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**EDUCATION**

2009 Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, University of Oxford  
2003 Master of Science in Sociology, University of Oxford  
2002 Master of Philosophy in Sociology, The University of Hong Kong  
1997 Bachelor of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong  
Major in Sociology; Minor in Politics and Public Administration, History

**MAJOR APPOINTMENTS**

2021 – present Associate Head, Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Shue Yan University  
2020 – present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, HKSYU  
2017 -- present Deputy Warden, Research Complex Residence, HKSYU

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2019 – 2020 Director, General Education Programme, HKSYU  
2012 – 2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, HKSYU (Sick leave between Jun and Dec 2015; half time between Jan and Jun 2016)  
2010 – 2012 Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU  
2008 – 2010 Teaching Consultant, Department of Sociology, HKU  
2005 Tutor, Extramural Programmes Summer School, Oxford  
1999 – 2002 Tutor, Department of Sociology, HKU  
1997 – 1999 Research Assistant, Social Sciences Research Centre, HKU

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Sociology of health, ethnic minorities, forced migration, self and identity, death and illness, gender, education and employment, aging society, digital sociology

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

As principal investigator (PI):

Jan 2026 – Dec 2027 ‘After fighting cancer: How do breast cancer (BC) and gynaecological cancer (GC) survivors negotiate and reconstruct selfhood in intimate relationship and the workplace in Hong Kong’, HK\$805,514 funded by Research Grant Council (RGC), Faculty Development Scheme (FDS), 2025/26 Competitive Research Funding Schemes for the Local Self-financing Degree Sector. Ref no.: UGC/FDS15/H26/25  
Jan 2022 – Dec 2023 ‘How do ethnic minorities cope with cancer in Hong Kong? The role of public health services, social network and religion’, HK\$947,631 funded by Research Grant Council (RGC), Faculty Development Scheme (FDS), 2021/22 Competitive Research Funding Schemes for the Local Self-financing Degree Sector. Ref no.: UGC/FDS15/H04/21

- Jan 2016 – Dec 2017 ‘People without identity: Exploring the social experiences of asylum seekers in Hong Kong’, HK\$437,000 funded by Research Grant Council (**RGC**), Faculty Development Scheme (FDS), 2015/16 Competitive Research Funding Schemes for the Local Self-financing Degree Sector. Ref no.: UGC/FDS15/H06/15
- Jan 2014 – Jan 2015 ‘Breaking through the barriers – Ethnic minority success stories and their implications for policy intervention in Hong Kong’, for Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, HK\$8,900 funded by Equal Opportunities Commission (**EOC**). Ref no.: RFP2013/14-102
- Mar 2014 – Aug 2015 ‘The expectation and decision making process for fresh university graduates: the role of social ties’, HK\$18,600 funded by Research and Staff Development Committee (RSDC), Hong Kong Shue Yan University

As co-principal investigator (Co-PI):

- Jul – Aug 2022 ‘Desperate or self-sufficient? An investigation of the emotional wellbeing of older adults when their primary caretakers are not around in Hong Kong’, HK\$7,040, Summer Research Internship Programme offered by Wan Chow Yuk Fan Centre for Interdisciplinary Evidence-based Practice and Research (CIEBPR), Hong Kong Shue Yan University.

As co-investigator (Co-I):

- Sept 2010 – Feb 2012 ‘Program evaluation of the Community Rehabilitation Network for serving people with disability in Earthquake Zones of Sichuan’ (with WHO Collaborating Centre for Rehabilitation of the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation and Huaxi Hospital, under HKU Knowledge Exchange (KE) Strategy, HK\$150,000 funded by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation
- Oct 2010 – Mar 2012 ‘Child Poverty in Urban China – A study on children living in low-income and poor families in Beijing’, HK\$80,000 funded by Small Project Funding, the University of Hong Kong

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles (peer-reviewed):

- Lau, P.Y.F., & Gheorghiu, I. Whispering against the Machine: secondary adjustments and other forms of everyday resistance among asylum seekers in Hong Kong. (Under review)
- Lau, P.Y.F. Community Connections: Strengthening Cancer Management for Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong. (Under review)
- Li, K.H and Lau, P.Y.F. (2023). The influence of social class on internship participation and outcomes in higher education: The case of Hong Kong. *Asia Pacific Journal of Education*, 45(4) 1277-1290. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02188791.2023.2288530> [IF 2023: 1.6]
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2021). Empowerment in asylum seekers regime? The roles of policies, non-profit sector and refugee community organizations in Hong Kong. *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 34(1): 305-327. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jrs/fez090> [IF 2021: 2.966]

- Lau, P.Y.F. (2020). Fighting COVID-19: Social capital and community mobilisation in Hong Kong. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 40(9/10): 1059-1067. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJSSP-08-2020-0377> [IF 2021: 2.23]
- Choy, W.C., & Lau, P.Y.F. (2019). Cross-border to Taiwan but not China: The Decision-making Mechanisms of Hong Kong Students Pursuing Higher Education in Taiwan. *Social Transformations in Chinese Societies*, 15(1): 21-36. <https://doi.org/10.1108/STICS-06-2018-0012>
- Lau, P.Y.F., & Gheorghiu, I. (2018). Vanishing Selves under Hong Kong's Unified Screening Mechanism. *Cultural Diversity in China*, 3(1), 21-29. Special Issue. <https://doi.org/10.1515/cdc-2018-0003> [Chinese Translation: 劉珮欣 · 尤莉亞·喬治烏 (2018) 「香港免遣返聲請者在統一審核機制下消失的自我」, *Cultural Diversity in China*, 3(1): 30-35.]
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2014). Coping with the death of singleton children in China: the role of social capital. *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*, 34(5/6), 401-415. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJSSP-06-2013-0065> [IF 2021: 2.23]
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2012). Rethinking asset-based community development strategies in post-earthquake China: The role of social capital. *Poverty and Public Policy*, 4(3), 35-48. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pop4.3> [IF 2022: 0.95]
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2009). Sociology of publishing: the role of social ties in external recruitment. *International Journal of the Book*, 6(3), 105-112. <https://doi.org/10.18848/1447-9516/CGP/v06i03/36756>
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2002). Symbolic boundaries and domains of social relationship: a preliminary study of the normative formation of the Hong Kong middle classes. *E-Journal on Hong Kong Cultural and Social Studies*, 1(2), 247-266.

Book chapters (peer-reviewed):

- Lau, P.Y.F. (2026). Researching Forced Migration and Health of Migrant Populations in Cross-Cultural Contexts. *Sage Inclusive Research Methodologies* [How-to Guide]. London: Sage Publishing.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2015). Personal merits and social capital: The experiences of getting ahead among South Asians Minorities in Hong Kong. In C. Johnson (Ed.), *Social Capital: Global Perspectives, Management Strategies and Effectiveness* (pp.145-156). New York: Nova Science Publisher.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2013). Advocating the rights of people with disabilities in China: community-based rehabilitation approach. in G. Agarwal, S. Choudhary, and R. Gupta (Eds.), *Human Rights in Changing Times* (pp. 225-246). Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Edited book reference:

- Lau, P.Y.F. (2026). (Ed.) *Sage Research Methods: Inclusive Research Methodologies* [How-to Guides]. London: SAGE Publishing. (Edited the thematic section 'Building Trust: Power Dynamics and Research Relationships')

Encyclopaedia entry:

- Lau, P.Y.F. (2021). Bereavement and Loss. In D. Gu and M. Dupre (Eds.), *Encyclopaedia of Gerontology and Population Aging* (pp.637-643). Springer, Cham.

Book review:

Lau, P.Y.F. (2025). [Review of the book *Breaking the Poverty Cycle: The Human Basis for Sustainable Development*, by Pick, Susan and Jenna Sirkin]. *Poverty and Public Policy*, 17(2): e70016. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pop4.70016>

Lau, P.Y.F. (2022). [Review of the book *Leisure and forced migration: lives lived in asylum systems*, Edited by Nicola de Martini Ugolotti and Jayne Caudwell]. *Leisure Studies*, 41(4): 603-604. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02614367.2022.2037153>

Scholarly book (peer-reviewed):

Lau, P.Y.F. (2012). *Recruitment and promotion: human resources management in book publishing*. Saarbrücken, Germany: Lambert Academic Publishing. ISBN: 978-3-659-16647-1

Research reports:

Lau, P.Y.F. (2015). *Breaking through the Barriers – Ethnic Minority Success Stories and their Implications for Policy Intervention in Hong Kong*. Final Report for Funding Programmes of Research Projects on Equal Opportunities 2013-14. Hong Kong: Equal Opportunities Commission.

He, C.Q, Ng, H.S., Chan, C.L.W., Lau, P.Y.F., Ho, A.H.Y., Wang, X.L. and Leung, J.M.Y. (2012) *A Final Report for Program evaluation of the Community Rehabilitation Network for serving people with disability in Earthquake Zones of Sichuan*, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, University of Hong Kong.

Lee, A.C.K. and Lau, P.Y.F. (1998) *Survey on Community Attitudes to the Environment 1997-98: Survey Report*. Hong Kong: Social Sciences Research Centre, The University of Hong Kong.

Chung, R.T.Y, Lee, A.C.K. and Lau, P.Y.F. (1997) *Life Satisfaction between Hong Kong and Taiwan People*, Social Sciences Research Centre, The University of Hong Kong.

Chung, R.T.Y., Chan, L.M.S, Lee, T.S. and Lau, P.Y.F. (1997) *Survey on the 1998 Legislative Council Election: Compilation of Survey Data*. Hong Kong: Social Sciences Research Centre, The University of Hong Kong.

Other output:

Lau, P.Y.F. (2012) “Research”, *Ethical Careers Day*, organised by Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) and StudentHubs, University of Oxford, March 2012. P. 36.

劉珮欣。(1998)《界別選民冷淡有跡可尋》。明報 1998 年 4 月 6 日。

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

As lecturer and postgraduate supervisor:

Sept 2012 – present      Department of Sociology, HKSYU

On postgraduate level:

Principal supervisor of PhD thesis:

- A lapse in masculinity: Stigma and coping strategies of young male cancer survivors in mainland China (Lyu Pengfei, PhD)
- Domestic Verbal Violence in China: A Comprehensive Analysis of

Victims' Experiences and Coping Strategies (Lin Junshen, PhD)

Co-supervisor of MPhil/ Ph.D theses:

- How Civil Service Exam Affect Fresh Graduates' Social Network (He Yunjie, MPhil)
- Harm reduction in drug treatment and rehabilitation service (Lee King Fai, PhD)
- Emotional interactions between migrant elders and their adult children (Yang Wei, PhD, completed)

MSc (Transformation of Chinese Societies)

- Individualization and the Family

On undergraduate level:

- Criminology
- Race and Ethnicity
- Gender Relations
- Poverty, Social Policy and Social Innovation
- Senior Seminar
- Honours Project
- Social Control
- Understanding Sociology
- The Struggling Self in the Global Society

Sept 2010 –  
May 12

Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU

- Dissertation supervisor: Assessing the service quality of community-based caring model for the elderly: A case study of an NGO in Guangzhou (Lina Luo, MSW)
- Social Sciences Theories for Social Work

Jan 2008 –  
Aug 10

Department of Sociology, HKU

Lectured courses:

- Hong Kong Society
- Class, Wealth and Poverty: Inequality and Injustice in Hong Kong
- Sociology and Social Policy
- Social Problems
- Social Research Methods
- Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- Field Studies
- Discovering Society

Sept – Dec  
2008

Applied Social Sciences, The HK Polytechnic University

Lectured course:

- Understanding the Hong Kong Community

Jun – Aug  
2006

Department of Sociology, HKU

Taught course:

- Methods in Criminal Justice

As tutor:

July 2005

St Hugh's College, University of Oxford (Extramural Programmes Summer School)

- Modernity and Sociology

2001 – 2002	The Open University of Hong Kong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Chinese Society: Traditional and Contemporary</li> </ul>
1999 – 2002	Department of Sociology, HKU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discovering Society</li> <li>• Introduction to Sociology</li> </ul>

## COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Dec 2025	<b>External Reviewer</b> , RGC FDS proposals
Oct 2025 – present	<b>Mentor</b> , Mentoring Programme for Women Leaders: Empowerment and Inclusion, The Women's Foundation
Dec 2024 – present	<b>Member</b> , Selection Interview Board, Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships 2024/25, 25/26, Hong Kong
Oct 2024 – present	<b>External Examiner</b> , General Education courses for Caritas Bianchi College of Careers (CBCC) and Saint Francis University (SFU)
Dec 2023	<b>External Examiner</b> , PhD thesis, Department of Sociology and Social Policy, Lingnan University
Jul 2023 – present	<b>Academic Assessor</b> , Advanced Diploma in Applied Social Sciences (Psychology/Counselling) and Advanced Diploma in Applied Social Sciences (Corrections), HKU SPACE
Jan 2023 – Sept 2024	<b>External Examiner</b> , Department of General Education and Language Studies of Caritas Bianchi College of Careers (CBCC) and School of Humanities and Languages of Caritas Institute of Higher Education (CIHE)
May – Dec 2022	<b>Committee Member of Multidisciplinary Review Panel</b> , New Frontiers in Research Fund 2022 Special Call – Research for Postpandemic Recovery. This exercise was co-organized by the Canada Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC) and Canada's three research granting agencies: the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
Sept – Nov 2022	<b>Member of Programme Review Panel</b> , Advanced Diploma in Applied Social Sciences / Advanced Certificate in Psychology / Counselling, HKU SPACE
May 2021 – present	<b>Alumni Mentor</b> , St Cross College, University of Oxford
Sept 2020 – Aug 2023	<b>External Academic Advisor</b> , Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE) for the following three programmes: Associate of Social Science (Psychology), Higher Diploma in Health and Social Services and Higher Diploma in Disciplinary Forces
Jan – Dec 2019	<b>Panel of Film Censorship Adviser</b> , Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration, HKSAR Government
2017 – 2018	<b>Council Member</b> , Hong Kong Sociological Association
2015 – 2016	<b>Global Advisor</b> , Business Connect China
2013 – 2020	<b>External Examiner</b> , Social Sciences Programme, The Community College at Lingnan University

2013 – 2015	<b>Mentor</b> , Ascent Mentoring Programme, Said Business School, Oxford
2012 – 2018	<b>International Alumni Representative for Hong Kong</b> , St Cross College, University of Oxford
2012 – 2015	<b>Mentor</b> , Microfinance Scheme, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Ltd., Hong Kong Monetary Authority
Nov 2012	<b>Board Member</b> , Social Service Fund, The University of Hong Kong
Feb 2012	<b>Resource Person</b> , International seminar “Human Rights in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century: Global Perspective, National Challenges” at University of Delhi, India
2005 – 2006	<b>Handbook Directory Coordinator</b> , Society of Young Publishers, UK
2005 – 2006	<b>Treasurer</b> , Society of Young Publishers, Oxford, UK

## EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Mar 2025 – present	<b>Series Editor</b> and Editorial Advisory Committee Member, <i>Sage Research Methods: Inclusive Research Methodologies</i> . London: SAGE Publishing.
May 2025 – present	<b>Guest Editor</b> , <i>PLOS One</i>
Apr 2022 – present	<b>Editor</b> , <i>Anthropology and Ethnology Open Access Journal (AEOAJ)</i>
Apr 2021 – present	Editorial Advisory Board Member, <i>International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy</i> , Emerald Publishing.
2011	Associate Editor, <i>The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences</i> Vol. 6(3)
2009/ 2011	Associate Editor, <i>The International Journal of the Book</i>

## PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

### Journals:

*The British Journal of Social Work, Leisure Sciences, International Migration, Journal of Refugee Studies, Asian and Pacific Migration Journal, International Journal for Equity in Health, Journal of Social Issues in Southeast Asia, Asian Anthropology, Leisure Studies, Modern China, Cogent Education, Asian Pacific Journal of Education, Mental Health Review Journal, International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy, Poverty and Public Policy, Social Transformations in Chinese Societies, The International Journal of the Book, The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*

### Book manuscript:

- New Directions in the Humanities book series, Common Ground Publishing

### Conference papers:

- 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Educational and Information Technology (ICEIT 2020 – 2026)
- The 7th International Conference on Education, Network and Information Technology (ICENIT) 2024. Dalian, China
- 7th International Conference on Computer Science and Technologies in Education (CSTE 2025)

- 71<sup>st</sup> – 73<sup>rd</sup> Academy of Management Meeting (2011-13)
- Assessor of the ‘Best International Paper’, 72<sup>th</sup> Academy of Management Meeting (2012)

#### Others

- *Breast and cervical cancer: things you should know*, prepared by Social Justice for Migrant Workers and supported by Translate for Her, 2023

### **INVITED TALKS**

#### On research:

- ‘Innovating E-Systems for a Smarter Future’, the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on E-Education, E-Business, E-Management and E-Learning (IC4e 2026), hosted by Kyushu University School of Medicine, Fukuoka, Japan, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
- ‘Handling mental health issues of migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong: The role of NGO and community life’, Migrant Worker Lives Matter Symposium, hosted by Department of English and Communication at PolyU in collaboration with Pathfinders and Mission for Migrant Workers on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
- ‘Inspirational message’, a short speech presented at Cancer Awareness Symposium for Migrants: You are not alone, hosted by Filipino Migrants Support for Cancer Society (FILMCASS HK) on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.
- ‘Breast and cervical cancer: places to seek help in Hong Kong’, hosted by Social Justice for Migrant Workers on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023. (Featured by HONG KONG NEWS on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023).
- Panelist of the discussion, ‘The essence of building resilience in the multicultural community’, Ethnic Minorities Multicultural Assembly 2022, hosted by Health In Action on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- ‘Culture of tourism in Hong Kong: a sociological perspective (從社會學的角度看香港旅遊文化)’, at 香港文學文化座談會, co-organized by Departments of Chinese Language and Literature, History and Sociology at HKSYU on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022.
- ‘The healthcare reform in Shenmu and its implications to the development of healthcare policies in rural areas of China’, hosted by Beijing Normal University on 30 May 2010.

#### On professional development:

- ‘Careers in Academia’, St Cross Careers Programme Hilary Term 2022, hosted by St Cross College, University of Oxford on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.
- ‘Workshop on course outline revision’ organized by General Education Office, at HKSYU Zoom meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- ‘Workshop on course design’, Professional Development Programme (PDP) Workshop, organized by Advanced Teaching and Learning Committee (ATLC) Workshops, at HKSYU on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- ‘Workshop on GE proposal’, Teaching Excellence Series, organized by ATLC Workshops, at HKSYU on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### **REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS**



- Lau, P.Y.F. (Under review). 'Resilience through Community Connection and Culturally Competent Healthcare Service: Cancer Management for South Asians in Hong Kong'. Paper to be presented at International Conference on Human Resilience: Navigating Life Changes & Challenges, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, H.K.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2025, July). 'Filling in the service gap of primary healthcare: Towards a culturally competent environment for ethnic minority population in Hong Kong'. Paper presented at the CPCE Health Conference 2025, Hong Kong Polytechnic University's College of Professional and Continuing Education, HK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2023, December). 'Mobilizing healthcare resources through social capital: the case of ethnic minority cancer patients in Hong Kong'. Paper presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2023, September). 'A critical evaluation of cultural competence in medical sector: perspectives of ethnic minority cancer patients and local healthcare professionals in Hong Kong'. Paper presented at BSA Medical Sociology Conference 2023, University of Sussex, UK. (Online)
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2023, August). 'Researching asylum seekers and ethnic minority cancer patients in Hong Kong: some methodological and ethical concerns'. Paper presented at Centre for Experimental Social Science, Nuffield College, in partnership with the UNICEF Regional Office for East Asia and Pacific, Oxford, UK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2023, June). 'Healing through social media: Experiences of ethnic minority cancer patients and survivors in Hong Kong'. Paper presented at RC16 Sociology of Health, XX International Sociological Association, World Congress of Sociology. Melbourne, Australia.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2023, June). 'Surviving detention: how do service providers contribute to social adjustment and integration of asylum seekers in Hong Kong?'. Paper presented at Society for Hong Kong Studies (SHKS) Annual Conference 2023, HK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2022, December). 'Mobilizing social capital in times of social distancing: digital communication among ethnic minority cancer patients in Hong Kong'. Paper presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, Lingnan University, HK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2019, May). 'Policing ethnic minorities in Hong Kong: Some observations on the Hong Kong Police Force'. Paper presented at International conference on cultural governance in Asia (ICCGA), City University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Shue Yan University, HK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2018, September). 'Negotiating identity under total institution: Secondary adjustments and other forms of everyday resistance among asylum seekers in Hong Kong'. Paper presented at Boundary crossing: An International, interdisciplinary conference on refugees and social justice, Winchester, UK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2017, December). 'Poverty and psychological degradation: Experiences of asylum seekers in Hong Kong'. Paper presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Poverty and Sustainable Development, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Lau, P.Y.F., & Gheorghiu, I. (2016, December). 'Rejecting Self-Mortification: Asylum Seekers in Hong Kong'. Paper presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, the University of Hong Kong, HK.

- Lau, P.Y.F. (2014, April). ‘The stories of ethnic minorities in Hong Kong and implications to policy intervention’. Paper presented at Global Sciences Conference 2014, Hong Kong Baptist University, HK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2014, April). ‘Selecting the Best Candidate in the Labour Market: Policy Implications to Formal Education’. Paper presented at British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference ‘Changing Society’, University of Leeds, UK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2013, April). ‘Coping with the sudden death of a singleton: Implications for China’s one-child policy’. Poster presentation at British Sociological Association (BSA) Annual Conference ‘Engaging Sociology’, London, UK
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2012, September). ‘Rethinking asset-based community development strategies in post-earthquake China: The role of social capital’. Paper presented at the International Conference on Public Policy and Governance 2012, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Public Affairs Centre, India.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2012, February). ‘Advocating the rights of people with disabilities in China: A community-based rehabilitation approach’. Paper presented at Human Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Global Perspective, National Challenges, University of Delhi, India.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2008). ‘Sociology of Publishing: the Role of Social Ties in External Recruitment’. Paper presented at the Sixth International Conference on the Book, Washington, DC. USA.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2007). ‘Sociology of Publishing Careers: The Mechanisms of Labour Recruitment in the UK Publishing Sector’. Paper presented at The Fifth International Conference on the Book, Madrid, Spain.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2007, September). ‘Responding Job Market Signaling from the Perspectives of Employers, Guarantors and Job Applicants – the Mechanisms of how Social Capital Operates in the UK Publishing Labour Market’. Paper presented at the International Congress on Social Capital on Networks of Trust, ISOCA 2007, Helsinki, Finland.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2007, September). ‘Doing Qualitative Research in the UK Publishing Sector – An Ethnic Minority’s Experiences’. Paper presented at Exploding Method: A New Scholars Symposium, Goldsmith, University of London, UK.
- Lau, P.Y.F. (2004, August). ‘Defining Social Capital in the Workplace – Towards a Qualitative Approach’. Paper presented at ECSR Summer School, Trento, Italy.

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

### At HKSYU

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| Dec 2025 | Organizer, a symposium panel under the stream Trauma, Resilience and Health, hosted by International Conference on Human Resilience: Navigating Life Changes & Challenges, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, 27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Under review)   |
| Jun 2025 | Organizer, lunch time seminar series, ‘Ageing in a Multicultural Society: A Qualitative Study on the Quality of Life of South Asian Older Adults in Hong Kong’, co-organized by Graduate School and Wan Chow Yuk Fan Centre for Interdisciplinary Evidence-based Practice & Research of HKSYU on 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 |

Aug – Dec 2024	Member, Organizing Committee, the 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong.
Mar 2024	Co-organizer, lunch time seminar series, ‘Staying or Leaving: South Asian Young People’s Aspirations, Opportunities and Barriers in Hong Kong’, co-organized by Graduate School and Wan Chow Yuk Fan Centre for Interdisciplinary Evidence-based Practice & Research of HKSYU on 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Jul 2022 – Sept 2022	Co-organizer, lunch time seminar series, ‘Promoting Active Ageing and Age-friendliness in the Digital World: Strategies and Challenges’, co-organized by Graduate School and Wan Chow Yuk Fan Centre for Interdisciplinary Evidence-based Practice & Research of HKSYU on 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Apr 2022	Co-organizer, lunch time seminar series, ‘Productive engagement in later life: A person-centered approach’, organized by Graduate School and Wan Chow Yuk Fan Centre for Interdisciplinary Evidence-based Practice & Research of HKSYU on 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Jul 2021 – Jan 2022	Department Representative, 香港文學文化座談會, co-organized by Departments of Chinese Language and Literature, History and Sociology of HKSYU on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2022
Sept – Nov 2017	Core Organizer, public seminar, ‘The Making of Hong Kong Popular Culture: Vivek Mahbubani’s Sharing’ at Hong Kong Polytechnic University, organized by Hong Kong Sociological Association and co-organized by PolyU on 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
Jan – Mar 2015	Core Organizer, academic week, ‘Entrepreneurship in Hong Kong: The government, civil society and business’ at Hong Kong Shue Yan University (9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2015). Organized 10 talks delivered by leading members of the government, NGOs and business.
Sept – Oct 2014	Core Organizer, a talk delivered by an officer of Equal Opportunities Commission, ‘Understanding Minority Women in Hong Kong: The Rights Perspective’, hosted by Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Shue Yan University on 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2014

#### External

Aug 2025	Technical Committee Member, 2026 17th International Conference on E-Education, E-Business, E-Management and E-Learning (IC4e 2026 to be held on 1-4 April 2026, Kyushu University School of Medicine, Fukuoka, Japan
Jul 2025	Technical Committee Member, The 8th International Conference on Computer Science and Technologies in Education (CSTE 2026), to be held on April 17–19, 2026, Wuhan, China.
Jun 2025	Technical Committee Member, The 2026 8th Asia Pacific Information Technology Conference (APIT 2026). Japan, Hokkaido University
Feb 2025	Technical Committee Member, 7th International Conference on Computer Science and Technologies in Education (CSTE 2025), Central China Normal University, Wuhan

Jan 2025	Publicity Chair, The 2025 7th Asia Pacific Information Technology Conference (APIT 2025). Hong Kong, The Education University of Hong Kong
Nov 2024	Academic Committee Member, 8 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Education, Network and Information Technology 2024. Xi'an, China, 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
Sept 2024 – Sept 2025	Publicity Chair, 13th International Conference on Information Management and Engineering (ICIME 2025). University of the Ryukyus, Japan.
Sept 2023	Academic Committee Member, 7th International Conference on Education, Network and Information Technology 2024. Dalian, China, 16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> August 2024
Sept – Nov 2005	Member, Conference organising committee, Careers Conference 2005, 'Beyond the Book: Publishing in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century', hosted by Oxford Brookes University, UK on 12 November 2005

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PANEL

7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Chaired the keynote session 'The Data Driven Parent: The Role of Digital Monitoring Technologies in Childcare', at the 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Chaired a keynote session 'Theorizing LGBTQ Family Lives through Intersectionality and Life Stories' at the fourth workshop of The Scientific Network on Global Sociology, Theory-building, and Qualitative Methods, organized by Leipzig University and HKSYU
16 <sup>th</sup> Jun 2023	Chaired a panel session 'Immigration detention and asylum seeking in Hong Kong' for Society for Hong Kong Studies (SHKS) Annual Conference 2023
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2018	Chaired a celebrity talk 'Stand Up Comedy' with Mr. Vivek Mahbubani for hall residence, Hong Kong Shue Yan University
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017	Chaired a technical session 'Religion' for 2017 Hong Kong Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Hong Kong
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017	Chaired a technical session 'GDP, sufficiency economics, circular economics, cashless society and poverty implications 03' for 4 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Poverty and Sustainable Development, Colombo, Sri Lanka
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2017	Chaired a public seminar 'The Making of Hong Kong Popular Culture: Vivek Mahbubani's Sharing' for Hong Kong Sociological Association, Hong Kong

## OTHER ACADEMIC GRANTS AND AWARDS

2019	Research-Active Teaching-Relief Scheme, HKSYU
Aug 2017	Ranked in the top 3% for teaching performance in HKSYU, 2016-17 second semester

Mar 2014	Ranked in the top 3% for teaching performance in HKSYU in 2013-14 first semester
Jun 2013	Conference grant for teaching staff for BSA Annual Conference, 'Engaging Sociology', Research and Staff Development Committee (RSDC), HKSYU
Dec 2012	Conference grant for teaching staff for 'The International Conference on Public Policy and Governance 2012', Research and Staff Development Committee (RSDC), HKSYU
Feb 2012	Conference grant for teaching staff for international seminar, 'Human Rights in the 21st Century: Global Perspective, National Challenges', URC/CRCG, HKU
Aug 2004	ECSR Summer School Travel Award
Aug 2004	Bursary, St. Cross College, Oxford
2004 – 2005	Bursary, Department of Sociology, Oxford
1999 – 2001	Postgraduate studentship, Department of Sociology, HKU
1993	The Champion, Inter-School Civic Education Project Competition 1993, served as the team leader. Project title: 'Who should be responsible for adolescent suicidal behavior?'
1990	Honours in Bible Reading (English): Senior class at the Annual Hong Kong Schools Music & Speech Festival 1990

## SERVICES AT HONG KONG SHUE YAN UNIVERSITY

### On university level:

Jun 2021 – present	Cluster Leader of Demography and Aging Societies for Interdisciplinary Evidence-based Practice and Research (CIEBPR)
Jan 2021 – present	Member, Social Research Centre
Jan 2021 – Aug 2024	Member, Academic Board
Feb 2019 – Dec 2020	Director, General Education Programme
Jan 2017 – present	Deputy Warden, Research Complex Residence
Sept 2012 – 2015	Member, Students Affairs Committee

### On departmental level:

Nov 2025	Internal Examiner, MPhil thesis
Sept 2025 – present	Ex-officio Member, Department Postgraduate Committee
Apr and May 2024	Internal Member, MPhil Thesis Assessment Committee
Jan 2021 – present	Chair, Undergraduate Programme Committee
Sept 2021 – present	Member, Alumni Coordination Group
Sept 2022 – present	Member, Department Postgraduate Committee, Graduate Examination Committee and Working Group for MPhil/ PhD Recruitment
Sept 2020 – present	Member, Graduate Research Programme Committee
2021	Chair, Thesis Assessment Committee for a MPhil candidate
2021 – 2022	Member, Digital Committee
2019 – 2021	Member, Executive Committee

2017 – 2020	Member, Working group on ‘Entrepreneurship and Community’ Concentration
2014 – 2019	Member, Graduate Taught Programme Committee
2018 – 2019	Member, Human Research Ethics Committee, Department of Sociology
2013 – 2017	Member, Sociology Programme Review Committee

## **MEDIA APPEARANCE**

- TVB Kabayan, ‘Breast & Cervical Cancer Awareness, Social Justice for Migrant Workers’, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- HONG KONG NEWS, ‘Awareness campaign for migrant domestic workers’, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- South China Morning Post, ‘Tougher measures proposed for overstayers with jobs and employers of illegal workers as Hong Kong government seeks to deter economic migrants’, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- Asia Times, ‘Asylum Seekers in Hong kong Stranded by Red Tape’, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- South China Morning Post, ‘Asylum seekers in Hong Kong who are trying to make the best out a bad situation’, 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017
- 香港 01, 「往內地求庇護 遭蛇頭騙到香港 等甄別身份滯留 11 年」、「學廣東話創 NGO 助難民 高學歷尋庇護者盼貢獻香港」, 二零一七年十二月二十七日
- 明報, 「提聲請者有專業人士 剛果女教師冀助人 聞「設集中營禁閉」倡議感歧視」, 二零一七年十二月二十七日
- 蘋果日報, 「高學歷難民盼搵工回饋香港」, 二零一七年十二月二十七日
- 樹仁簡訊, 「研究計劃：沒有身份的人—在香港尋求庇護人士的生活經驗」, 二零一六年五月號

## **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

### Research:

- Quantitative research: Advanced statistical analysis, survey design, SPSS
- Qualitative research: Ethnography, interviews, MAXqda and Nvivo

### Teaching and professional skills:

- Completed a course, ‘Chinese medicine for health maintenance series – An introduction to Chinese medicine and pharmaceuticals’, organized by HKU SPACE, from April to June 2022.
- Completed a 5-day course design and teaching development workshop organized by McGill International Institute of Education, at Chinese University of Hong Kong in June 2019.
- Attended a course ‘Executive Workshop: Who wants to be a Social Entrepreneur?’ organized by HKU SPACE, from March to April 2012.

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