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## POSITION

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*Research Assistant Professor* (Jan 2022 – )

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The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)

## EDUCATION

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*Ph.D., Demography* – Office of Population Research, Princeton University, 2021

*Graduate Certificate in Statistics and Machine Learning*

Dissertation: Sex Ratio Imbalances in China

Committee: Arun S. Hendi (Chair), Noreen Goldman, and Alícia Adserà

*M.A., Demography* – Office of Population Research, Princeton University, 2019

*M.A., Economics* – National School of Development, Peking University, 2016

Advisor: Yi Zeng

*B.A., Economics* – Yuanpei College, Peking University, 2013

Major: Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)

## VISITING SCHOLAR

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Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany (Jan - Feb 2015)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Migration; Marriage and family;

Sex ratio imbalance; Population aging;

Population/Household projections.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

3. **Xiong, W.** (2022). Dynamics between Regional Sex Ratios at Birth and Sex Ratios at Prime Marriageable Ages in China. *Population and Development Review*.
2. **Xiong, W.** (2021). Does the Shortage of Marriageable Women Induce the Trafficking of Women for Forced Marriage? Evidence from China. *Violence Against Women*.
1. **Xiong, W.** (2021). Evidence of Son Preference in the Child Trafficking Market for Illegal Adoption in China. *Journal of Human Trafficking*.

### Book Chapter

1. **Xiong, W.**, Gu, D., and Zeng, Y. (2021). Single-Age-Specific Life Tables (ages 0-105) by Sex and Urban/Rural Areas Based on the Sixth National Population Census of China. In Zeng (Ed.), *Studies on Influencing Factors of Healthy Aging and Effective Interventions in China* (pp.298-327). Beijing: Science Press.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Skewed Sex Ratios and the Trafficking of Women for Forced Marriage in China  
*Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility, Princeton, Aug 2019*
- Your Sadness, My Sorrow: Emotional Concordance within Married Couples  
*Population Association of America, Denver, Apr 2018*
- Prince and Cinderella: Sex Selection and Social Status  
*Population Association of America, Chicago, Apr 2017*  
*China Economics Annual Conference, Shanghai, Nov 2015*
- Sex Differences in Household Educational Expenditure in Urban China (with Bo Zhao)  
*Urbanization and Social Integration of Migrants Forum, Shanghai, Jul 2015*

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**Journal reviews:** *European Journal of Population, International Journal of Population Studies, Journal of Human Trafficking, Journal of Population Economics*

## TEACHING

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*The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology(Guangzhou), Instructor*  
Program Seminar II (UGOD6102), Spring 2022

*Princeton University, Assistant Instructor*  
Research Methods in Demography (POP502/ECO572/SOC532), Spring 2019  
Introduction to Quantitative Social Science (POL345/SOC305), Fall 2018  
Epidemiology (GHP351), Spring 2018

*Peking University, Teaching Assistant*  
Intermediate Econometrics, Fall 2015  
Intermediate Microeconomics, Spring 2015  
Student Mentor for PPE, 2013-2015