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PROFILE

Professor Yip is an academic based at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). He is the **Chair Professor (Population Health)** at the Department of Social Work and Social Administration, and the **Director** of the HKJC Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention; he also holds memberships at several HKU centres and hubs, including the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality in Asia, the Urban Systems Institute, and the Musketeers Foundation Institute of Data Science.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Within HKU, Professor Yip has previously served in several administrative roles, including Associate Dean at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Chair of the Departmental Research Postgraduate Committee of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration. He has also supervised a total of 61 Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) candidates and is currently supervising 6 PhD students/candidates. In 2011, he received the Outstanding Research Supervisor Award. His teaching responsibilities span both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, including three Common Core undergraduate courses and two postgraduate degree courses.

Outside of HKU, Professor Yip actively contributes to academia as well as local and international governments and professional organisations through memberships and external consultancies. Locally, he is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health of the Health Bureau, and a council member on several non-governmental organisations. He holds memberships in several international professional organisations including the International Association for Suicide Prevention, and has served on the scientific and organizing committees of numerous academic conferences. He also holds editorial board memberships at internationally-recognised journals like *Social Science & Medicine* and *Crisis*.

BODY OF SCHOLARLY WORKS

Professor Yip's research expertise lies in **Biostatistics, Demography, Population Health Studies, and Suicide Research and Prevention**.

Competitive Research Grants

Professor Yip has served as the Principal Investigator on numerous funded research projects, and his work has received funding from the following major funding bodies and organizations:

- Research Grants Council
- The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust
- The University of Hong Kong

Peer-Review Publications

Professor Yip has published over 750 journal articles, scholarly books and book chapters, and reports. As of 9 December 2025, he has an **h-index of 117** with 221,887 citations. Below are recent selected publications in each of his areas of expertise:

Biostatistics

1. **Yip, P. S. F.**, Hsu, Y. C., Lam, T. M., Xiao, Y., & Caine, E. (2025). Decomposing the change of suicide rates in the United States 2001–2023. *Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences*, 34, e46. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S2045796025100218>
2. Fong, T. C. T., Junus, A., Wen, M., & **Yip, P. S. F.** (2024). Comorbidity among symptoms of internet gaming disorder, social withdrawal, and depression in 3430 young people in Hong Kong: A network analysis. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 359, 319-326. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2024.05.091>

Demography

3. So, B. K., Lui, I. D., Wat, K. P., Bai, Y., Lam, K. F., & **Yip, P. S. F.** (2025). Assessment of the impact of migration on Hong Kong's population and its development. *Asian Population Studies*, 21(3), 243-256. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441730.2024.2380107>

Population Health Studies

4. Fong, T. C. T., Chan, C. H., & **Yip, P. S. F.** (2025). Neighborhood environmental conditions and well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic: A network analysis in Hong Kong adults. *Landscape and Urban Planning*, 254, 105247. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landurbplan.2024.105247>
5. Peng, C., Chang, Q., Wang, J. S.-H., Yeung, C. Y., & **Yip, P. S. F.** (2024). Patterns and determinants of multidimensional poverty and welfare interventions: Towards evidence-based poverty-alleviation policies in Hong Kong. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 33(4), 931-950. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12648>

Suicide Research and Prevention

6. Li, H., Fong, T. C. T., Hsu, Y. C., So, W. W. Y., Lam, T. M., Hayward, W. G., & **Yip, P. S. F.** (2025). Change in psychological distress and associated factors among Hong Kong young adults in post-COVID-19 era: a latent transition analysis. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*, 60, 2823-2833. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00127-025-02912-5>
7. Chang, Y.-T., Chang, S.-S., Chan, L. F., Chen, Y.-Y., Cheng, Q., Shimizu, Y., Nishina, Y., Zhou, L., & **Yip, P. S. F.** (2024). Addressing the rising rates of youth suicide: understanding causes and formulating prevention strategies using the iceberg model. *The Lancet Regional Health – Western Pacific*, 49, 101151. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanwpc.2024.101151>
8. **Yip, P. S. F.**, Caine, E. D., Yeung, C. Y., Law, Y. W., & Ho, R. T. H. (2024). Suicide prevention in Hong Kong: pushing boundaries while building bridges. *The Lancet Regional Health – Western Pacific*, 46, 101061. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanwpc.2024.101061>