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## EDUCATION

2022 (Expected)	Northwestern University	<i>Ph.D.</i> in Sociology, <i>M.S.</i> in Statistics
2014	Tsinghua University, China	<i>M.A.</i> in Sociology
2012	Peking University, China	<i>B.A.</i> in Sociology (with Distinction)

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Global Health and Biomedicine, Political Economy of Development, Welfare State and Social Policy, Law and Society, Comparative and Historical Analysis, Mixed Methods, Asia.

## DISSERTATION

“Rentier Developmentalism: How Contradictory Health Reforms Spoiled the Pharmaceutical Industry in China, 1984-2020.”  
Committee: Bruce Carruthers (chair), Nitsan Chorev (Brown University), William Hurst (Political Science), James Mahoney, Monica Prasad

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Li, Lantian. Under Review “Redefining Innovation for Development: The Political Economy of New Drug Classification in China.” *Theory and Society*

\* 2020 Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section

Li, Lantian. Forthcoming 2021 “Legitimation of Illegality in Authoritarian States: The Case of Transnational Illegal Drug Brokerage in China.” *Asian Journal of Law and Society*

Li, Lantian. 2021 “How to Tackle Variations in Elite Interviews: Access, Strategies, and Power Relations.” *Qualitative Research*

Li, Lantian. 2021 “Deconstructing and Historicizing Access to Medicines: The Changing Priority of Pharmaceutical Governance in China.” *Frontiers in Sociology* (invited contribution to an interdisciplinary special issue on *Global Health and Pharmacology*)

Dallas, Mark, Rory Horner, and Lantian Li. 2021 “The Mutual Constraints of States and Global Value Chains during COVID-19: The Case of Personal Protective Equipment.” *World Development*

Gu, Edward, and Lantian Li. 2020 “Crippled Community Governance and Suppressed Scientific/Professional Communities: A Critical Assessment of Failed Early Warning for the COVID-19 Outbreak in China.” *Journal of Chinese Governance*

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Li, Lantian. “Rentier Developmentalism: How Contradictory Health Reforms Spoiled the Pharmaceutical Industry in China.”

Li, Lantian. “Hidden Hegemony: The Marginalization of Patent Reform in China’s Pharmaceutical Politics.”

Sun, Hui and Lantian Li. “Fencing off the Market: Temporality and Boundaries of Competition.”

Li, Dai, Yizhen Wang, and Lantian Li. “Can Greater Male Variability Predict Female Underrepresentation in STEM Majors?”

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Li, Lantian, and Hong Li. 2018 (accepted in 2013) “Comparing Labor Strikes in State-owned Enterprises.” In Jing Zhang (eds.). *Organizing the Society: Case Studies*. Beijing: Peking University Press.

Li, Lantian. 2013 “Workshop Politics and Divergent Paths of Migrant Worker Solidarity Formation: Evidence from Two OEMs’ Collective Protests.” *Tsinghua Sociological Review* (6).

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

### *External*

2020 Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section

2020 Doctoral Fellowship (\$20000), Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation

2019 Young Scholar Award (\$6000), China Times Cultural Foundation

2019 Frédéric Bastiat Fellowship (\$2500), Mercatus Center, George Mason University

2018 Research Travel Grant (\$2000), Association for Asian Studies

2018 Huoshui Scholar, Alibaba Research Institute, China

### *Internal*

2019 MacArthur Summer Research Grant (\$1000), with Bruce Carruthers, Department of Sociology

2019 Problem-solving Sociology Grant (\$1000), with Monica Prasad, Department of Sociology

2018 Dissertation Research Travel Award (\$5000), Buffett Institute for Global Studies

2017 Sociology Fieldwork Fellowship (\$7500), Department of Sociology

2017 Graduate Research Grant (\$3000), The Graduate School

2017 Research Grant (\$1000), Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop

2017 Conference Travel Grant (\$800), The Graduate School

2016 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant (\$2500), Buffett Institute for Global Studies

2015 Alumni Funds for Second Year Paper Research (\$750), Department of Sociology

### *Undergraduate in China*

2012 Distinguished Undergraduate Award, Beijing City & Peking University

2012 Academic Excellence Award, Peking University

2011 Special-class Award, the “Challenge Cup” Academic Work Competition, Peking University

2011 Leo KoGuan Scholarship (¥10000), for top 1% students, Peking University  
2010 National Scholarship (¥8000), for top 1% students, Ministry of Education  
2009 National Scholarship (¥8000), for top 1% students, Ministry of Education  
2009 Outstanding Student Award, Peking University

## **INVITED TALKS**

2019 “The Political Economy of Pharmaceutical Industry in China.” Workshop on  
Pharmaceuticals and Development in the Global South, University of Manchester, UK  
  
2018 “Tackling Globalization: The Political Economy of Pharmaceutical Innovation in China  
and India.” Workshop on the Healthy Aging and Chronic Disease Management in China  
and India, Stanford Center at Peking University, China

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Rentier Developmentalism: How Uneven Market Reform Spoiled the Pharmaceutical Industry  
in China, 1984-2020”

2021 American Sociological Association Sociology of Development Annual Conference  
2020 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section Session on Sociology of  
Development

“Hidden Hegemony: The Marginalization of Patent Reform in China’s Pharmaceutical Politics”

2019 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL  
2019 Sociology of Development Annual Conference, Notre Dame, IN

“Classification and Development: The Political Economy of New Drug Regulation in China”

2019 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL  
2019 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session on Development,  
New York, NY  
2019 Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL  
2019 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

“Variations in Elite Interviews: Access, Strategies, and Power Relations”

2020 Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (cancelled due to covid-19)  
2019 International Congress on Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL

“Tackling Globalization: The Political Economy of Pharmaceutical Innovation in China and India.”

2018 Chinese Political Science and International Studies Annual Meeting, Beijing, China  
2018 Conference on Economy and Society, European University Institute, Florence, Italy

“Resisting Globalization by Redefining Innovation: The Politic Economy of New Drug Registration  
in China”

2017 Sociology of Development Annual Conference, Detroit, MI  
2017 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Lyon, France

“Legitimizing Economic Brokerage: A Case Study of Transnational Illegal Drug Trade”

2016 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL  
2016 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA  
2016 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019-2020      Teaching Certificate, Searle Center for Advanced Learning and Teaching,  
Northwestern University

2015-2019      Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University  
Medical Sociology, Lectured on *Politics of Access to Medicines*  
Global Capitalism, Lectured on *Communism in China*  
Law and Society  
Sociology of Organizations  
Climate Change, Policy, and Society  
Work and Occupations from a Gender Perspective

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020-2021      Elected Student Council Member for ASA Sociology of Development Section  
2017-2021      Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Law & Society Review*,  
*Economy and Society*, *Chinese Political Science Review*

2020              Co-organizer of the Third Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Sciences  
Conference (postponed)

2019              Panel Presider for Midwest and Eastern Sociological Society Conferences

2016              Teaching Committee at Northwestern Sociology Graduate Student Association

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics  
Social Science History Association  
Association for Asian Studies

## LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Languages: Chinese (native), English (proficient)  
Software: Python, R, STATA, SAS, Atlas.ti