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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor

Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong 2022 - present

Research Assistant Professor

Department of Social Work, Hong Kong Baptist University 2020 – 2022

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong 2019 – 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Work

Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong 2019

Visiting student

School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania 2018

Master in Public Policy

LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore 2015

Bachelor of Laws in International Politics

School of International Studies, Peking University 2013

Bachelor of Arts in Economics (double degree)

The National School of Development, Peking University 2013

AREAS OF RESEARCH

- Social protection policy; Housing policy; Comparative welfare policy
- Poverty alleviation
- Welfare attitude

PUBLICATIONS

* Corresponding author; ^ Student, research assistant and postdoctoral fellow under supervision

25. Peng, C.H.,* Wang, J. S-H, Zhang, T.M., & Zhao, X. (forthcoming). Welfare stigma, needs, and welfare participation decisions of low-income parents: The impossible triangle of being a good parent in a liberal welfare society. *Social Policy & Society*

24. Fu, Y.Y., & Peng, C.H.* (2025) "Better a nearby friend than a far-away child"? Internet use and productive engagement: The mediating role of interactions with friends and non-cohabiting children. *Information, Communication & Society*, 1-20. (IF=3.3; Q1: 18/219 [92%] in Sociology)

23. Li, Q.C., Peng, C.H.*, Yuan, J.Y.^, Zhang, Q.^, Yip, P. S., Cui, M (2025). Multidimensional integration measures in rural-to-urban resettlement for ethnic groups: A case study of Yi poverty alleviation resettlement communities in China. *Habitat International*, 165, 103527. (IF=7.0; Q1: 2/65 [97.7%] in Development Studies)

22. Shi, S.^, Peng, C.H.*, Zhang, Q.^, Wen, M., Chen, Y. C., & Yip, P. S. (2025). Does Religion Buffer the Negative Effects of Economic and Subjective Poverty on Life Satisfaction? Longitudinal Evidence from Hong Kong. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 1-20. (IF=3.4; Q1: 41/271[85.1%] in Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary)

21. Zhang, Q., Wang, J. S. H., He, A. J., Peng, C.H., Abe, A., Ku, I., ... & Zhao, X. (2025). Providing financial protection in health for low-income populations: a comparison of health financing designs in East Asia. *International Journal for Equity in Health*, 24, 215 (IF=4.1; Q1: 50/419 [88.2%] in Public, Environment and Occupational health)

20. Wang, J. S. H., Abe, A., Kang, J. Y., Ku, I., Ng, I. Y., **Peng, C.H.**, & Zhao, X. (2024) Social safety net features in East Asia: A comparative analysis using the model family approach. *International Journal of Social Welfare*. (IF=1.4; Q2: 36/94 [62.2%] in Social Work)

19. **Peng, C.H.**, Chang, Q.S., Wang, J. S-H., Yeung, C.Y., & Yip, P.S.F. (2024). Patterns and determinants of multidimensional poverty and welfare interventions: Towards an evidence-based poverty alleviation policies in Hong Kong. *International Journal of Social Welfare*. (IF=1.4; Q2: 36/94 [62.2%] in Social Work)

18. **Peng, C.H.*** (2023). Household consumption and the discrepancy between economic and subjective poverty: The mediating roles of perceived social status and social connectedness. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 1-25. (IF=3.3; Q1: 21/271 [92.4%] in Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary)

17. **Peng, C.H.** & Wang J. S-H. (2023). Internal fiscal constraints, top-down pressure, or horizontal competition? Local integration or urban-rural social assistance programmes. *The China Quarterly*. (IF=2.5; Q1: 6/182 [97%] in Area Studies)

16. **Peng, C.H.** & Law, Y. W. (2023). How do consumption patterns affect the discrepancy between economic and subjective poverty? *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 1-26. (IF=3.3; Q1: 21/271 [92.4%] in Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary)

15. Wang, J. S-H., Zhu, Y., **Peng, C.H.**, & You, J. (2023). Internal Migration Policies in China: Patterns and Determinants of the Household Registration Reform Policy in 2014. *The China Quarterly*. (IF=2.5; Q1: 6/182 [97%] in Area Studies)

14. **Peng, C.H.**, & Wang, J. S-H. (2022). Accommodating China's floating population: Local variations and determinants of housing policies for rural migrant workers. *The China Quarterly*, 1-25. (IF=2.5; Q1: 6/182 [97%] in Area Studies)

13. **Peng, C.H.** & Yip, P. S. (2022). Comparing the mental health effects of different social assistance programmes in Hong Kong. *Journal of Asian Public Policy*, 1-21. (IF=1.1; Q1: 42/182 [77.2%] in Area Studies)

12. **Peng, C.H.**, & Yip, P. (2022). Access to neighbourhood services and subjective poverty in Hong Kong. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 1-21. (IF=3.4; Q1: 41/271 [85.1%] in Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary)

11. Yang Y.Y., **Peng, C.H.** Yeung. C.Y., Ren, C., Luo, H., Lu, Y., & Yip, P.S.F., Webster, C. (2022). Moderation effect of visible urban greenery on the association between neighbourhood deprivation and subjective well-being: Evidence from Hong Kong. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 231, 104660. (IF=9.2; Q1: 10/191 [95%] in Environmental Studies)

10. **Peng, C.H.**, Cheng, Q., & Yip, P. S.F. (2022). Does Gender Difference Exist in Typologies of Intergenerational Relations? Adult Son-Parent and Daughter-Parent Relations in Hong Kong. *Journal of Family Issues*, 0192513X211066954. (IF=1.7; Q3: 33/46 in Family Studies)

9. **Peng, C.H.**, Wang, J. S-H., Zhu, Y.W., & Zeng, Y. (2021). The effect of an old-age allowance program on intergenerational interactions in Taiwan: Heterogeneous effects by adult children's motives for giving. *Journal of Social Policy*, 1-28. (IF=2.0; Q2: 18/44 in Social Work)

8. **Peng, C.H.*** (2021). What makes people feel poor when they are economically non-poor? Investigating the role of intergenerational mobility and comparison with friends. *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, 75, 100645. (IF=5.0; Q1: 9/149 in Sociology)

7. Wang, J. S-H., **Peng, C.H.**, Luo, H., Zhang, J.B., & Oh, H. (2021). Containment, health, and social policies in the time of COVID-19 -determinants and outcomes of initial responses from spring 2020 across 120 countries. *Health Policy and Planning*, 36(10), 1613-1624. (IF=3.2; Q2: 35/87 in Health Policy & Services)

6. **Peng, C.H.**, Yip, P.S.F., Law, Y.W. (2020). What factors beyond economic poverty lead people in high-income societies to feel poor? Evidence from Hong Kong. *Social Indicators Research*, 152(3), 991-1027. (IF=3.1; Q1: 32/149 in Sociology)

5. Chang, Q.S., **Peng, C.H.**, Guo, Y.Q., Cai, Z.Y., & Yip, P.S.F. (2020). Mechanism connecting objective and subjective poverty to mental health: Serial mediation roles of negative life events and social support. *Social Science and Medicine*, 265, 113308. (IF=5.4; Q1: 2/45 in Social Sciences, Biomedical)

4. Yip, P.S.F., **Peng, C.H.**, Wong, H.K., & So, B.K. (2020). Social welfare transfer and poverty transitions in Hong Kong: Evidence from two-wave panel data. *Social Indicators Research*, 151, 841-864. (IF=3.1; Q1: 32/149 in Sociology)
3. **Peng, C.H.**, Fang, L., Wang, J. S-H., Law, Y.W., Zhang, Y., & Yip, P.S.F. (2019). Determinants of poverty and their variation across the poverty spectrum: Evidence from Hong Kong, a developed society with a high poverty level. *Social Indicators Research*, 144(1), 219-250. (IF=3.1; Q1: 32/149 in Sociology)
2. **Peng, C.H.**, Yip, P.S.F., & Law, Y.W. (2019). Heterogeneity in intergenerational earnings mobility and returns to education: Evidence from Hong Kong, a city with high income disparity. *Social Indicators Research*, 1-24. (IF=3.1; Q1: 32/149 in Sociology)
1. **Peng, C.H.**, Kwok, C.L., Law, Y. W., Yip, P. S.F., & Cheng, Q (2019). Intergenerational support, satisfaction with parent-child relationship and elderly parents' life satisfaction in Hong Kong. *Aging and Mental Health*, 23(4), 428-438. (IF=3.1; Q2: 13/37 in Gerontology)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- As Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigator

2025-2026 **Who deserves social (public) rental housing? Unpacking deservingness perception as a Spectrum and investigating heterogeneity**
 Funded by General Research Fund (GRF), Hong Kong Research Grant Council (HK\$ 0.57 million; PI)

2024-2025 **Welfare conditionality in China: Local welfare regimes and their driving forces**
 Funded by Early Career Scheme (ECS), Hong Kong Research Grant Council (HK\$ 0.54 million; PI)

2023-2028 **Improving pandemic preparedness by reflecting on experiences in the COVID-19 pandemic from different perspectives**
 Funded by Strategic Topics Grant, Hong Kong Research Grant Council (HK\$ 30.06 million; Co-PI; Lead for Program 4: HK\$ 5.34 million)

- As Co-Investigator(s)

2025-2027 **Social security expenditure in China: Measurement, impact evaluation and policy Recommendation**
 Funded by National Natural Science Foundation of China (Co-I; RMB 300,000)

2025-2027 **Governance of relative housing poverty under the guidance of common prosperity: Measurement, mechanism, effects and the establishment of long-term governance mechanisms**
 Funded by National Natural Science Foundation of China (Co-I; RMB 300,000)

2022-2025 **Improving resilience and well-being of families with children residing in sub-divided units**
 Funded by Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (HK\$ 3.28 million)

2022-2024 **Neoliberal Beliefs, Managerialism and Welfare Ethics**
 Funded by Hong Kong Research Grants Council General Research Fund (HK\$0.59 M)

2021-2023 **Shock-Responsive Social Protection Systems for Low-Income Families under COVID-19 in East Asia**
 Funded by Hong Kong Research Grants Council General Research Fund (HK\$ 0.61 M)

2020-2022 **Stigmatization of Emerging Infectious Diseases and its Intervention Mechanism**
 Funded by The National Social Science Fund of China (RMB 200,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Hong Kong

Social Development: China, Asia, and the World (Common Core Course)	Fall 2023/2024
Research on Social Work Practice (Bachelor of social work)	Spring 2023
Social Research Methods (Bachelor of social sciences)	Spring 2023
Social Policy and Administration (Master of social work)	Summer 2023&2024/Spring 2024

Hong Kong Baptist University

Social Policy (Bachelor of social work)	Fall2021/Spring 2022
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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. "Impact of housing policy on the settlement intentions of rural-urban migrants in China: Revisiting the welfare magnet hypothesis" Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany, September 9, 2025
2. Keynote Speech: "The impact of housing policy on the settlement intention of rural-urban migrants", International Conference on "Innovative Social Governance Modernization: Opportunities and Challenges for the Development of Professional Social Work", Fudan University, Dec 8, 2024
3. "A Comparison of minimum income protection in East Asia", Global Welfare Conference, ZOOM, Oct 24, 2024
4. "Mental health effects of Social Assistance Programmes in Hong Kong", Research Institute of Social Development, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, May 11, 2023
5. "Revisiting the Welfare Magnet Hypothesis", Population and Health seminar series, Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong, April 20, 2023
6. "Comparing the Mental Health Effects of Different Social Assistance Programs", Global Welfare Research, ZOOM, March 31, 2023
7. "Local variations and determinants of housing policies for rural migrant workers", Rural Development Seminar Series, School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China, October 17, 2022

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Peng, C.H., Wang, J. S-H., Gao, Q., Yuan, J.Y., Zhang, Q., Wang, YZ. (2025, July). Toward Greater Leniency? A Longitudinal Analysis of the Typologies of Local Welfare Eligibility in urban China (2004 to 2023), Espanet/AIPRIL Workshop. Zero poverty world: Minimum income protection across the globe, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium

Peng, C.H., Wang, J. S-H., Kang, J. Y., Abe, A., Zhao, X., Ng, I. Y. H., Ku, I., Zhang, Q., Zhao, L.P. (2025, Aug) The Different Worlds of Last-Resort Safety Nets: A Comparative Analysis of Minimum Income Protection Schemes in East Asia, European Network for Social Policy Analysis, Milan, Italy

Peng, C.H., Wang, J. S-H., Gao, Q., Yuan, J.Y., Zhang, Q., Wang, YZ. (2025, July). Toward Greater Leniency? A Longitudinal Analysis of the Typologies of Local Welfare Eligibility in urban China (2004 to 2023), Joint Conference of Social Policy Association and East Asian Social Policy Research Network, York, UK.

Peng, C.H. (2025, July). Unpacking the Forces Driving Local Policy Discretion in Welfare Eligibility, Joint Conference of Social Policy Association and East Asian Social Policy Research Network, York, UK.

Peng, C.H., Wang, J. S-H., Kang, J. Y., Abe, A., Ng, I. Y., Ku, I., Zhao, L.P., Zhang, Q. (2024, Nov). Different worlds of last-resort safety net? A comparison of minimum income protection in East Asia, Annual Conference of Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management, National Harbour, MD, the U.S.

Peng, C.H., Wang, J. S-H., Zhang, TM., Zhao, Xi. (2024, July). Welfare stigma, needy situation, and welfare participation decisions of low-income parents: The impossible triangle of being a good parent in a liberal welfare society. Annual Conference of Social Policy Association, Glasgow, Scotland

Peng, C.H., Zhao, L.P., Yuan, J.Y., Wang, J.S-H., Gao, Q. (2024, July). The Evolution of Welfare Eligibility in Urban China: Examining Subnational Social Assistance Regimes from 2004 to 2023. Annual Conference of Social Policy Association, Glasgow, Scotland

Peng, C.H., Wang, J. S-H., Kang, J. Y., Abe, A., Ng, I. Y., Ku, I., Zhao, L.P., Zhang, Q. (2024, June). A Typology of minimum income protection in East Asia: Comparison of public assistance programme, Annual Conference of East Asian Social Policy Research Network, Kyoto, Japan

Peng, C.H., Wang, J. S-H., & Chen, J. (2023, Nov) Impact of housing policy on the settlement intentions of rural-urban migrants in China: Revisiting the welfare magnet hypothesis. Urban China Research Network Conference, Beijing, China

Peng, C.H. Wang, J. S-H. Zhang, TM., Zhao, Xi. (2023, Sept). Welfare stigma and low-income families' decisions to enter, stay, and leave the public assistance program. Annual Conference of East Asian Social Policy Research Network, Sydney, Australia

Peng, C.H. & Yip, P. S.F. (2022, June). Comparing the effects of different social assistance programs on mental health: Evidence from two-wave panel data in Hong Kong. Annual Conference of East Asian Social Policy Research Network, Gather Town

Peng, C.H. & Wang, J. S-H. (2022, June). Internal fiscal constraints, top-down pressure, or horizontal competitions? Local integration or urban-rural social assistance programmes. Annual Conference of East Asian Social Policy Research Network, Gather Town

POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION

As primary supervisor

Zhang Qian	PhD/ expected 2025	Pro-poor health policy in China: Divergent sub-national patterns and the effects on financial and health outcomes
Zhao Liping	PhD/ expected 2026	Administrative burden in social policy
Yuan Jiayin	PhD/ expected 2027	Family policy in China
Chen Junyou	PhD/expected 2028	Poverty, mental health

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

Research output prize, The University of Hong Kong (HKD 120,000)

12/2019

Lee Heiman Memorial Book Prize, The University of Hong Kong (HKD 3,000)

9/2017

SERVICES TO ACADEMIA (Ad-Hoc Reviewer)

Social Sciences & Medicine; British Journal of Social Work; Social Indicators Research; Social Policy & Society; International Journal of Social Welfare; Journal of Asia Public Policy; Journal of Urban Affairs; Housing Studies; Social Psychology Quarterly; Journal of Behavioural and Experimental Economics; China: An International Journal; Psychology Research and Behaviour Management; Aging and Mental Health; BMC Public Health; BMC Geriatrics