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### Postdoc

2023-2025

#### Postdoctoral Fellow

China Initiative

Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs  
Brown University

### Education

2023

#### Doctor of Philosophy in Politics

The New School for Social Research

Fields: Comparative Politics, Global Politics

*Dissertation Co-Chairs:* Victoria Hattam, Mark Frazier

*Dissertation Title:* The Networked Hands Making Your Shoes:  
Flexible Production, Digital Capitalism, and the State in  
Contemporary China

2014

#### Master of Community and Regional Planning

The University of Texas at Austin

*Master's Thesis:* Public Participation in The Urban Village  
Redevelopment Process: A Case Study of Shenzhen, China

2009

#### Bachelor of Interior and Spatial Design

The University of the Arts, London

**Research Interests:**

Political Economy, Global Supply Chain, Chinese Politics, Urban Theory, AI and Industry 4.0

**Teaching Interests:**

Political Economy, Chinese Politics, Comparative Politics, AI and Industry 4.0,  
Globalization, Urban and Design Theory, Qualitative Research

**Fellowships, Awards and Grants**

<b>2022</b>	<b>Heilbroner Center Graduate Student Fellowship</b> <i>Heilbroner Center for Capitalism Studies, The New School for Social Research</i>
<b>2021</b>	<b>GIDEST Research Fellowship Award</b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Dissertation Fellowship Award</b> <i>Department of Politics, The New School for Social Research</i>
<b>2020</b>	<b>Summer Fieldwork Scholarship</b> <i>India China Institute, The New School University</i>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Mellon Sawyer Seminar Doctoral Research Fellowship</b> <i>Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, The New School University</i>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Student Research Award</b> <i>The New School University</i>
<b>2017-2022</b>	<b>Dean's Fellowship</b> <i>The New School for Social Research</i>
<b>2017</b>	<b>Henry Luce Research Scholarship</b> The Center for Urban and Global Studies of Trinity College, CT
<b>2016</b>	<b>New Urbanizations Research Fellowship</b> <i>India and China Institute, The New School University</i>

## Teaching Experience

### Instructor

- 2024 Spring      Smart, Fluid, & Out of Control: The Political Economy of Production |  
*Watson Institute International and Public Affairs at Brown University*
- 2017 Spring      Urban Sustainable Development in China | *Center for Urban and Global  
Studies, Trinity College, CT*

### Teaching Assistant:

Responsibility: discussion session facilitator, grading, and responding to student's needs, online and in person method of teaching.

- 2023 Spring      Art and Performance in the Age of Digital (Re)production | *The New School*
- 2022 Fall          China Today: Art, Economy, and Politics | *Eugene Lang College*
- 2022 Spring      Way of the Dragon: Materializing Theory in Design Practice | *The New  
School*
- 2021 Fall          China Today: Art, Economy, and Politics | *Eugene Lang College*
- 2019 Fall          China Today: Art, Economy, and Politics | *Eugene Lang College*

## Publications

### Works in Progress

Fu, Na. "Extra-Locality: Mass Customization in Spatial Politics on the Global Shoe Production" (*Conference Paper*)

### Chapters in Books

- 2020              Chen, Xiangming. **Na Fu**, Sam Zhou, and Gavin Xu. "The Spatial Decoupling and Recombination of Capital and Labor." In *Mobilities of Labour and Capital in Asia*, edit by Preet S Aulakh, and Philip F Kelly. Cambridge University Press. 120-154.

2016 **Fu, Na.** “Community Building: Releasing the Pressure.” In *Shenzhen from Factory of the World to World City*, NAI010. 114-118.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

2017 Liu, Ying. Yanliu Liu. and **Na Fu.** “Towards inclusive and sustainable transformation in Shenzhen: Urban redevelopment, displacement patterns of migrants and policy implications.” *Journal of Cleaner Production*, Vol 173, 24-38.

### Public Scholarship

2021 **Fu, Na.** “Border at the Center of the Myth, Three Stories from Fishing Villages.” *Made in China Journal*, Vol March. 114-118.

2018 **Fu, Na.** “Evolving Rural Typologies for Rapidly Growing Cities.” *Architectural Design*, Vol 88. 2018. 70-77.

### **Academic Service**

2018 Reviewer, Cities

2022- present Reviewer, Cities and Community

2022- 2023 UIA Science Track Committee

### **Conferences and Talks**

2024 “Smart, Fluid, and Out of Control: Shared Labor under Mass Customization in China”

Panel Presentation on the Affective Control: Turning Towards Data in China and India. *The Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*. Seattle, USA.

2023 “Reimage of Space Between Rural and Urban”

- Panel Presentation on the Translocal Mobilities. *The American Anthropological Association / CASCA Annual Meeting*. Toronto, Canada.
- 2023 “Mega-Locality: Digital Innovation in Spatial Politics, Case of China”  
Panel Presentation on the Politics of Place and Space. *The American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*. Log Angles, USA.
- 2023 “Mass Customization: Re-Capitalizing Production”  
Symposium Presentation on the Making Capitalism Legible. *Heibroner Center for Capitalism Studies*. New York, USA.
- 2017 “Semi-Formal Commerce in Urban Villages: A Case Study of Shenzhen”  
Panel Presentation at the *Urban Sustainability in Asia*. Hartford, Connecticut, USA.
- 2015 “Rethinking Urban Processes and Structures – Openly”  
Panel presentation at the Smart Solutions for Urban Challenges. *The Business and Technology Conference of the Asia-Pacific Weeks*. Berlin, Germany.
- 2015 “Urban Rehabilitation”  
Panel presentation at the *Second International Conference on Sustainable Urbanization*. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong.

## Research Experience

### Ongoing Research Collaborations

#### **Cressica Brazier**

*Researcher in Department of Urban Studies and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA*

Dr. Brazier’s research intersects among neighborhood design, human behavior, and energy demand in the U.S. and Asia.

## **Hao Pu**

*Assistant Professor in Department of Geography at Hong Kong Baptist University*

Dr. Pu provides developmental insights in the urban village redevelopment project; He also supervises data collection among urban village research in Shenzhen.

2020

### **Research Assistant**

Parsons School of Design, New York, NY

Professor Miodrag Mitrasinovic

- *Proofread and edited for book manuscript “Emerging Public Realm of the Greater Bay Area: Approaches to Public Space in a Chinese Megaregion Editing.” The book published by Routledge in 2021.*
- *Provided expert input for Shenzhen urban and political landscape*

2019

### **Researcher**

Civic Life of Cities Lab for Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society,  
Stanford PACS.

Professor Yan Long

- *Conducted fieldwork; collected data; organized interviews*

2019

### **Research Assistant**

The New School for Social Research, New York, NY

Professor Victoria Hattam

2017

### **Research Assistant**

India China Institute, The New School, New York, NY

- *Performed literature, data management, files maintenance*
- *Assisted funding committee*

## Professional Experience

### 2014 – 2016      **Head of Research Department**

The Shenzhen Design Center, Shenzhen, China

- *Recruited, managed and directed all project applications*
- *Performed and managed project fieldwork management, data organization and analysis*
- *Created research reports widely distributed to developers and government officials*

### 2010 – 2012      **Research Project Manager**

Urbanus Research Bureau, Shenzhen, China

- *Fieldwork management, project management*
- *Conducted interviews and code responses*
- *Analyzed and processed qualitative and quantitatively data*

### 2009 – 2010      **Research Assistant**

Graduate School of Architecture Planning and Preservation, Columbia University

Supervisor: Dr. Cressica Brazier

- *Facilitated project organization,*
- *Conducted fieldwork and interviews*
- *Organized preliminary data analysis*

## Exhibitions

**2016**      Co-organizer on My City

SZ/HK Biennial, Shenzhen

**2016**      Co-organizer on Low-tech innovation project

SZ/HK Biennial, Shenzhen

**2014**      Organizer on Fringe Urbanism

SZ/HK Biennial, Hong Kong

**2011**      Researcher on Qianhai Exhibition

SZ/HK Biennial, Hong Kong and Shenzhen

**2011**

Designer on Tulou Project

NAI exhibition, Netherlands

**2010**

Researcher on China's Superblock Development

China-Lab Exhibition, Studio X, Beijing

**Film**

**2011**

“Urban Village”

Documentary short film directed and produced by Chris Gee and

Fu Na. Featured at Architecture and the City Festival, San Francisco