, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** The Systematic Composition of Time: The Concept of Time in Niklas Luhmann's Theory of Social Systems. *Sociological Studies*, 2: 69-91.
- 2021, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** Human Crisis in the Industrial Age - Consensus and Divergence between Philosophical Anthropology and Critical Theory on Industrial Technology. *Fujian Tribune*, 12: 175-787.
- 2021, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu** and Wu, Xiaoguang*. Niklas Luhmann's Sociological Theory of Risk and Its Risks. *Jilin University Journal Social Sciences Edition*, 61(6): 83-94.
- 2021, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** The Localization of Sociology in Germany: The "Role-Debate" and Its Effect on De-Americanization. *Academic Monthly*, 53(5): 120-133.
- 2021, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** Appropriating Form of Life or Resonant World-Relations? The Consensus and Divergence in the Fourth Generation of Critical Theory. *Journal of Social Sciences*, 3: 53-67.
- 2021, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** World as Photomosaic: The Social Construction of Contemporary Reality, *Social Sciences in Guangdong*, 1: 181-194.
- 2019, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** Georg Simmel's Sociological Theory as an Emergentist Theory of Society, *Social Sciences in Guangdong*, 6: 173-184.
- 2019, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu.** The Concept of Social Liberty from the Perspective of the Critical

- Theory, *Journal of Social Sciences*, 2: 71-80.
- 2018, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. The Structuredness of the Life Time, *Journal of Huazhong University of Science and Technology (Social Science Edition)*, 32(5): 99-106.
- 2018, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu** and Hu, Shan*. Institutionalization of the Life Course: Paradigm and Methods of the Continental Life Course Research", *Sociological Studies*, 2: 214-241.
- 2018, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. Social Constitution of Recognition, *Chinese Journal of Sociology*, 38(4): 180-211.
- 2018, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. The Kairologization of Time: The Changes of the Form of Time and its Modern Configuration, *Study & Exploration*, 270(1): 21-36.
- 2015, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. Sociologization of Freedom in Georg Simmel's Social Theory, *Sociological Studies*, 3: 97-122.
- 2014, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. Contemporary Theories of Social Acceleration, *Social Sciences Abroad*, 3: 108-118.
- 2010, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. Changes of Time Structure and the Ideals of Time Politics: An Analysis from the Perspectives of the Sociology of Time, *Taiwanese Journal of Sociology*, 44: 213-275.
- 2010, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. Slow Down and Think More: A Review of No Time to Think: The Menace of Media Speed and the 24-Hour News Cycle, *Mass Communication Research*, 104: 247-258.
- 2009, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. SPEED UP! A Comparative Study on Hartmut Rosa's Beschleunigung and John Tomlinson's The Culture of Speed, *Cultural Studies Bimonthly*, Vol. 96.
- 2009, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. Time is Life: A Study of Norbert Elias' Social Theory of Time, *Cultural Studies Bimonthly*, Vol. 88.
- 2008, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu**. A Theory which Dominates(?) the Speed: A Review of Hartmut Rosa's Beschleunigung: Die Veränderung der Zeitstrukturen in der Moderne, *Router: A Journal of Cultural Studies*, 7: 244-257.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Book Chapters in German (* Denotes corresponding author)

- 2021, **Cheng, Tsuo-Yu** and Huang, Xinye*, "Die Max-Weber-Rezeption in der chinesischen Soziologie. Historisch-gesellschaftlicher Hintergrund, Übersetzungen und Forschungsansätze". In: Andrea Maurer (Ed.). *Mit Leidenschaft und Augenmaß: Zur Aktualität von Max Weber*. Campus, Frankfurt am Main/New York, pp. 229-259.

GRANTS

1. June 2023 - present
National Social Science Foundation of China (NSSFC)
Title: The "Material Turn" in the Contemporary Sociological Theory
Total: 200 thousand RMB
Role: Project Leader
2. June 2017- February 2022

National Social Science Foundation of China (NSSFC)
Title: Theories and Methods of the Sociology of Time
Total: 200 thousand RMB
Role: Project Leader