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EDUCATION

Waseda University, MA 09/2019-09/2021

International Relations, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS)

- GPA: 3.8/4.0

Shandong University, BA 09/2015-06/2019

Journalism, School of Journalism and Communication

- GPA: 4.5/5.0

Nanyang Technological University, Exchange Student 09/2017-01/2018

Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender and sexuality, Queer Asian studies, Social movements, NGOs, Digital media

AWARDS

- The Dean's List of the GSAPS 09/2021
- The Highest Honors List of the GSAPS 03/2020
- Reserved Scholarship for Successful International Examinees 10/2019-09/2021
- *Monbukagakusho* Honors Scholarship 10/2019-03/2020
- *Cyrus Tang* Foundation Scholarship 03/2019
- Excellent League Member 05/2018
- The Second Prize Scholarship for Excellent Students 12/2017
- Scholarship for Overseas Study 12/2017
- The Third Prize Scholarship for Excellent Students 12/2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Transgender Community Developing in China: From Global Experiences to Local Strategies

Master's Thesis 09/-2019-06/2021

- Conducted eight-month ethnographic fieldwork and 12 semi-structured interviews in a Beijing-based transgender community.
- Concluded how Chinese transmen built connections and organized awareness-raising activities through WeChat groups.
- Analyzed how the community empowers transmen individuals and how transgender activists strategically manipulate advocacy audiences and ranges to promote policy changes.

Changing the Family's Fate: Chinese Rural Daughters Migrating to Cities Through Higher Education

Individual Project 04/2020-07/2020

- Analyzed the contents of news reports on rural female college students in China; conducted a literature review on Chinese women's rural-urban migration through higher education.
- Concluded how the biased education system, discrimination against rural residents and women, and parental expectations combined to influence the life choices of Chinese rural female students.

A Struggle Between Tradition and Modernity: The Emergence of "Leftover Women" in China

Individual Project 04/2020-06/2020

- Conducted literature research on how the society constructed "leftover women" to stigmatize unmarried females.

- Categorized discursive strategies from Chinese urban women in redefining singlehood to combat the stigmatization.

Having a Fake Marriage: Chinese Homosexuals' Dilemmas Between Individualism and Traditional Family Norms

Individual Project

09/2019-12/2019

- Interviewed three Chinese LGBT individuals with different opinions on fake marriage.
- Discussed how individuals' agency plays a role in accepting or declining fake marriage; examined the tensions between Chinese normative ideals and rising individualism in society.

Making a Perfect Choice: The Work-Life Balance of Chinese Female Civil Servants

Individual Project

09/2019-12/2019

- Interviewed three female Chinese civil servants from different age groups, marital status, and educational backgrounds.
- Concluded informants' motivations and perceptions of their jobs; analyzed Chinese female civil servants' self-making process of a professional woman and a "good wife."

WORK AND ACTIVISM EXPERIENCES

CHINA DEVELOPMENT BRIEF

English Writer & Editor

12/2022-Present

- Engaged in NGOs research, and wrote articles on the development paths of grass-roots organizations in China.
- Translated and updated articles on Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn, reflecting the development of China's civil society for international audiences.

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Policy Research Assistant, Policy Researcher

04/2021-09/2022, 09/2021-04/2022

- Participated in fieldwork on local governments across China, conducted interviews with officials, and wrote research reports on China's local governance experience.
- Conducted policy evaluation of Chengdu's economic, social, and talent policies in 2020, and participated in the drafting of the five-year plan on Chengdu's social policies.

TONGYU (COMMON LANGUAGE)

Social Media Intern

07/2020-10/2020, 02/2019-06/2019

- Responsible for the online social media outreach on Weibo, WeChat official accounts, and WeChat groups; publicized services of fighting against sexual and gender-based violence for the LGBT community.
- Participated in organizing gender diversity lectures in Beijing-based universities; assisted communication between students and guest speakers; collected students' comments from surveys.
- Conducted semi-structured interviews with transmen community members and wrote publicity articles on transgender rights.

TRANS BROTHERHOOD CHINA

Volunteer

03/2021-05/2021

- Assisted in organizing transmen community salons and wrote retrospects for each activity.
- Participated in fundraising for the organization through promoting crowdfunding activities.

SKILLS

- **Language:** English (Fluent, TOEFL 105), Mandarin (Naive), Japanese (Basic)
- **Computer:** N-Vivo (Proficient), R and RStudio (Basic)