

LUIAS Distinguished Lecture

What Chinatown Unfolds: Ethnic Enclaves, Immigrant Selectivity, and Segmented Assimilation

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Venue: LBY G01, G/F, B.Y. Lam Building



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ABSTRACT

Chinatown has been one of the most significant ethnic enclaves in immigrant gateway cities of the United States. What makes Chinatown tick? And how does it affect immigrant integration? Recounting her nearly 40 years of living in the United States as an immigrant and a scholar of migration studies, which began in New York City's Chinatown, Professor Min Zhou will engage with key sociological concepts of ethnic enclaves, immigrant selectivity, and segmented assimilation to explain why patterns of diasporic formation differ over time and why outcomes of social mobility are segmented and vary across ethnoracial groups. She will also share how her own lived experience as an ethnic Chinese has inspired and stimulated, as well as challenged or stretched, her sociological imagination and scholarship.

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Min Zhou is Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Asian American Studies, Walter and Shirley Wang Endowed Chair in US-China Relations and Communications, and Director of the Asia Pacific Center at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Her main research areas are in migration & development, race and ethnicity, Chinese diaspora, Asian American studies, and urban sociology, and she has published widely in these areas, including *Chinatown: The Socioeconomic Potential of an Urban Enclave* (1992); *Growing up American: How Vietnamese Children Adapt to Life in the United States* (with Bankston, 1998); *The Asian American Achievement Paradox* (with Lee, 2015); *The Rise of the New Second Generation* (with Bankston, 2016), *Contemporary Chinese Diasporas* (ed., 2017); *Forever Strangers? Contemporary Chinese Immigrants around the World* (ed., 2021, in Chinese); and *Beyond Economic Migration: Social, Historical, and Political Factors in US Immigration* (eds. with Mahmud, 2023). She won the 2017 Distinguished Career Award from the American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on International Migration and the 2020 Contribution to the Field Award from the ASA Section on Asia and Asian America.

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