

Dr Jin L. LI

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Education

- Ph.D. (Human Geography) University College London, 2025
 - Visiting Scholar (Hong Kong Institute of Humanities & Social Sciences) University of Hong Kong, 2022
 - M.Sci (Sociology) London School of Economics, 2017
 - B.A (Sociology) University of York, 2016
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Professional Experience

2026 - PRESENT

Postdoctoral Fellow, Asia Research Institute, NUS

- Working with Professor Elaine Ho for the Migration and Mobilities cluster.

2025 – 2026

Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Geography, UCL

- Advancing research on migration and urban governance through publications and collaborations.
- Leading an arts-based public engagement project on London's migrant belonging, supported by a UCL Public Engagement Grant (£500).

2023

Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, UCL

- Led seminars for third-year undergraduate students on the module 'Migration and Transnationalism'.

2022

Invited Researcher, Institute of Urban Internationalization, Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences

- Conducted policy-oriented research on visa and permanent residence systems for foreign professionals in Guangzhou.

2020

Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, UCL

- Led seminars for MSc students on the module ‘Social Science Research: Methodologies and Methods’.

2018 – 2020

Research Assistant, Asian Development Bank

- Supported Technical Project 50033-001: ‘Strategies for Involving Social Organizations in Social Assistance’.
- Responsible for health policy analysis and reports writing.

Research Area/Topic/Discipline

- Migration studies
- Cultural and economic geography
- Geographies of family and education
- Comparative governance and policy analysis
- Asian and UK Studies

Short Biography

Dr Jin L. LI is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Asia Research Institute (NUS), working with Professor Elaine Ho in the Migration and Mobilities Cluster. She completed her PhD in Human Geography (2025) at UCL, under the supervision of Professor Johanna Waters and Professor Alan Latham. Her research lies at the intersection of migration studies, cultural and economic geography, and comparative governance, with a primary regional focus on Singapore, China and the UK.

At ARI, her current project examines elite and high-net-worth migration to Singapore, exploring how privileged migrants navigate migration regimes, financial infrastructures and international education as strategies of risk and opportunity amid global uncertainty. Her broader research interests include late modernity, temporality, platform urbanism, and the geographies of family and education.

Publications

Refereed Article

Li, J. L. (2025). Time and Family Life in Diplomatic Mobility: Temporal Experiences Under a Regular Mobile Work Regime. *Population, Space and Place*, 31(8), e70144.

An, N., & Li, J. L.* (2025) Mobility as Capital: A ‘Three-Step’ Education Pathway of Chinese Transnational Migrant Families in Zimbabwe. *Population, Space and Place*, 31(1), e2873.

Greatrick, A., Al-Waeli, J., Sender, H., Maioli, S. C., **Li, J. L.**, & Goodwin, E. (2022). Adapting to Crisis: Migration Research During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Migration and Society*, 5(1), 115-123.

Editor Reviewed

Li, J. L. (2021) Infection Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in the UK: Policy Analysis and Implications. *Chinese Public Policy Review*, vol.18, pp. 142-165.

Book Chapter

Li, J. L. (2025). International Migrant Parenting and Education. In R. K. Sidhu, Y. E. Cheng, & J. L. Waters (Eds.), *Elgar Encyclopedia of the Sociology of Education* (pp. 172–175). Edward Elgar Publishing.