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## INTERESTS

Sociology of Knowledge, Science and Technology Studies  
Identity, Power, and Social Psychology  
Global Change and Its Governance  
Contemporary Taiwan, China and East Asia.

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## CURRENT RESEARCHES

### **Framing Sociology in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore: Geopolitics, State and Its Practitioners**

PhD Thesis supervised by Prof. Steve Fuller and Prof. Tony Elger

### **Book Project: Pathways of Sociology in China, Taiwan and Hong Kong**

A cooperative book project that aim at inviting contributors from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong to write about the history of sociology in respective places for a comparative analysis. I participated as an assistant coordinator/editor. Project Head: Dr Michael MK Chang, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

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## EDUCATION

### **PhD Student in Sociology, University of Warwick, 2006/10-**

Course taken/attended: Research Design and Process, Qualitative Methods, Philosophy and Social Theory, Politics and Social Theory, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Body Pain & Emotion

### **MSc in Sociology, with MERIT, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2003**

Course taken: Methods of Sociological Research, Social Theory, Approaches to Globalisation, Media and Globalisation, Media Technology and Everyday Life

### **BS in Psychology, National Taiwan University, 1998**

Postgraduate-level course taken: Organizational Psychology, The Indigenous Psychology of Chinese People, Group Counseling and Psychotherapy, Neural Linguistics.

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## MAJOR AWARDS & HONOURS

- Merit Award, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2002-03
- Ministry of Education Scholarship for Students Gifted in Math and Natural Sciences, 1993-1997
- Champion, 25<sup>th</sup> International Chemistry Olympiad, 1993

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## PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

### Commissioned Reports and Articles

- 2009 'Imaging an International Node vs. Cultivating the Domestic Dialogues: A Participatory Note on the 2008 HKSA & TSA Annual Conferences', 24-29, Issue 65, *Taiwan Sociological Association Communication* (in Chinese)
- 2009 'Gazing at Migration in the 2008 TSA Annual Conference', 63-69, Issue 65, *Taiwan Sociological Association Communication* (in Chinese)
- 2009 'Country Report: The Governance of Emerging Technologies in Taiwan', annex to Jacquelyne Luce *Knowledge Politics and Converging Technologies: Actors, Sites, Practices*, deliverable 2 of Knowledge NBIC Project, FP6, European Commission.
- 2008 'Searching Google Scholar with the K/w Converging Technology', annex to Steve Fuller *Research trajectories and institutional settings of new converging technologies*, deliverable 1 of Knowledge NBIC Project, FP6, European Commission.

### Conference Presentations

- 'The Knowledge Politics of Emerging Technologies in Taiwan: Governance Imbalance, Institutional Gaps and Historical Contexts', presented in [HKSA Annual Conference](#), Lingnan, Hong Kong, 2008.12.6 [TSA Annual Conference](#), Academia Sinica, Taipei, 2008.12.13, and [Seminar Synergy 2009](#), Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, 2009.3.17.
- 'Negotiating Western Sociology in East Asia and the Challenges of Academic Globalisation- Findings from Sociologist Interviews from Taiwan and Hong Kong', presented in the [Interim Conference, RC09 History of Sociology, ISA](#), Umea, Sweden, 2008. 8. 23.

### Thesis, unpublished

-2003 *Risk and Experts - The Newspaper Presentation of SARS and Medical Professionals in Taiwan*  
Master Thesis submitted to Dept of Sociology, London School of Economics.

### Book, Non-Academic

- 2006 *Shiner than Sun, Purer than Snow- Into Yunnan, Silk Road and Tibet*. Taipei: Commonwealth Publishing Co. (in Chinese, a book about my journeys in Western China, featuring critical discussions the social and ecological conditions there)

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## EMPLOYMENTS

### **Assistant Researcher, 'Knowledge Politics and the New Converging Technologies' (NBIC) Project, FP6, European Commission. 2007.9-2009.3**

- Working with a consortium of seven institutions in six countries, headed by Prof. Nico Stehr, Zeppelin University, Germany.
- Responsible for compiling the working bibliography, carrying out a series of bibliometric analysis, and solo-authoring a 'country report' on the governance of emerging technologies in Taiwan.

**Policy Analyst/Writer, e-Campaign Team for Taipei Mayor Candidate Dr. Hou Long-Bin, 2006.3-2006.6**

- Drafted policy statements

**Associate Director, Campaign Office for Legislator Candidate Lin Zheng-Xiou, 2004.10-2004.12**

- Drafted policy statements.
- Designed the campaign schedule based on the social-geographical data
- Coordinated all campaign activities and deployed manpower, vehicles and equipments on hourly basis.
- Responsible for recruiting, training and cheerleading the campaigners.

**Legislative Assistant, Legislator John H. Chang's Parliamentary Office, 2004.2-2004.9**

- Drafted Bills, interpellations, press releases and articles based on timely analysis of political issues
- Critically evaluated Bill drafts proposed by other parties for the Legislator's reference
- Received lobbies and petitions. And, if necessary, coordinated with government agencies or other parties to work out a solution acceptable to all.
- Also served as Press Contact-person and Deputy Schedule Secretary

**Sales and Marketing Assistant, Commonwealth Publishing Co., 2001.7-2001.11**

- Channel-management for group client, i.e. government, companies, schools, oversea distributors and etc.. Handled their orders, deliveries and payment. Developed and contracted new clients.
- Designed and carried out Promotion Projects, including special offers for targeted readership, special event in collaboration with other institutions, and a series of book fairs.
- Assisted in hosting press conference for releasing new titles.

**Assistant Editor, Commonwealth Publishing Co., 2000.12-2001.6**

- Editorial works include the Chinese version of [\*The Psychology of the Internet\*](#) and [\*Dealers of Lightning: Xerox PARC and the Dawn of Computer Age\*](#).
- Actively proposed and designed the [\*Online Handbook for Editorial Team\*](#), a knowledge-sharing project based on Microsoft Outlook™

**Private -Medical Corporal, Airborne Special Force, R.O.C. Army 1998.10-2000.7**

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SERVICES and ACTIVITIES

Organizing Team Member, [Facing and Unequal World: Challenges of Sociology-ISA Council of National Association Conference](#), Academia Sinica, Taipei, 2009.12.23-25

Initiating Convener of [Seminar Synergy 2009](#), a research workshop for junior social researchers based on Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, Taipei, 2009.2-

Initiating Organizer of [Taiwan Studies-Social and humanistic Studies related to Taiwan](#), a listserv on Jiscmail service, 2007.3-

Organizing Staff in [LSE Alumni Reunion](#) in Taipei, 2005.9.

Participant in [Seminar for Sustainable Development](#), a discussion group in Legislature, 2004.5-2004.7.

Counseling Group Leader in [NTU Student Counseling Center](#), 1998.2-1998.6.

Founder and Singer of [BATS Singers](#), the champion group in two NTU Choral Contest, 1996-1998

Bass Singer, and Minister of Music Dept., [National Taiwan University Chorus](#), 1993-1998

Volunteer Instructor in [National Nature Science Museum](#), 1991.

Volunteer Fund-Raiser for [Chinese Children Foundation](#), 1990.