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Education:

Doctor of Philosophy,
Department of Sociology, University of Oxford

Master of Philosophy,
Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong

Bachelor of Social Science,
Major in Sociology, The University of Hong Kong

Academic Employment:

- 2024 – Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching – TPg)
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2022 – Professor
Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2014 – 2022 Associate Professor
Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2017 – 2020 Associate Head and Associate Professor
Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2007 – 2014 Assistant Professor
Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2006 – 2007 Visiting Scholar
Division of Social Sciences, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Research Interests:

Class Inequality and Mobility; Sociology of Education; Migrant population; Youth Studies; Gender Studies; Contemporary China

Publications/ Presentations:

Refereed Journal papers: (*corresponding author)

- o Xu, Heng and Anita Koo*. 2026. Moving from a metropolis to a smaller city? The continuous mobility and adulthood transition of well-educated rural migrants in interior China. *Children's Geographies*. doi: 10.1080/14733285.2026.2694343
- o Siu, Kaxton and Anita Koo. 2026. Extended case across time and borders: Global ethnography of factory regimes, migration channels, and skill transfer in China, Vietnam, and Japan. *Critical Sociology*. doi: 10.1177/08969205261469068

- o Cheung, Kin, Cody Cham, and Anita Koo*. 2026. Assessing professional values in nursing education: Adaption and validation of the Hong Kong Nurses Professional Values Scale – Revised (HK-NPVS-R). *BMC Nursing*. doi: 10.1186/s12912-026-04661-5
- o Koo, Anita*, Yi-Lee Wong, and Kin Cheung. 2025. Access to top universities through alternative pathways: Experiences of transfer students in Hong Kong. *Educational Review*. doi: 10.1080/00131911.2025.2551021
- o Xu, Heng and Anita Koo*. 2025. The developmental citizenship regime and the settlement plans of aspiring middle-class migrants in China's hinterland metropolises. *Citizenship Studies*. doi: 10.1080/13621025.2025.2552692
- o Koo, Anita and Ngai Pun. 2024. Clashing Gender in the Age of Transnational Infrastructural Capitalism: Vocational Education and Subject Making of Future Workers in China. *Positions* 32(4): 797-820.
- o Yang, Chin-Yi and Anita Koo*. 2024. Transitions across Borders: Migration Aspirations of Young People from Kinmen, Taiwan. *Population, Space and Place* 30(8): e2843.
- o Sakamoto, Arthur and Anita Koo. 2024. American versus East Asian Norms and Labor Market Institutions Affecting Socioeconomic Inequality. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 90: 100914.
- o Koo, Anita* and Yang Zhan. 2023. Being a Valuable Daughter in a Rural Family: The Relational Identity and Empowered Gender Subjectivities of Female Vocational College Students. *The China Review* 23(4): 259-286.
- o Pun, Ngai, Bryant Hui and Anita Koo*. 2023. Youth Work, Prosocial Behaviour, and Micro-foundation of Working-class Solidarity among Vocational School Students in China. *Journal of Education and Work* 36(5): 393-407.
- o Yang, Chin-Yi and Anita Koo*. 2023. Hope and Uncertainty at the Periphery in Global Times: Youth Employment in Kinmen, Taiwan. *Journal of Youth Studies* 26(4): 522-537.
- o Siu, Kaxton and Anita Koo. 2022. Temporary Labor Migration and Skill Transfer in Japan: Migration Experiences and Outcomes of Technical Intern Trainees from Vietnam and China. *Journal of Social Issues* 78(3): 606-626. doi: 10.1111/josi.12468
- o Koo, Anita*. 2021. Negotiating Individualisation in Neoliberal China: Youth Transitions among the New Generation of Rural Migrants. *Children's Geographies* 19(6): 754-765.
- o Hui, Bryant, Ngai Pun, Jack Qiu and Anita Koo. 2020. Having Less but Giving More: Work experience and prosocial behavior of Chinese working-class youth. *Youth & Society* 52(8): 1582–1601.
- o Koo, Anita*, Bryant Hui and Ngai Pun. 2020. Gender Ideologies of Youth in Post-socialist China: their gender-role attitudes, antecedents, and socio-psychological impacts. *Chinese Sociological Review* 52(5): 487–514.
- o Lu, Benny, Anita Koo* and Ngai Pun. 2019. Attempting to Transgress Neoliberal Value: Constructing a micro-foundation of social values of working-class youth in vocational schools in China. *The Sociological Review* 67(5): 1050–1065.

- o Pun, Ngai and Anita Koo*. 2019. Double Contradiction of Schooling: Class reproduction and working-class agency at vocational schools in China. *British Journal of Sociology of Education* 40(1): 50–64.
- o Koo, Anita*. 2016. Expansion of Vocational Education in Neoliberal China: Hope and Despair among Rural Youth. *Journal of Education Policy* 31(1): 46–59.
- o Wong, Yi-Lee and Anita Koo*. 2016. Is Hong Kong no longer a land of opportunities after the 1997 handover?: A comparison of patterns of social mobility between 1989 and 2007. *Asian Journal of Social Science* 44(4): 516–545.
- o Pun, Ngai and Anita Koo*. 2015. A ‘World-Class’ (Labor) Camp/us: Foxconn and China’s new generation of labor migrants. *positions* 23(3): 411–435.
- o Koo, Anita*, Holly Ming and Bill Tsang. 2014. The Doubly Disadvantaged: How return migrant children fail to access and deploy capitals for academic success in rural schools. *Sociology* 48(4): 795–811.
- o Koo, Anita*. 2012. Is there any chance to get ahead? Education aspiration and expectations of migrant families in China. *British Journal of Sociology of Education* 33(4): 547–564.
- o Chan, Tak-Wing and Anita Koo. 2011. Parenting Style and Youth Outcome in the UK. *European Sociological Review* 27(3): 364–384.
- o Ng, Adolf, Anita Koo and Athanasios Pallis. 2011. Professionalization of the Shipping Industry via Postgraduate Education. *Ocean and Coastal Management* 54(5): 364–373.
- o Koo, Anita* and Thomas Wong. 2009. Family in Flux: Benchmarking Family Changes in Hong Kong Society. *Social Transformations in Chinese Societies* 4: 47–56.
- o Ng, Adolf, Anita Koo and Jarrod Ho. 2009. The Motivations and Added-Values of Embarking on Postgraduate Professional Education: Evidences from the maritime industry. *Transport Policy* 16(5): 251–258.

Edited books:

- o 2015. *Social Economy in China and the World*, edited by Pun, Ngai, Ben Ku, Hairong Yan and Anita Koo, London: Routledge.
- o 2014. 《社會經濟在中國：超越資本主義的理論與實踐》，潘毅、嚴海蓉、古學斌、顧靜華 編（北京：社會科學文獻） (*Social Economy in China: Beyond the Imagination of Capitalism*, edited by Pun, Ngai, Hairong Yan, Ben Ku and Anita Koo, Beijing: Chinese Social Sciences Academic Literature Press)
- o 2013. 《不一樣的香港社會經濟》，潘毅、陳鳳儀、顧靜華、盧燕儀編（香港：香港商務印書館） (*Alternative and Social Economy in Hong Kong*, edited by Pun, Ngai, Pauline Chan, Anita Koo and Y.Y. Lo, Hong Kong: Commercial Press)

Book chapter:

- o 顧靜華. 2017. 〈消失的資本——回流流動兒童在農村學校的教育經歷〉，《流動兒童藍皮書：中國流動兒童教育發展報告（2016）》，21 世紀教育研究院 新公民計畫編著，（北京：社會科學文獻出版社） ('Disappearing Capital: Education Experiences of Returning Children at Rural Schools' in *The Blue Book of Migrant Children: Annual Report on*

Education for China's Migrant (2016), ed. The 21st Century Education Research Institute. Beijing: Social Science Academic Press (China))

- o 顧靜華. 2016. 〈中職教育的擴張及影響〉，《中等職業教育三十年探究》，陳樂樂主編，（人民日報出版社）（‘Expansion of Vocational Education and its Social Impact’ in *Thirty Years of Vocational Education in China*, edited by Chen Lele. Beijing: People’s Daily Press)
- o 顧靜華. 2013. 〈不一樣的貨幣、不一樣的社區經濟：St. James – C.O.M.E. 社區經濟互助計劃〉，《不一樣香港社會經濟》，潘毅、陳鳳儀、顧靜華、盧燕儀編，（香港：香港商務印書館）（‘Alternative Currency and Social Economy: the Community Oriented Mutual Economy (C.O.M.E.) project of St. James’ Settlement in Hong Kong,’ in *Alternative and Social Economy in Hong Kong*, eds Pun Ngai, Pauline Chan, Anita Koo and Y.Y. Lo. Hong Kong: Commercial Press)

Refereed Conference Papers:

- o Sept 2025. ‘Diversified routes to the nursing profession: Providing a second chance for young adults to obtain a “good” job at the age of uncertainty?’, Paper presented in Work, Employment and Society Conference 2025 in University of Manchester, UK.
- o July 2025. ‘Does Institutional Stratification Matter? The Meaning and Value of a Tertiary Degree for Disadvantaged Students in Professional Training Programmes’, Paper presented in the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology in Rabat, Morocco.
- o May 2025. ‘Transfer to a professional/ higher vocational degree: Pathway for upward social mobility in the expanded higher education system’, Paper presented in the 2025 International Conference – Reimagining Transfer: Global Insights on Credit Mobility in the New Higher Education Paradigm in Hong Kong Polytechnic University.
- o Dec 2024. ‘Is the field of study or the institution more important? Value of a tertiary degree among students from diverse social background’, Paper presented in the 25th Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association in Hong Kong Shue Yan University.
- o July 2024. ‘The Emergence of Young and Mobile Labour Subjects among the Increasing Flows of Transnational Students in Asia’, Paper presented in the ISA RC02 Conference (The International Political Economy of Labor Migration) in University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany.
- o May 2024. ‘Transitions across Borders: Migration Aspirations and the Negotiation of Subjectivities among Young Adults in a Periphery’, Paper presented in CMS International Research Conference (Belonging and Mobility in a Transnational World) in University of British Columbia, Canada.
- o Dec 2023. ‘Sociological Reflections on the Role of Vocational/Professional Training in Hong’s Expanded Higher Education System’, Paper presented in the 24th Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association in Hong Kong Chinese University.
- o June 2023. ‘The Emergence of Vocational/Professional Training in Expanded Higher Education Systems in East Asia’, Paper presented in the 20th ISA World Congress of Sociology in Melbourne, Australia.

- o Dec 2022. 'Opportunities and Inequalities in Educational Transitions within an Expanded and Stratified Higher Education System in Hong Kong', Paper presented in the 23rd Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association in Lingnan University.
- o Mar 2021. 'The Persistence of Gendered choices of Education and Occupation among Chinese Young Women', Paper presented in the Association for Asian Studies 2021 Annual Conference. Virtual.
- o Sept 2019. 'Gendering the New Generation of Chinese Workers in Vocational Schools', Paper presented in HKU–WES International Symposium – Worlds of Work: Implications of Urbanization, technology and Sustainability in the University of Hong Kong.
- o April 2019. 'From Gender Egalitarianism to Gender Essentialism: The New Generation of Working Class in Post-Reform China', Paper presented in the British Sociological Association Annual Conference 2019 in Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland.
- o June 2018. 'Individualizing youth transitions? Rural students in urban vocational schools', Paper presented in Migration, Aspirations, Desire and Agency in World Cities in Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen, China.
- o March 2018. 'Rural Students in Urban Vocational Schools: Aspiration, Identity and Employment,' Paper presented in Association for Asian Studies 2018 Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., USA.
- o Aug 2017. 'Learning to be Girls: Contested Gender Discourses and Identities in the Vocational Schooling,' Paper presented in Age Agency Ambiguity – gender and generation in times of change in the University of Oslo, Norway.
- o Sept 2016. "'Student-laborers" – the Formation of the New Working Class in China,' Paper presented in BSA Work, Employment and Society Conference 2016 in University of Leeds, England.
- o July 2016. 'Having Vocational Education and Underpaid Internship: Project of Human Capital Formation Among Disadvantaged Youths in China,' Paper presented in the 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology in University of Vienna, Austria.
- o July 2015. 'Education and Social Mobility of Migrant Youth in Chinese Cities,' Paper presented in the 19th International Symposium of the ICSD in SIM University, Singapore.
- o July 2014. 'Expansion of Vocational Education and the Social Reproduction of Working Class in China,' Paper presented in the ISA 18th World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan.
- o April 2014. 'Human Capital Regime in Neoliberal Economies: Having Vocational Education as a Self-Investment Project among Youths in China,' Paper presented in the British Sociological Association Annual Conference 2014 in University of Leeds, England.
- o Nov 2012. 'The Doubly Disadvantaged: How returnee migrant students fail to access and deploy capitals for academic success in rural schools,' Paper presented in the Social Integration of New Generation Migrant Family Conference in China Youth University for Political Sciences, Beijing, China.

- o Aug 2012. 'Vocational education and the new generation of working class in China,' Paper presented in the 2nd ISA Forum of Sociology in the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- o Dec 2010. 'Student or Labour? – Expansion of vocational schools and the growing number of student workers in Chinese factories,' Paper presented in the 12th Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association in Hong Kong Baptist University.
- o Sept 2010. 'Teachers in migrant schools: Care workers who have low status and low income in Chinese cities,' Paper presented in BSA Work, Employment and Society Conference 2010 in University of Brighton, England.
- o March 2010. 'The interaction of migration and education policies: a process of social reproduction among migrant children in China,' Paper presented in the Li & Fung Social Policy Summit in The Peking University.
- o Jan 2010. 'A process of social reproduction: limited education opportunities for the second generation of rural-urban migrants in China,' Paper presented in the 5th Annual Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Hong Kong in the University of Hong Kong.
- o July 2008. 'Education for Migrant Children in Mainland China – Problem and policy,' Paper presented in International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) 34th Congress in Durban, South Africa.
- o July 2007. 'Parenting Style and Students' Academic Performance,' (with T. W. Chan) Paper presented in British Household Panel Survey (BHPS) 2007 Conferences in University of Essex, England.

Research Projects:

As PI

- 2027-2029 'Degrees of Inequality: University-to-work Transitions of Direct-entry and Transfer Students in Hong Kong', RGC General Research Fund (12609126), Hong Kong Government. (HKD 922,000)
- 2023-2025 'Vocational/Professional Training against a Changing Landscape of Higher Education in Hong Kong: Choices and Experiences of Students in Accredited Nursing Programs', RGC General Research Fund, Hong Kong Government. (HKD 961,500)
- 2021-2023 'Non-traditional Students' Choices of Professional Training in the Expanded Higher Education Sector in Hong Kong', Departmental General Research Fund, HK PolyU. (HKD 105,000)
- 2018-2021 'Gendering the New Generation of Chinese Workers in Vocational Schools', RGC General Research Fund, Hong Kong Government. (HKD 676,000)
- 2016-2018 'Gender and Social Work of the BSW programme in China with practice platform at Vocational School'. United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. (HKD 194,000)
- 2014-2016 'Gender Stereotyping in China's Vocational Schools', Departmental General Research Fund, HK PolyU. (HKD 100,000)

- 2013-2016 'Vocational Education and Social Mobility of Migrant Youth in China', RGC General Research Fund, Hong Kong Government. (HKD 1,028,000)
- 2012-2014 'Learning to Labour: Education and Social Reproduction of Working Class', Internal Competitive Grant, HK PolyU. (HKD 105,000)
- 2011-2013 'Vocational Education and Social Reproduction of Working Class among Migrant Youth in China', Internal Competitive Grant, HK PolyU. (HKD 155,000)
- 2008-2010 'Educational Aspiration of Migrant Children in Beijing', Internal Competitive Grant, HK PolyU. (HKD 100,000)

As Co-PI

- 2016-2019 'Learning to Labor: Social Media and Migrant Labor Protection in Mainland China', (PI: PUN Ngai, HKU, other Co-PIs: Jack QIU, CUHK & Alvin SO, HKUST). RGC Collaborative Research Fund Scheme, Hong Kong Government. (HKD 4,677,600)
- 2014-2019 'Research on Globalization, Migration and Labour', (other Co-PIs: PUN Ngai, Ben KU, YAN Hairong). Donation from Victor and William Fung Foundation Ltd. (HKD 2,728,000)

As Co-I

- 2025-2027 'Attitudinal Effects of Emigration Opportunities' (PI: Siu Yau Lee). RGC General Research Fund (12606124), Hong Kong Government. (HKD 1,017,250)
- 2019-2021 'Industrial Trainees from China and Vietnam in Japan: An Entry Point into the Key Issues of International Labour Migration and Skill Transfer' (PI: Kaxton SIU). RGC General Research Fund, Hong Kong Government. (HKD 660,200)
- 2012-2015 'A New Age of World Factory: Capital Expansion, the Role of State and Foxconn Production in China' (PI: PUN Ngai). RGC General Research Fund, Hong Kong Government. (HKD 800,000)
- 2010-2013 'Forging New Trans-border Links: Social/Community Economies (SCEs) in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta (PRD)'. (PI: PUN Ngai) RGC Strategic Public Policy Research Fund, Hong Kong Government. (HKD 3,800,000)
- 2009-2012 'The Hong Kong Panel Study of Social Dynamics'. (PI: WU Xiaogang). RGC Strategic Public Policy Research Fund, Hong Kong Government. (HKD 3,960,000)
- 2008-2013 'The Formation of Working-Class Community: Labor, Gender and Space under Dormitory Labour System in China'. (PI: PUN Ngai) Large-scale research project grant, HK PolyU. (HKD 2,000,000)

Postgraduate Students (as Chief Supervisor):

- Wang, Huaqi, 2009-2013, PhD. Thesis: '*Rural Participation for Equal Allocation and Economic Efficiency: Case Study of a Chinese Village in Guangdong, 1978-2011*' (Currently Lecturer in Department of Social Work, Yunnan University, Kunming)
- Han, Yuchen, 2010-2014, PhD. Thesis: '*When Migrant Factory Women Return Home: Their Life Experiences in Fast Growing China's Hinterland*', Awarded by Hong Kong Sociological Association as the Best PhD Thesis in 2014. (Currently Associate

Professor (in Teaching) in School of Humanities and Social Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen))

- Yang, Chin Yi Gina, 2015-2020, PhD. Thesis: *'School-to-Work Transitions in the Borderland: Choices and Experiences among Youth from Kinmen, Taiwan'* (Currently Post-doctoral Fellow in Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong)
- Xu, Heng, 2016-2020, PhD. Thesis: *'Opening Up the Chances of Being Middle Class? Unveiling Tensions of Well-Educated Rural-to-Urban Migrant's Life Experience in Central China in the Era of New-Type Urbanization Project'* (Currently Post-doctoral Fellow in School of Nursing, The University of Hong Kong)
- Zhou, Qiushi Eric, 2018-2022, PhD. Thesis: *'Understanding "Left-behind children" in Rural China: An Ethnographic Approach'*, Awarded by Hong Kong Sociological Association as the Best PhD Thesis in 2022. (Currently Post-doctoral Fellow in Department of Social Work, Chinese University of Hong Kong)

(as Co-Supervisor):

- Lai, Ka Wai Michael, 2015-2019, Ph.D. Thesis: *'Unravelling Sharing Economy: Experiences from Hong Kong'*
- Hou, Liqi, 2016-2021, Ph.D. Thesis: *'Shifting Aspirations and Social Reproduction of Secondary Vocational School Students in China'*

Teaching (in Hong Kong Baptist University):

- Undergraduate courses:
 - Education, Youth and Society
 - Health and Society

(in The Hong Kong Polytechnic University):

- For all undergraduate students in university (elective):
 - Gender and Social Changes in Chinese Societies (2014-2017)
- For undergraduates in Faculty of Health and Social Sciences:
 - Sociology of Health (compulsory for BSN programs, 2008-2022)
 - Holistic Health Care (elective, 2007-2014)
 - Issues in Hong Kong Society (elective, 2007-2012)
- For postgraduate students:
 - Social and Cultural Dimension of Health (compulsory for MSN program, 2016-2022)
 - Social Sciences Theory: Critical Reading of Karl Marx (2008-2010)

Other Academic Services:

- President of the 14th Council of Hong Kong Sociological Association (2024-2026).
- Member of Joint Selection Panel of HKPFS and JRFFS for H-Panel of RGC (2026/27 cohort)

- Ad-hoc External Examiner to the MPhil/PhD in Sociology Programme, Hong Kong Shue Yan University (2025-2026)
- External Member of 5-Year Programme Review of the Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honours) Programme, Lingnan University (2025)
- External Course Assessor for School of Arts and Social Sciences, Hong Kong Metropolitan University, Hong Kong (2024-2025)
- External Examiner for Master of Arts (MA) in Sociology Programme, Chinese University of Hong Kong (2021)
- External Examiner for Degree Modules of the Department of Social Science, Hang Seng Management College, Hong Kong (2017-2023)
- External Examiner for the Higher Diploma in Healthcare and Health Plan Administration of HKU SPACE Community College, Hong Kong (2016-2022)
- Council Member of the 8th-10th Council of Hong Kong Sociological Association (2012-2018).
- Panel Member for Programme Validation of a Degree program in Social Sciences (2021), for the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ).
- Panel Member for Programme Validation of a Higher Diploma in Social Work (2012), for the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ).
- Academic Assessor of two courses (Introduction to Sociology & Social Sciences Research Methods) at HKU SPACE Community College, Hong Kong (2007-2016).
- Academic Assessor of a course (Introduction to Sociology) at HKU SPACE Global College, Suzhou, China. (2008-2017).
- External Examiner for DSW theses, Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- External Examiner for PhD theses, Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong
- External Examiner for PhD theses, Faculty of Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- External Examiner for MPhil thesis, Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University.
- Reviewer for RGC, GRF/ECS project proposals.
- Reviewer for book manuscripts published by Routledge, Oxford.
- Referee for academic Journals, including: *American Sociological Review*; *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *Chinese Sociological Review*; *Social Science Research*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Cambridge Journal of Education*; *Critical Studies in Education*; *Work, Employment and Society*; *Population, Space and Place*; *Youth & Society*; *Child Development*; *European Journal of Cultural Studies*; *The China Review*; *Modern China*; *China Quarterly*; *China Journal*; *Social Transformations in Chinese Societies*; *China: an International Journal*; *China Journal of Social Work*; *SAGE open*, etc.