

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Overview

Prof. Kaxton Siu researches comparative labor studies, migration studies, urban sociology, youth studies, and gender studies. He also specializes in Chinese society, Hong Kong society, Vietnamese society, Japanese society, and Cambodian society. He has published extensively in international peer-reviewed journals, such as *Critical Sociology*, *Politics and Society*, *Journal of Social Issues*, *The China Journal*, *Critical Asian Studies*, *Youth and Society*, *Journal of Youth Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, and *British Journal of Social Work*. Prof. Siu's book, *Chinese Migrant Workers and Employer Domination: Comparisons with Hong Kong and Vietnam*, was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2020. His latest book written in collaboration with Prof. Stephen WK Chiu, *Hong Kong Society: High-Definition Stories beyond the Spectacle of East-Meets-West*, has been published in 2022 in Palgrave Macmillan's Hong Kong Studies Series. He is currently working as principal investigator on two research projects that investigate Chinese investors in Vietnam and Cambodia and their impact on industrial relations systems and labor standards, and Chinese and Vietnamese industrial trainees in Japan. Since 2022, Prof. Siu is now the acting director of David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies (LEWI), Hong Kong Baptist University. Prof. Siu received his PhD from the Australia National University. He obtained his MPhil and BSc from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Research Interests

Comparative labor studies; Migration studies; Family/work dynamics; Urban sociology; Gender and sexuality studies; Youth studies; Chinese society; Hong Kong society; Vietnamese society; Japanese society; Cambodian society

Professional Appointments

2025 - Present	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University Acting Director, Associate Director, David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies (LEWI), Hong Kong Baptist University
2022 - 2025	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University Associate Director, Associate Director, David C. Lam Institute for East-West Studies (LEWI), Hong Kong Baptist University
July 2021 – Dec 2021	Associate Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2015 – June 2021	Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2014 - 2015	Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Publications

Books

Stephen WK Chiu and **Kaxton Siu**. (2022) *Hong Kong Society: High Definition Stories beyond the Spectacle of East-Meets-West*, Hong Kong Studies Reader Series, Palgrave Macmillan. [ISBN: 978-981-165-706-1]

Kaxton Siu. (2020) *Chinese Migrant Workers and Employer Domination: Comparisons with Hong Kong and Vietnam*, Series in Asian Labor and Welfare Policies, Palgrave Macmillan. [DOI: 10.1007/978-981-32-9123-2; ISBN: 978-981-329-122-5].

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Kaxton Siu, Anita Koo (accepted and forthcoming in 2026). "The Extended Case Method Across Time and Borders: Global Ethnography of Factory Regimes, Migration Channels, and Skill Transfer in China, Vietnam, and Japan." *Critical Sociology*.

Javier Pang, **Kaxton Siu** (2023). "Keeping A Distance: Changing Everyday Lives of Married Migrant Gay Men in China's State-owned Enterprises." *Critical Asian Studies*, 55(4), 538-554.

Ngai Pun, **Kaxton Siu** and Heidi Gottfried (2022). "Global Capitalism and Labour in the Age of Monopoly: Hong Kong and Mainland China." *Critical Sociology*, 48 (7-8), 1115-1122.

Kaxton Siu and Shuheng Jin (2022). "Hong Kong's Precarious Young Workers and Contradictions of Capital." *Critical Sociology*, 48 (7-8), 1123-1139.

Kaxton Siu 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.

Kaxton Siu and Jonathan Unger (2020). "Work and Family Life among Migrant Factory Workers in China and Vietnam", *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 50:3, pp. 341-360.

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Kaxton Siu (2017). "Labor and Domination: Worker Control in a Chinese Factory", *Politics and Society*, 45(4), pp. 533-557, 2017.

Ivan Franceschini, **Kaxton Siu** and Anita Chan (2016). "The 'Rights Awakening' of Chinese Migrant Workers: Beyond the Generational Perspective." *Critical Asian Studies*, 48(3), pp. 422-442, 2016.

Julian Groves, Wai-Ip Ho and **Kaxton Siu** (2016). "Exploring the Sacred-secular Dialect in Everyday Social Work Practice: An Analysis of Religious Responses to Managerialism among Outreach Social Workers in Hong Kong." *British Journal of Social Work*, 46(5), pp. 1411-1428.

Kaxton Siu (2015). "Continuity and Change in the Everyday Lives of Chinese Migrant Factory Workers." *The China Journal*, Vol. 74, pp. 43-65.

Kaxton Siu and Anita Chan (2015). "Strike Waves in Vietnam, 2006-2011." *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Vol. 45, No. 1, pp. 71-91.

Julian Groves, **Kaxton Siu** and Wai-Ip Ho (2014). 'The "Post-80s Generation," "Young Night Drifters," and the Construction of "Generic" Youth Subject in Hong Kong.' *Journal of Youth Studies*, Vol. 17, No. 6, pp. 829-46.

Julian Groves, Wai-Ip Ho and **Kaxton Siu** (2012). "Youth Studies and Timescape: Insights from an Ethnographic Study of 'Young Night Drifters' in Hong Kong's Public Housing Estates." *Youth and Society*, Vol. 44, No. 4, December 2012, pp. 548-66.

Anita Chan and **Kaxton Siu** (2010). "Analyzing Exploitation: The Mechanisms Underpinning Low Wages and Excessive Overtime in Chinese Export Factories." *Critical Asian Studies*, Vol. 42, Number 2, June 2010, pp. 167-90

Book Chapters in English

Kaxton Siu. (2016). "Continuity and Change of the Everyday Lives of Migrant Factory Workers", in *Key Papers on Chinese Economic History Since 1949* (Vol. 4), Dillon, M. ed. Leiden/Boston: Brill: 1030-1053.

Anita Chan and **Kaxton Siu**. (2015). "Strikes and Living Standards in Vietnam: The Impact of Global Supply Chain and Macroeconomic Policy." In *Labour Market and Industrial Relations in Vietnam*, edited by Ingrid Artus, Uwe Blien, Judith Holland & Phan thi Hong Van. Munich: Nomos Bloomsbury.

Kaxton Siu (2015). "China and Vietnam: The Working and Living Conditions of Garment Workers in Comparison." In *Chinese Workers in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Anita Chan. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, pp. 105-31.

Anita Chan and **Kaxton Siu** (2012). "Chinese Migrant Workers: Factors Constraining the Emergence of Class Consciousness." In *China's Peasants and Workers: Changing Class Identities*, edited by Beatriz Carrillo and David S.G. Goodman. London: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Anita Chan and **Kaxton Siu** (2011). "Made in China: Work and Wages in Walmart Supplier Factories." In *Walmart in China*, edited by Anita Chan. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, pp. 71-94.

Kaxton Siu (2006). "The New Labour Protest Movement in Hong Kong: the Experience of the Student-Worker Mutual Aid Campaign." In *Globalization and After*, edited by Samir Dasgupta and Ray Kiely. London: Sage, 2006, pp. 392-409.

Peer-Reviewed Bibliographies Chapter

Ngai Pun and **Kaxton Siu** (2022). "Labor and Labor Relations" *Oxford Bibliographies in Chinese Studies*. Oxford University Press. [DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780199920082-0196 ; <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780199920082/obo-9780199920082-0196.xml>]

Journal Articles and Book Chapters in Other Languages

陈佩华、萧裕均。2016。〈中国制造:沃尔玛中国供应厂的工作与工资〉。陈佩华编《沃尔玛在中国》。中国：复旦大学出版社。页 70-96。

李越民、蕭裕均、趙永佳。2016。〈脫出主流升學軌跡的青年：他們何時懂得

計劃人生〉。趙永佳、葉仲茵、李鏗編《躁動青春：香港新世代處境觀察》。

香港：中華書局。

Anita Chan and Kaxton Siu, "Die Entwicklung des Klassenbewusstseins chinesischer Wanderarbeiterinnen und Wanderarbeiter 1980-2010" (The Formation of Class Consciousness among Female and Male Chinese Migrant Workers between 1980 and 2010), in Wolfram Adolphi (ed.), *Schönes Neues China* (China's Great Contradictions) (Karlsruhe, Germany: Das Argument Buch-Verlag, 2012), pp. 191-205. The paper also appeared in the journal *Das Argument: Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Sozialwissenschaften*, No. 296, 2012.

Kaxton Siu, "A Brief History of the Struggle for Standard Work Hours in Hong Kong." *Hong Kong Journal of Social Sciences*, No. 41, Autumn/Winter, 2011, pp. 17-40 (in Chinese).

Anita Chan and Kaxton Siu, "Sweating of Labor in Wal-Mart Supplier Factories." *Open Times*, Issue 6, 2009 (in Chinese).

Research Grants

External Grants

Principal Investigator, "Chinese Investors in Vietnam and Cambodia and their Impact on Industrial Relations Systems and Labour Standards", Research Grant Council/ General Research Fund (2020-21), Hong Kong SAR Government, HK \$994,823 (US\$127,541).

Principal Investigator, "Industrial Trainees from China and Vietnam in Japan: An Entry Point into the Key Issues of International Labour Migration and Skill Transfer", Research Grant Council/ General Research Fund (2017-18), Hong Kong SAR Government, HK\$660,203 (US\$84,575).

Principal Investigator, "Exit, Voice, and the Family/Work Dynamics of Married Migrant Factory Workers in China and Vietnam", Research Grant Council/ Early Career Scheme (2015-16), Hong Kong SAR Government, HK\$488,700 (US\$62,654).

Internal Grants

Co-Principal Investigator, "Urbanization, Migration and Welfare in China: A Comparative Study of Migrant Families, Social Service Provisions and Welfare Policies in Greater Bay Area and Yangtze River Delta", Hong Kong Baptist University, Key Research Partnership Scheme (2021-22), HK\$1,000,000 (US\$128,206).

Principal Investigator, "Opportunity or Trap? A Pilot Study Comparing Migration Experiences and Outcomes of Chinese and Vietnamese Interns/Trainees in Japan", Department of Applied Social Sciences, Departmental General Research Fund (2017-18), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK\$88,680 (US\$11,330).

Principal Investigator, "Risk Perception, Preparedness, Behaviour and Experience of Natural Disaster of Vulnerable Housing Groups in Hong Kong: A Case Study of Rooftop Dwellers", Department of Applied Social Sciences, Departmental General Research Fund (2015-16), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK\$99,200 (US\$12,718).

Principal Investigator and supervisor, "Risk Perception, Preparedness, Behaviour and Experience of Natural Disaster of Vulnerable Housing Groups in Hong Kong: A Case Study of Rooftop Dwellers", Faculty of Health and Social Sciences Summer Research Studentship (2015-16), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK\$20,400 (US\$2616).

Principal Investigator, "A Pilot Study to Explore Response Strategies and the Family/Work Dynamics of Married Migrant Factory Workers in China and Vietnam", Start-Up Grant (2015-16), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, HK\$199,956 (US\$25,635).

Co-Investigator, "Comparing Perceptions of Vocationalism and School-to-Work Experiences between Non-engaged Youth and Vocational Training Recipients

in Hong Kong.” Direct Grant (2014-2015), Social Science Faculty, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK\$31,000 (US\$3975).

Further Information

External Professional Services

Associate Editor, *Critical Sociology* (since 2025)

Associate Editor, *Journal of Management History* (since 2026)