

Dr Wei YANG

Education

Ph.D. (Sociology) Nanyang Technological University

M.A. (Cultural Studies) The Chinese University of Hong Kong

B.A. (Chinese Language and Literature) Lanzhou University, China

Professional Experience

April 2023 – present

Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore

August 2022 – January 2023

Part-time Researcher, Immigrant Parenting Project, National Institute of Education

August 2017 – December 2021

Undergraduate Tutor and Guest Lecturer, Nanyang Technological University

- Migration and Multiculturalism
- Population and Society
- Contemporary Social Theory
- Development and Social Change
- Social Problems in a Global Context

August 2013 – July 2015

Researcher, Centre for China and Globalization, Beijing, China

Research Area

- Labour migration from China to Singapore
 - Temporary migration regimes in Asia
 - Gender, social reproduction and citizenship
 - Migrant subjectivity and intimacy
 - Transnational families and marriage migration
 - Immigrant parenting and integration
 - Global social inequalities
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Short Biography

Wei YANG is a Postdoctoral Fellow with the Asian Migration Cluster. She received her PhD in Sociology from Nanyang Technological University. Her PhD thesis examined

the lived experiences of mainland Chinese female migrant workers employed in the manufacturing and service sectors in Singapore. Her thesis explores the diversity of migrant women's social and intimate lives beyond the workplace and how they negotiate with Singapore's temporary migrant labour regime under global capitalism to advance their own projects of social mobility and reproduction. As a sociologist and migration scholar, she is particularly interested in examining the entangled relationships between social and spatial mobilities, between the global and the intimate. Her work has been published in journals such as *Pacific Affairs*, *Gender, Place & Culture*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* and *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. She also conducted research on middle-class immigrant parenting and integration in Singapore. At ARI, she will develop her PhD thesis into a book. She will also be involved in an ongoing project on cross-national families in Singapore.

Publications

Refereed Articles

Yang, Wei. 2025. From “disposable labour” to “desirable citizen”: Chinese migrant worker-turned-marriage migrants negotiating citizenship pathways in Singapore. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 1-18. (Published online: 07 Jan 2025). <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2024.2441901>

Yang, Wei. 2022. Time, (im)mobility and social reproduction: self-development of Chinese migrant women workers in Singapore. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 50 (8): 1959-1976. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2022.2125864>

Yang, Wei. 2022. The intimacy and mobility of Chinese female migrant factory workers in Singapore. *Gender, Place & Culture* 29 (12):1810-1813. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2022.2072817>

Yang, Wei. 2021. “Temporary couples” among Chinese migrant workers in Singapore. *Pacific Affairs* 94 (2): 285-305. <https://doi.org/10.5509/2021942285>

Book Review

Yang, Wei. 2018. Class inequality in the global city: migrants, workers and cosmopolitanism in Singapore, by Junjia Ye, 2016. *Transitions: Journal of Transient Migration* 2 (1): 81-83.

Awards/Grants

Nanyang Technological University PhD Research Scholarship