

# LAI Yuen Shan, Ruby

## Curriculum vitae

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### OFFICE ADDRESS:

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### EDUCATION

- 2014-2019      Ph.D. in Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.  
2012-2014      M.Phil. in Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
2008-2011      BSSc. (1<sup>st</sup> Hons.) in Journalism and Communication, The Chinese  
University of Hong Kong

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender, Family, Reproductive politics, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Sexuality, Migration, Ethnic Minorities, Hong Kong, China

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### WORKING EXPERIENCES

- 08/2022–Present      **Assistant Professor**  
Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Lingnan University  
08/2019–08/2022      **Research Assistant Professor**  
Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Lingnan University

### AWARDS

- 2022/23      • Early Career Award, Research Grant Council of Hong Kong  
2019/20      • 2020/21 Hong Kong RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship (2020-2023)  
2019/20      • 2019 Hong Kong Sociological Association Best Thesis Award  
• 2019 Hong Kong Publishing Biennial Awards (Social Science)  
2018/19      • RGC - Fulbright Hong Kong Research Scholar Award (Junior Programme)  
(Visiting Graduate Researcher – Center for Chinese Studies, UCLA)  
2016/17      • Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence, CUHK  
(Visiting Graduate Student – Centre for Women's Studies, University of  
York)  
• Li Po Chun Charitable Trust Fund Postgraduate Scholarship

- Best Paper Award, 5th Global Social Sciences Graduate Student Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University, 2017
- 2015/16 • CUHK Golden Jubilee Postgraduate Scholarship 2015/16
- 2014/15 • Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme
- Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowship for Postgraduate Research Students 2014-15
- CUHK Golden Jubilee Postgraduate Scholarship 2014/15
- 2013/14 • Lee Wong Lai Lin Scholarship for Sociological Studies of Family and Gender Issues 2013/14
- 2010/11 • Departmental Prize in Journalism and Communication (Honorary Title), The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2010/11 • Kunkle and Pommerenke Scholarships, CUHK
- 2009/10 • Kunkle and Pommerenke Scholarships, CUHK
- 2008/09 • Kunkle and Pommerenke Matriculation Scholarships, CUHK

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book Monograph

**Lai, Y. S.** (2023). *Premarital Abortion in China: Intimacy, Family and Reproduction*. Oxon and New York: Routledge.

### Journal Articles

1. **Lai, Y. S.** 2023. Home as a Site of Resistance/Repression? The Intersection of Family, Politics, and the Hong Kong 2019 Protest Movement. *The Sociological Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00380261231175226>
2. **Lai, Y. S.** 2022. Every Medicine Is Somewhat Poisonous”: Understanding the Reluctance to Use Oral Contraceptives Among Unmarried Women Seeking Abortion in China. *Contraception*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2022.11.008>
3. **Lai, Y. S.** 2021. From# MeToo to# ProtestToo: How a Feminist Movement Converged with a Pro-democracy Protest in Hong Kong. *Politics & Gender*, 17(3), 500-507. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1743923X21000246>
4. Choi, S. Y. P. and **Lai, Y. S.** 2021. Sex Work and Stigma Management: The Role of State Policy and NGO Advocacy. *China Quarterly*, 247, 855-874. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0305741021000035>
5. Choi, S. Y. P. and **Lai, Y. S.** 2020. Birth Tourism and Migrant Children’s Agency: The ‘Double Not’ in Post-Handover Hong Kong, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 48(5), 1193-1209. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2020.1839397>

6. Choi, S. Y. P., **Lai, Y. S.** and Pang, C. L. 2020. 'Gender Irrelevance': How Women and Men Rationalise Their Support for the Right. *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. 45(2), 473-496. <https://doi.org/10.1086/705006>
7. **Lai, Y. S.** and Choi, S. Y. P. 2019. Premarital Sexuality, Abortion, and Intergenerational Dynamics in China. *Modern China*, 47(3), 239-265. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0097700419880524>

#### Book Chapter:

1. **Lai, Y. S.** 2023. The Transformation of Abortion Law in China. *Research Handbook on International Abortion Law*, edited by Mary Ziegler. Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.

#### Manuscripts or book chapters under review

1. **Lai, Y. S.** Mifepristone in the People's Republic of China. *Abortion, Politics, and the Pill that Promised to Change Everything - The Global Journey of Mifepristone*, edited by Lisa Wynn, Angel Foster and Tracy Weitz. (Under review; under contract with Palgrave Macmillan)

#### Invited Talks and Seminars

1. Lai, Y. S. Abortion in Contemporary China: Negotiating Reproductive Agency under the State's Biopolitical Governance. Invited paper presented at "The Age of Roe? The Past, Present, and Future of Abortion in America" Conference organized by Harvard Radcliffe Institute, Cambridge, MA, January 27, 2023.
2. Lai, Y. S. Poverty, Space, and Caregiving: Family Practice in Cubicle Homes. Invited talk presented at the Salon organized by the 2022 Hong Kong Biennale of Urbanism\Architecture, Hong Kong, March 20, 2022.
3. Lai, Y. S. Premarital Abortion: Reproductive Politics in Post-Socialist China. Invited talk presented at the Abortion + SRH Seminar Series organized by the Global Health Initiative, London School of Economics, UK, November 23, 2000.
4. Lai, Y. S. Premarital Abortion: Reproductive Politics in Post-Socialist China. Invited talk presented at the Wednesday Gender Studies Seminar organized by the Gender Studies Programme and the Gender Research Center at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, October 27, 2000.
5. Lai, Y. S. Metoo in Hong Kong. Paper presented at the #Metoo in East Asia Forum, Global Asia Research Center, National Taiwan University, October 28, 2019.

#### Selected Conference Presentations

1. Lai, Y. S. Intersectional Marginalization and Family Strategies: Family Lives in Cubicle Homes under Covid-19. Paper presented at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, June 25 - July 1, 2023.

2. Lai, Y. S. Deliberative Harmony?: Negotiating Family Conflicts during High-Risk Social Movements. Paper presented at the XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Melbourne, June 25 - July 1, 2023.
3. Lai, Y. S. and Chan, C. Y. Repressive Home Space and Well-being: A mixed-method study of Families living in Informal Cubicle Apartments in Hong Kong. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the British Sociological Association, Manchester, UK, April 13-15, 2023.
4. Lai, Y. S. Inadequate Housing, Collective Resilience, and Well-being: Family Lives in Subdivided Apartments under Covid-19. Paper presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong, December 3, 2022.
5. Lai, Y. S. Domesticating Politics: Negotiating Political Polarization in the Family amid Protest Movement. Paper accepted by the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, USA, August 5-9, 2022.
6. Lai, Y. S. Border-crossing as a Homemaking Strategy: “Single-not” and “Double-not” Families Living in Subdivided Flats in Hong Kong. Paper presented at the 2022 International Symposium on Social Policy and Social Services Challenges in the Greater Bay Area, Hong Kong, 23 June, 2022.
7. Lai, Y. S. Compressed Home and Spatial Strategies: Doing Family in a Cubicle Apartment. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Honolulu, Hawai’I and Virtually, March 24-27, 2022.
8. Lai, Y. S. Cubicle Homes under COVID-19: Space, Intimacy, and Family Practices. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the British Sociological Association, UK, April 20-22, 2022.
9. Lai, Y. S. The Needs for Sexuality Education among Ethnic Minority Students in Hong Kong: An Exploratory Study. Paper presented at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association 2022, Hong Kong, 8 January, 2022.
10. Lai, Y. S. Doing Family in Times of Political Turmoil: The Impact of the 2019 Hong Kong Protest on Family Relationships. Paper presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> European Sociological Association Conference, Barcelona, Spain, August 31- September 3, 2021.
11. Lai, Y. S. "Severing ties" or "A Grand Reconciliation"?:How Political Events Shape Families in Hong Kong. Paper presented at the 2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, United States, August 6-10, 2021.
12. Lai, Y. S. Politics at Home: How the 2019 Protest Shapes Hong Kong Families. Paper presented at the 2021 Society for Hong Kong Studies Annual Conference, Hong Kong, June 25-26, 2021.
13. Lai, Y. S. "Severing ties" or "A Grand Reconciliation"?:How Political Events Shape Families in Hong Kong. Paper presented at the “Gender and Social Movements” International Conference 2021, Gender Research Centre, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, May 22, 2021.
14. Lai, Y. S. Abortion and Sisterhood: A Non-Rights-Based Approach to Reproductive Health in China. Paper presented at the British Sociological Association Annual Conference, UK, April 13-15, 2021.

15. Lai, Y. S. Medicalization and Abortion: Evaluating Three Types of Service Providers in China. Paper presented at the IV ISA Forum of Sociology, Porto Alegre, Brazil, February 23-27, 2021.
16. Lai, Y. S. Women in Protest: Gender and Social Movements in East Asia. Panel accepted by the AAS-in-ASIA conference, Kobe, Japan, June 29-July 1, 2020.
17. Lai, Y. S. Premarital Abortion: Reproductive Politics in Post-Socialist China. Paper presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association 2019, Hong Kong, 30 November, 2019.
18. Lai, Y. S. & Choi, S.Y. P. Navigating the “Double Minority” Status: Exploring How Ethnic Minorities Negotiate with China’s Rule in Post-Colonial Hong Kong. Paper presented at the First Annual Meeting of Society for Hong Kong Studies, Hong Kong, June 22, 2019.
19. Lai, Y. S. The “Perfect Abortion” Paradox: The Sales and Experiences of Private Abortion Services in China. Paper presented at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, July 15 to 21, 2018.
20. Lai, Y. S. The Intimate Trial: Couple Interactions during Premarital Abortion in North China. Paper presented at the 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association, Athens, Greece, August 19 to September 1, 2017.
21. Lai, Y. S. The Intimate Trial: Couple Interactions during Premarital Abortion in North China. Paper presented at the 112<sup>th</sup> American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 12-15, 2017.
22. Lai, Y. S. The Intimate Trial: Couple’s Interactions during Premarital Abortion in North China. Paper presented at the British Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Manchester, UK, April 4-6, 2017.
23. Lai, Y. S. Premarital Abortion among Female Migrants in China: Modes of Parental Influence. Paper presented at the 111<sup>th</sup> American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 20-23, 2016.
24. Lai, Y. S. Abortion among Unmarried Female Migrant Workers in China: Modes of Parental Influence. Paper presented at the Third ISA Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria, July 10-14, 2016.

#### Other Publications

1. **Lai, Y. S.**, Cheng, M. C., Tam, V. and Chan, C. 2018. *Out of the Shadow: Stories of Fathers with Autistic Children* (開門有光—十個自閉孩子與爸爸). Hong Kong: Joint Publishing. (In Chinese)
2. **Lai, Y. S.** 2017. *Colours of Justice: The Biography of Fermi Wong, the Founder of Hong Kong Unison* (公義的顏色：王惠芬與少數族裔的平權路). Hong Kong: Joint Publishing. (In Chinese) (Recipient of the 2019 Hong Kong Publishing Biennial Awards (Social Science))
3. Ho, S. M., **Lai, Y. S.** and Siu, H. W. 2013. They are the eyes of equals: Animal rights in Hong Kong (動物權益誌). Hong Kong: Joint Publishing. (In Chinese)

## **RESEARCH GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

- 2023/25 Project Title: Gendering Informal Housing: Intersectional Inequalities and the Resilience of Families Living in Subdivided Units in Hong Kong – ECS, Research Grant Council, (Principal Investigator; 24 months; \$431,160)
- 2021/23 Project Title: The Compressed Family and Cubicle Living: Housing and Family in Postcolonial Hong Kong - Lingnan University Direct Grant (Principal Investigator; 24 months; \$79,840)
- 2019/20 Project Title: Harmony No Longer? Hong Kong Families Under the Anti-Extradition Law Movement - Lingnan University Faculty Research Grant (Principal Investigator; 18 months; \$49,875)
- 2019/20 Project Title: Sex and Sensitivity: Understanding the Needs for Culturally Sensitive Sexuality Education in Hong Kong - Lingnan University Faculty Research Grant (Principal Investigator; 24 months; \$30,000)
- 2017 Research Postgraduate Student Grants for Overseas Academic Activities (HK\$30,000), The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2014-2017 Postgraduate Student's Subsidy for Fieldwork/Research Activities, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (HK\$3000)
- 2014 Postgraduate Studentship (36 months), The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2012 Postgraduate Studentship (24 months), The Chinese University of Hong Kong

## **TEACHING GRANTS**

- 2023/24 Project Title: Blended learning and revisioning: An e-revisioning approach, Lingnan University Teaching Development Grant (Principal project supervisor; 12 months; \$180,000)
- 2021/22 Project Title: The Making of Hong Kong: A Blended Learning Approach, Lingnan University Teaching Development Grant (Co-supervisor; 12 months; \$200,000)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES**

- 2019-2023 Hostel Tutor, William M W Mong Hall The Bank of East Asia Hall (A), Lingnan University
- 2021-Present Member of the Undergraduate Admission Sub-committee, Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Lingnan University
- 2021-Present Member of the BSocSc Programme and Curriculum Committee, Lingnan University
- 2022-Present Member of the LU Equal Opportunities Committee, Lingnan University

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

1. Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
2. Asia Pacific Comparative Development and Policy Symposium

3. Comparative Social Policy Research Project
4. Family and Society
5. Gender and Society
6. Hong Kong Society
7. Identities and Boundaries: Hong Kong Society from a Sociological Perspective
8. Introduction to Sociology
9. Junior Research Project
10. Qualitative Research
11. Risk, Society and Modernity
12. Senior Thesis
13. Sexuality and Society
14. The Making of Hong Kong
15. Supervision of MPhil and PhD students

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATIONS

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| 2023-Present | Membership secretary, Hong Kong Sociological Association                       |
| 2020-Present | Editorial member, Factcheck Lab  |
| 2011- 2019   | Freelance Journalist (Contributor for <i>Ming Pao</i> and <i>The Initium</i> ) |

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of Association for Asian Studies
- Member of European Sociological Association
- Member of Hong Kong Sociological Association

### KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

#### Selected recent journalistic works and commentaries (2017-Present)

1. **Lai, Y. S.** A wise woman cannot cook without space: Gendering housing problem (巧婦難為無位炊----房屋問題的性別向) *Sing Tao Daily*, June 26, 2023. (In Chinese)
2. **Lai, Y. S.** Can rent control protect tenants living in subdivided units? (劏房租管能切實保障租客嗎?), *Sing Tao Daily*, December 5, 2022. (In Chinese)
3. **Lai, Y. S.** Overturning Roe v. Wade: The Past and Present Struggle in the Reproductive Politics in America (推倒 Roe v. Wade : 美國生殖政治鬥爭的前世今生), *Mingpao*, May 11, 2022. (In Chinese)
4. **Lai, Y. S.** Roe v. Wade and reproductive justice in America (羅訴韋德案與美國生殖政治), *Sing Tao Daily*, May 23, 2022. (In Chinese)
5. **Lai, Y. S.** Rethinking Intersectionality from a school's ban on long hair (讓頭髮帶動一場交織性思考), *Mingpao*, July 24, 2022. (In Chinese)
6. **Lai, Y. S.** Public awareness should be raised about sexual misconduct in dating apps

- (預防交友軟件性侵 社會須提高意識), *Sing Tao Daily*, November 22, 2021. (In Chinese)
7. **Lai, Y. S.** Challenges faced by families in subdivided units during the COVID-19 pandemic (新冠疫情下的劏房家庭), *Sing Tao Daily*, May 24, 2021. (In Chinese)
  8. **Lai, Y. S.** Jordan Fire reveals the impoverished conditions of South Asians (佐敦大火透視南亞裔貧困狀況), *Sing Tao Daily*, December 7, 2020. (In Chinese)
  9. **Lai, Y. S.** COVID-19 threatens reproductive rights (新冠肺炎威脅生殖權利), *Sing Tao Daily*, July 20, 2020. (In Chinese)
  10. **Lai, Y. S.** “Don't want to or don't dare to have children? The reproductive dilemma of Chinese women” (不想生還是不敢生？當代中國女性的生育難題), *Etnet*, October 23, 2019. (In Chinese)
  11. **Lai, Y. S.** “Can #ChurchToo purify God's temple? Sexual abuses among churches in Hong Kong” (#ChurchToo 能否潔淨上帝的殿？——香港教會的性侵風波), *The Initium*, July 4, 2018. (In Chinese) <https://theinitium.com/article/20180705-opinion-church-metoo/>
  12. **Lai, Y. S.** “From garbage station to the government office, the community-based cleaner strike” (從垃圾房走進政府大樓，一群清潔阿姐的社區工運路), *The Initium*, January 5, 2018. (In Chinese) <https://theinitium.com/article/20180106-hongkong-cleaners-on-strike/>
  13. Choi, S. Y. P. and **Lai, Y. S.** “False reporting of sex assault is not as common as public's perception” (性罪行誣告非如輿論形容普遍), *Ming Pao*, December 21, 2017. (In Chinese)
  14. **Lai, Y. S.** and Choi, S. Y. P. “Seven mistaken ideas about the gender recognition legislation” (關於性別承認法的七點謬誤), *Apple Daily*, December 19, 2017. (In Chinese)
  15. **Lai, Y. S.** and Choi, S. Y. P. “Establishing a gender recognition system is an urgent task” (確立性別承認制度刻不容緩), *Ming Pao*, December 5, 2017. (In Chinese)
  16. Choi, S. Y. P. and **Lai, Y. S.** “Sex education in Hong Kong is out of touch with reality” (香港性教育課程離地), *Apple Daily*, November 23, 2017. (In Chinese)
  17. Choi, S. Y. P. and **Lai, Y. S.** “From Harvey Weinstein to Hong Kong: Power imbalance silences the victims of sexual assaults” (從 Harvey Weinstein 到香港：權力差異令性罪行受害者噤聲), *Ming Pao*, November 11, 2017. (In Chinese)
  18. **Lai, Y. S.** “When an incident of sexual assault meets the Internet trolls, what can we do?” (當性侵事件碰上網絡白目，我們可以做什麼？), *The Initium*, May 14, 2017. (In Chinese) <https://theinitium.com/article/20170515-opinion-rubylai-rape/>