

Aihong Li Postdoc Research Fellow

Research interests: migration studies; gender, family, and work; financialisation of everyday lives

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Education

Ph.D, 2022 (Sociology), University of Cambridge

MSc, 2017 (Social Statistics), The University of Manchester

M.L, 2017 (Sociology), Xi'an Jiao Tong University

B.L, 2014 (major Sociology, minor Economics), Xi'an Jiao Tong University

Work Experience

July 2023- Present **Research Fellow**, Department of Sociology, Nanjing University
Courses Taught: The Sociology of Money and Finance (Undergraduate Level)
Social Research Methods and Statistics (Postgraduate Level, Module: Social Statistics)

Oct 2019-2023 **Supervisor** for undergraduates, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge
Modules: Soc5. Statistics and Methods;
Soc3.Global Social Problems
Demonstrator, Social Science Research Methods Program, University of Cambridge
Modules: Foundations in Applied Statistics; Basic Quantitative Analysis;
Soc5.Statistics and Methods; Multivariate Analysis

Peer-Reviewed Publications

[Published and Forthcoming]

Li, A., Kong, V. Li, Z. (2026). Becoming entrepreneurial mothers: navigating tensions between work and family and pursuing agency. *Gender, Work, and Organization* (forthcoming)

Liao, L., & Li, A*. (2025). Subjective Well-Being and Education in China: The Moderating Role of Educational Position. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 26(6), 84

Li, A. (2023). Stratified financial inclusion in China based on hukou and its interaction with city and province development, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2023.2191155

Li, A. (2022). The effects of Migration and Migration duration on the emotional health of rural elderly parents in China. *Ageing & Society*, 1-24. doi:10.1017/S0144686X2200054X.

Yao, Y., Zhang, S., & Li, A. (2021). Effects of Educational Attainment and Housing Condition on Self-Rated Health in Old Age: Heterogeneity and Tendency in China. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 9.

Zhang, S. & Li, A. (2016). "Avoiding Higher Ability Candidates down to Lower Positions: Research on Mediation Mechanism for the Effect of Social Networks on Income". *Journal of Xi'an Jiaotong University* (Social Sciences). (6):53-59. [张顺, 李爱红. 高能低就规避: 社会网络收入的中介机制研究[J]西安交通大学学报(社科版)] (this paper is also included in the book *Social Networks and Labour Market*, Social Science Academic Press, authors: Yanjie Bian, Shun Zhang, ISBN: 9787520103954

[Manuscript under review]

Li, A., Ren, R., & Weils J.* (2026). From Financial Inclusion to Subjective Well-being: Exploring the Mediating Effects of Financial Capability, Social Networks, and Family Value Orientations. *Journal of Happiness Studies*

Li, A. (2026). The Dividend of Alignment and the Penalty of Bias: Exploring Financial Literacy Consistency, Household Financial Stability, and the Intersection with Gender and Socioeconomic Status in Contemporary America. *Sociological Research Online*

LI, A. & Ren, R. (2026), Banal Nationalism and Educational Immobility Intentions: Evidence from Japanese High-schoolers. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*

Li, A. (2026). The gender gap on the move: the influence of interval migration on family normative values in China. *Journal of Asia Studies*

[Manuscript under preparation]

Li, A., Cui, S. (2026). Household Financial Inclusion in Transition: The Interplay of Hukou Stratification, SES, and Internal Migration in China

Li, A., Liu, W.* & Gruijters, R. (2026). What Remains after Turbulent Times: Employment Trajectories and Financial Well-being at Old Age in China.

Kong, V., A. Li*, Li, Z. (2026). Stabilising the precarious motherhood in relations: When mumpreneurship meets platform economy

Research Projects

1. Women's Entrepreneurial Practices and Cultural Reconstruction in the Context of the Digital Economy in China, funded by Nanjing University (grant no. 010914370326)
2. Social Embeddings and Well-being of High-Skilled Migrants in China, funded by China Postdoctoral Science Foundation (Grant no. GZC20251653)

Key Research Skills

Quantitative Good understanding of statistical software (*Stata, R, UCINET, Mplus, SPSS*)
Advanced research skills (*Longitudinal Data Analysis, Multilevel Modelling, Structural Equation Modelling and Latent Variables Analysis; Propensity Score Matching; Instrumental Variables Estimation; Missing Data Imputation etc.*)

Qualitative In-depth interviews and recruiting participants; Focus groups; Software (*NVivo, Rayyan*)

Survey Research Survey research design and data collection

Editorial & Review Experiences Reviewer for *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Migration Studies, Journal of Happiness Studies, Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*

Social Activities & Leadership

Jul 2023- Present **Deputy Secretary**, Financial Wellbeing and Livelihood Forum, Chinese Sociological Association
Coordinated the call for papers and organised the Financial Wellbeing and Livelihood Forum at the Annual Conference of CSA

Jul 2019- Jul 2020 **Women's Officer**, Queens' College, University of Cambridge
Organized 4 talks & discussions on gender and equality, 2 film nights watching documentaries (Human, Women), attracted more than 50 people in total

Apr 2017- **Home fundraiser** (part-time) on behalf of British Heart Foundation, Manchester, UK

Oct 2017 *Obtained more than 2000 pounds donation with a team of 5 fundraisers within one month personally for the research project “Newborn baby’s heart patch”*

Referees

Prof. Maria Iacovou (PhD supervisor), Professor of Quantitative Sociology in Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge. Email: mi305@cam.ac.uk

Prof. Rob Gruijters (Internal examiner), Associate Professor in Education, University of Bristol. Email: rob.gruijters@bristol.ac.uk

Prof. Yang Hu (External examiner), Associate Professor in Sociology at UCL Social Research Institute. Email: yang.hu@ucl.ac.uk