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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2022 Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, National University of Singapore
- Advisor: Eric C. Thompson
 - Committee: Zachary M. Howlett; Zheng Mu
- 2017 M.A., Gender, Development and Globalization, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- 2016 LL.B., Economic Sociology, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

* indicates corresponding author

- 2025 **Ni, Anni**. 2025. "Gendered Individualization among Never-married Chinese Skilled-Labour Women in Singapore." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 52(5):1290–1309
- 2022 Su, Yihui*, and **Anni Ni**. 2022. "Producing Scientific Motherhood: State-Led Neoliberal Modernization and Nannies' Subjectivity in Contemporary China." *The China Quarterly* 250:531–51.
- 2018 Fu, Huiyan*, Yihui Su, and **Anni Ni**. 2018. "Selling Motherhood: Gendered Emotional Labour, Citizenly Discounting, and Alienation among China's Migrant Domestic Workers." *Gender and Society* 32(6):814–36.
- Su Yihui, **Anni Ni** and Yingchun Ji*. 2018. "In the Middle of Two Separated Yet Overlapped Spheres: Rural Nannies in Shanghai." *Chinese Sociological Review* 50(3):367–89.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVISIONS

Ni, Anni, and Zachary M. Howlett. "Filial Piety is Not Dead: Emotional Debt and Patricentric Bargain among Student Migrants from China in Singapore." (Major Revision, *Chinese Sociological Review*)

Oh, Eunsil, **Anni Ni**, and Zheng Mu. "Flexible Motherhood and the Unequal Logics of Women's Work: Chinese Mothers in Singapore." (Revise and Resubmit, *Gender and Society*)

Wang, Yanwen, Zheng Mu, **Anni Ni**, and Chan Zhang. "From Status to Soul: Gendered Ideals and Quests for Compatibility in Contemporary Relationships." (Major Revision, *Chinese Sociological Review*)

Wang, Yanwen, Zheng Mu, **Anni Ni**, and Chan Zhang. "What Do Men and Women Value in a Romantic Partner? A Factorial Survey Experiment in Urban China." (Major Revision, *Family Relations*)

WORKING PAPERS

Ni, Anni. "Temporal Spectrum and Gendered Aspirations: Rethinking Temporariness and Permanence among Chinese Single Skilled-labor Migrants in Singapore."

Ni, Anni, Zheng Mu, and Felicia F. Tian. "Opting For the Optionless: Comparing Stay-at-home Motherhood among College-educated Chinese Women in Shanghai, Singapore and New York."

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023 Graduate Student Teaching Award, National University of Singapore

RESEARCH SUPPORT

2025 Conference Travel Grant, National University of Singapore 1,829 SGD

Fieldwork Funding, National University of Singapore 2,934 SGD

2022–2026 Research Scholarship, National University of Singapore 132,000 SGD

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Nov 2025 New York University Abu Dhabi, "Theorizing Transience: Temporary Migrations In The Middle East And Asia-Pacific" Conference. "Never Waste Your Life Waiting for Citizenship? Temporality and Gendered Aspirations Among Chinese Single Skilled-Labor Migrants in Singapore." Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

New York University Abu Dhabi, Migration Brownbag Talk. "Never Waste Your Life Waiting for Citizenship? Temporality and Gendered Aspirations Among Chinese Single Skilled-Labor Migrants in Singapore." Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Aug 2025 Waseda University, Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies. "Temporal Spectrum and Gendered Aspirations: Rethinking Temporariness and Permanence among Chinese Single Skilled-labor Migrants in Singapore." Tokyo, Japan.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Jul 2025 Research on East Asian Demography and Inequality Annual Meeting. "Gendered Individualization among Never-married Chinese Skilled Labour Women in Singapore." Seoul, South Korea.

Society for East Asian Anthropology Conference. "Gendered Individualization among Never-married Chinese Skilled Labour Women in Singapore." Seoul, South Korea.

- May 2025 International Chinese Sociological Association Annual Meeting. "Opting For the Optionless: Comparing Stay-at-home Motherhood among College-educated Chinese Women in Shanghai, Singapore and New York." Chengdu, China.
- Nov 2024 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. "Negotiating Emotional Debts: Obedience as Filial Duty among Chinese Migrants Students in Singapore." Tampa, FL, the United States.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New York University Abu Dhabi

Spring 2026 Interview Methods (Lecturer) (31; undergraduate)

National University of Singapore

Fall 2023 Anthropology and Theory (Teaching Assistant) (20; undergraduate)

Spring 2023 Singapore: Imagining the Next 50 Years (Teaching Assistant) (40; undergraduate)

Fall 2022 Social Thought and Social Theory (Teaching Assistant) (20; undergraduate)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2025 Session Chair, Women on the Move: Individualization, Aspiration, and the Politics of Becoming, the Society of East Asian Anthropology

Member American Anthropological Association
American Sociological Association
International Chinese Sociological Association
Population Association of Singapore
Society of East Asian Anthropology

Reviewer *Asian Journal of Social Science*
Contemporary Islam
Family Relations
Journal of Gender Studies
Migration Studies

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2021–2022 Associate Consultant, Korn Ferry Consulting. (Shanghai, China)

2018–2020 Analyst, Human Capital Advisory Service, Deloitte Consulting. (Shanghai, China)

2017–2018 Associate Research Analyst, Horizon Research Consultancy. (Shanghai, China)

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE

2024 Research Assistant, Stay-at-home Motherhood Project (PI: Zheng Mu)

2023–2024 Senior China Researcher, Diligent Daughter Project (PI: Zachary M. Howlett)

- 2021 Research Assistant, The National Social Science Fund of China (20CSH083) (PI: Yihui Su)
- 2013–2014 Research Assistant, Programme Coopération et Mobilité Internationales Rhône-Alpes (PI: Jun Yan)

REFERENCES

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