My Path to Sociology
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I started my sociology study journey from NGO experiences. When in contact with migrant workers and being confused on why they work hard but received meager income, I found sociology helps. Instead of blaming individuals, sociology provides insights on how structural elements form social problems. The real-world experience of “how complicated social problems can be” drives me to pursue deeper understanding of the structures, the mechanisms, and actors related to the “problems”. These experiences also stick me to the belief that scholars need to contribute something to the groups/issues we are studying. In many cases, researchers publish papers and build their careers based on investigating or interviewing certain groups of people but may offer little back to the community. Though sociology does not offer simple solutions, I hope I can be a sociology learner and contributor, following the fruitful sociology traditions, concerning real-world problems, and contributing something useful to academia and practitioners.

CONFERENCES

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**Yumei Gan** - The 105th Conference of National Communication Association (NCA), Baltimore, USA, November 14-17, 2019.

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PUBLICATIONS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

✓ Job ads:
  * Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor - The Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences - City University of Hong Kong - Application deadline: October 12, 2019. (see the ad)

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