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# NEWSLETTER

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## Becoming a Professor by Trevor Tsz-Lok Lee

I got my PhD in 2014, and ended up taking me a whopping 4 years to land my current tenure-track position in 2018. Over that four-year period, I failed in job applications many more times than I can really remember. What has been with me is determination.

Although there is always a need for an early career researcher to be versatile in order to survive, a sustained focus on your research area (your niche) is definitely critical.

And don't fear failure. According to the latest study of Wang Yang and his colleagues (2019)<sup>1</sup> on grant applications among junior scientists in the U.S., early-career setback "appears to cause a performance improvement among those who persevere" (p. 1), and results in a stronger career in the long run.

So if you just failed to secure a job application, a grant application, or whatever like that, don't worry - you are more likely to succeed at some stage soon.

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## CONFERENCES

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The 2020 Population Association of America Annual meeting, Washington DC, The United States - April 22nd - 25th 2020:

- Gu Shafei - « *International Muslim migration: a global perspective* »
- Chen Dan - « *Children's marriage formation and parental psychological distress* »

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## PUBLICATIONS

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- Li Lulu, Zhou Siyuan, and Song Jing. 2019. (in Chinese) "Time Poverty: An Analysis of Chinese Young Female Entrepreneurs." *China Youth Study*, 10, 19-26. ([read the abstract](#))
- Zhao Xiaohang, and Jianxin Li. 2019. (in Chinese) "The Effect of Widowhood on Loneliness among Chinese Older Adults: An Empirical Study from the Perspective of Family Support." *Population Journal (Renkou Xuekan)*, 41(6): 30-43. ([read the abstract](#))

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<sup>1</sup> Wang, Y., Jones, B. F., & Wang, D. (2019). Early-career setback and future career impact. *Nature Communications* 10: 4331.

# What is Sociology?

## Understanding sociology from people's eyes

Sociology studies the different relationships among and between different societies and the individuals, at different spatial and temporal scales. It is also a multidisciplinary discipline, using and applying concepts coming from other fields of research, such as anthropology, history, economy, geography, political science etc.

Daniele Da Re – PhD Candidate from Disease Biogeography, Earth and Life institute, UCLouvain

Sociology takes place in the understanding of how human beings perform in the world, their behaviors, the meanings of things, and their implications which have different factors and differences across societies. Sociology contributes to design in different aspects. The most important is the understanding of human behavior, both common and idiosyncratic. Moreover, it contributes conceptually from phenomenology and interaction acts, and how they become significant for certain groups.

Daniel – Master in Design, PolyU

As a fresh graduate from our PhD program, I admit the vital importance of the sociological publications in defining professional sociologists. But regarding my daily life, I have to say that sociology is more about seeking for new ways to feel the vivid experiences of our own life, to understand the complexity and dynamics of the world we are living in, and to relocate ourselves in relation to this world and ourselves.

Muyuan – PhD, Freshly graduate from CUHK Sociology

For me, sociology is a subject that sees people as particles that have particular functions for specific social events. Comparing sociology with other humanity subjects like culture study, I think sociology for me is 'colder', because sociology is using a knife called 'rational' to shave off the branches and trivial things of individual's life, and only focusing on the factor that contribute to one group phenomenon.

Mary – MA Creative Media, CityU

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ✓ Conferences submission deadlines:

- The Postgraduate Seminar Series invites RPG students of the Department of Sociology (CUHK) to participate in a student forum to be held in our department in January 2020. Submit a 200-words abstract to [psscuhksociology@gmail.com](mailto:psscuhksociology@gmail.com) to be considered. This forum will be advocated to micro and qualitative approaches - deadline: December 9th, 2019.
- 2020 ASA Annual Meeting - deadline: January 29th, 2020. ([see more informations](#))
- The 12th Annual Conference of the Asian Criminology Society - Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan, October 2nd - 5th 2020 - deadline: May 31st, 2020. ([see more informations](#))

### ✓ Job ads:

- Assistant Professor position - Department of Sociology - Hong Kong Baptist University - deadline: December 31st, 2019. ([see the ad](#))