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Annual Teaching Excellence Award (ATEA), National University of Singapore, 2023.

EDUCATION

PhD (Public Administration), City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, 2010.

MA (Public Administration), Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China, 2006.

LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws), Lanzhou University, China, 1999.

POSITION: Associate Professor, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (July 2017-).

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

From February 2012-July 2017: Research Associate/Lecturer/Assistant Professor/Associate Professor (Tenured), The Education University of Hong Kong (The Hong Kong Institute of Education).

From March 2014- May 2014: Visiting Research Scholar, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, USA.

From September 2010-February 2012: Senior Research Associate, City University of Hong Kong.

From January 2009-June 2011: Part-time Lecturer, City University of Hong Kong.

From December 2003-August 2007: Journalist, China Economic Daily Fujian Office, China.

From May 2007-July 2007: Visiting Journalist, Die Welt, Germany.

From October 2000-November 2003: Journalist, Fujian Legal News, China.

From July 1999-September 2000: Lawyer, Zenith Law Firm, Fujian, China.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

At National University of Singapore

From July 2019-September 2022: Assistant Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

From May 2018- June 2020: PhD Program Co-Chair, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

From January 2022-: Resident Advisor of College Green (NUS Dunearn Road Hostels), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.

At The Education University of Hong Kong:

From October 2015-July 2017: Program Leader, Master of Social Science Education in Greater China Studies, Department of Asian and Policy Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong (The Hong Kong Institute of Education).

From July 2013-September 2015: Program Leader/Associate Program Leader, Master of Public Policy and Governance, Department of Asian and Policy Studies, The Hong Kong Institute of Education.

PUBLICATIONS

I. Monographs

1. Wu, Alfred M. 2014. *Governing civil service pay in China*, Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press (Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen), 1-236. Nominated for the ICAS book Prize in 2017.

Reviewed by journals such as *Political Studies Review*, *Governance*, *The China Journal*, *China Information*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, and et al.

Reviewed by CNPOLITICS (an independent academic blog)

<http://cnpolitics.org/2014/11/civil-service-pay-in-china/>

II. Edited books

1. Wu, Alfred M., Wang, He. 2023. *Governing Collaborative Intergovernmental Relationships*. Edward Elgar Publishing.
2. Wu, Alfred M., Hawkins, John N. 2018. *Massification of Higher Education in Asia: Consequences, Policy Responses and Changing Governance*, Singapore: Springer.

III. Articles in Refereed Journals

1. Yan, Yifei, Alfred M. Wu, Biao Huang, and Fangxin Yi. 2024. Policy Capacity Matters Differently Over Time: The Emergence and Persistence of Participatory Budgeting in China. *Public Administration and Development*. **(SSCI-listed)**.
2. Gong, Lin, Juan Chen, Xue Bai, and Alfred M. Wu. 2025. Beyond Economic Growth: Rural–Urban Integration and Citizens’ Perceptions of Social Justice in China. *The China Review* 25(3), 97-127. **(SSCI-listed)**.
3. Chindarkar, Namrata, Maki Nakajima, and Alfred M. Wu. 2024. Inequality of Opportunity in Health among Urban, Rural, and Migrant Children: Evidence from China). *Journal of Social Policy* 53(4), 950–969. **(SSCI-listed)**.
4. Zhang, Hongzhou, and Alfred M. Wu. 2024. Central-Local Relations in China: A Case Study of Heilongjiang's GMO Ban. *The China Quarterly* 257, 152–168. **(SSCI-listed)**.
5. Elliott, Ian C., J.A. Puppim de Oliveira, and Alfred M. Wu. 2024. Reflections on 75 years of Public Administration and Development. *Public Administration and Development* 44(4), 233–236. **(SSCI-listed; highly cited paper in Web of Science)**.
6. Elliott, Ian C., J.A. Puppim de Oliveira, and Alfred M. Wu. 2024. Public administration and development in (historical) perspective. *Public Administration and Development* 44(4), 98–314. **(SSCI-listed)**.
7. Elliott, Ian C., and Alfred M. Wu. 2023. New developments at Public Administration and Development. *Public Administration and Development* 43(2), 95–96. **(SSCI-listed)**.
8. Chen, Xi; Wu, Alfred M, and Fen Lin . 2023. Why Hong Kong People Rebel: The Role of Economic Frustration, Political Discontent and National Identity in Non-Institutional Political Participation. *Social Indicators Research* 168 (1-3), 79-98. **(SSCI-listed)**.
9. Rawat, Stuti, Yifei Yan, Alfred M. Wu, and Lina Vyas. 2022. When Public Administration Education Switches Online: Student Perceptions during COVID-19. *Teaching Public Administration* 41(1), 122-142. **(SSCI-listed)**.
10. Yan, Yifei, Lina Vyas, Alfred M. Wu, and Stuti Rawat. 2022. Effective Online Education Engagement Under COVID-19: Perspectives from Teachers and Students. *Journal of Public Affairs Education* 28 (4), 422–439. **(SSCI-listed)**.
11. Wong, Wilson, and Alfred M. Wu. 2022. State or Civil Society–What Matters in Fighting COVID-19? A Comparative Analysis of Hong Kong and Singapore. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* 24 (6), 609-626. **(SSCI-listed)**.

12. Jiang Nan, Alfred M. Wu, and Edmund W. Cheng. 2022. Social trust and stress symptoms among older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic: Evidence from Asia. *BMC Geriatrics* 22, 1-10. **(SSCI-listed)**.
13. Wang, Bing, Xia, Longmei, and Alfred M. Wu. 2022. Social Development with Public Value: An International Comparison. *Social Indicators Research* 162 (2), 909-934. **(SSCI-listed)**.
14. Yang, Shen, Bo Miao, and Alfred M. Wu. 2022. Immigration and Public Attitudes Towards Social Assistance: Evidence from Hong Kong. *Journal of Economic Policy Reform* 25(1): 28-44. **(SSCI-listed)**.
15. Wu, Alfred M., and Kee-Lee Chou. 2021. Intergenerational Conflict or Solidarity in Hong Kong? A Survey of Public Attitudes Toward Social Spending. *Social Indicators Research* 158(2), 775–798. **(SSCI-listed)**.
16. Xu, Chengwei, and Alfred M. Wu. 2021. International Tax Competition and Foreign Direct Investment in the Asia–Pacific Region: A Panel Data Analysis. *Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management* 33(2), 157–176.
17. Wu, Alfred M., Yifei Yan, and Lina Vyas. 2020. Public Sector Innovation, e-government, and Anticorruption in China and India: Insights from Civil Servants. *Australian Journal of Public Administration* 79(3), 370-385. **(SSCI-listed)**.
18. Lina Vyas and Alfred M. Wu. 2020. Anti-Corruption Policy: China’s Tiger Hunt and India’s Demonetization. *International Journal of Public Administration* 43(11), 1000-1011.
19. Qian, Neng, Schuyler House, Alfred M. Wu, and Xun Wu. 2020. Public–private Partnerships in the Water Sector in China: A Comparative Analysis. *International Journal of Water Resources Development* 36 (4), 631-650. **(SSCI-listed)**.
20. Wu, Alfred M. 2019. The Logic of Basic Education Provision and Public Goods Preferences in Chinese Fiscal Federalism, *Plos One* 14 (12), 1-15. **(SSCI-listed)**.
21. Wu, Alfred M., Lin Ye, and Hui Li. 2019. The Impact of fiscal decentralization on urban agglomeration: Evidence from China. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 41 (2), 170-188. **(SSCI-listed)**.
22. Fan, Yong, Yan Wu, Alfred M Wu, and Wei Wang. 2018. Decentralised governance and empowerment of county governments in China: betting on the weak or the strong? *Local Government Studies* 44 (5), 670-696. **(SSCI-listed)**.

23. Liu, Yongzheng, Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, and Alfred M. Wu. 2017. Fiscal decentralization, equalization, and intra-provincial inequality in China. *International Tax and Public Finance* 24 (2), 248-281. **(SSCI-listed)**.
24. Wu, Alfred M., and Kee-Lee Chou. 2017. Public attitudes toward income redistribution: Evidence from Hong Kong. *Social Policy & Administration* 51 (5): 738–754. **(SSCI-listed)**.
25. Mok, Ka Ho and Alfred M Wu. 2016. Higher education, changing labour market and social mobility in the era of massification in China. *Journal of Education and Work*, 29(1): 77-97.
26. Yang, Zhenjie, and Alfred M. Wu. 2015. The dynamics of the city-managing-county model in China: Implications for rural–urban interaction. *Environment and Urbanization* 27 (1): 327–42. **(SSCI-listed)**.
27. Chou, Kee-Lee, Kar-Ming Yu, Wai-Sum Chan, Alfred M. Wu, Alex Y. F. Zhu, and Vivian W. Q. Lou. 2015. Perceived retirement savings adequacy in Hong Kong: An interdisciplinary financial planning model. *Ageing and Society* 35: 1565-1586. **(SSCI-listed)**.
28. Yu, Kar-Ming, Alfred M. Wu, Wai-Sum Chan, and Kee-Lee Chou. 2015. Gender differences in financial literacy among Hong Kong workers. *Educational Gerontology* 41 (4): 315-326. **(SSCI-listed)**.
29. Mok, Ka Ho, and Alfred M. Wu. 2016. Higher education, changing labour market and social mobility in the era of massification in China. *Journal of Education and Work* 29 (1): 77-97.
30. Wu, Alfred M. 2014. Searching for fiscal responsibility: A critical review of the budget reform in China. *China: An International Journal* 12 (1): 87-107. **(SSCI-listed)**.
31. Ye, Lin, and Alfred M. Wu. 2014. Urbanization, land development, and land financing: Evidence from Chinese cities. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 36 (S1): 354-368. **(SSCI-listed)**. **Highly cited (among top 1% cited articles in urban studies based on Field-Weighted Citation Impact (Scopus))**
32. Wu, Alfred M., and M. Ramesh. 2014. Poverty Reduction in Urban China: The Impact of Cash Transfers. *Social Policy and Society* 13 (2): 285–299.

Best Paper Award by the Third China Social Assistance Conference organized by the Ministry of Civil Affairs, 2013.

33. Wu, Alfred M., and Wen Wang. 2013. Determinants of Expenditure Decentralization: Evidence from China. *World Development* 46: 176-184.

(SSCI-listed).

Reviewed by CNPOLITICS

<http://cnpolitics.org/2014/03/determinants-of-expenditure-decentralization>

34. Wu, Alfred M. 2013. How does Decentralized Governance Work? Evidence from China. *Journal of Contemporary China* 22 (81): 379-393. (SSCI-listed).

Reviewed by *Beijing Cultural Review*. 2013.

<http://www.21bcr.com/a/shiye/yuwai/2013/0725/3474.html>

Recommended read in a seminar held by the Department of Political Science at Tsinghua University in 2013. Please see

http://www.tsinghua.edu.cn/publish/ps/1945/2013/20130617112741322496622/20130617112741322496622_.html

The abstract of article included in III: Governmental and administrative Institutions. *International Political Science Abstracts* 63 (4): 422-32, <https://doi.org/10.1177/002083451306300403>.

35. Feng, Xingyuan, Christer Ljungwall, Sujian Guo, and Alfred M. Wu. 2013. Fiscal federalism: A refined theory and its application in the Chinese context. *Journal of Contemporary China* 22 (82): 573-593. (SSCI-listed).
36. Wu, Alfred M., and Mi Lin. 2012. Determinants of Government Size: Evidence from China. *Public Choice* 151 (1): 255-270. (SSCI-listed).
37. Gong, Ting, and Alfred M. Wu. 2012. Central Mandates in Flux: An Empirical Study of Local Noncompliance in China. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* 42 (2): 313-333. (SSCI-listed).
38. Gong, Ting, and Alfred M. Wu. 2012. Does Increased Civil Service Pay Deter Corruption? Evidence from China. *Review of Public Personnel Administration* 32 (2): 192-204. (SSCI-listed).

Cited by a policy paper (the UK Government) on 16 Feb 2015: Why corruption matters: understanding causes, effects and how to address them

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/why-corruption-matters-understanding-causes-effects-and-how-to-address-them>

39. Wu, Alfred M. 2012. The Equal Pay Policy in China: A Preliminary Assessment. *The Journal of Comparative Asian Development* 11 (2): 248-270.

40. Wu, Alfred M. 2012. Economic Miracle and Upward Accountability: A Preliminary Evaluation of Chinese Style of Fiscal Decentralization. *Asian Review of Public Administration* 23: 104-120.
 41. Wu, Alfred M., and Ji Weiwei. 2013. Economic and Social Transition in China: Rhetoric or Reality? *Twenty-First Century* 139: 38-49 (Chinese University of Hong Kong, in Chinese).
 42. Peng, Haoran, Meng Xing, and Alfred M. Wu. 2013. The Impact of China's Fiscal Decentralization on Health Outcomes. *Finance and Trade Economics*, 384 (11): 33-44 (in Chinese, **CSSCI**).
 43. Gong, Ting, and Alfred M. Wu. 2012. A Research Report on China's Corruption Cases during 2000- 2009: Empirical analysis of some 2800 corruption cases". *Sociological Studies* 4: 204-220 (in Chinese, **CSSCI**).
- Reviewed by CNPOLITICS
<http://cnpolitics.org/2012/11/china-corruption>
44. Wu, Alfred M. 2011. Does a Combination of Decentralization and Centralized Control Work? An Analysis of Civil Service Remuneration in China. *Open Times* 6: 70-82 (in Chinese, **CSSCI**).
 45. Wu, Alfred M. 2010. Intergovernmental Mandates in the US: A Critical Survey of Recent Scholarly Debate. *Comparative Economic and Social Systems* 5: 113-121 (in Chinese, **CSSCI**).
 46. Wu, Alfred M. 2010. Broadbanding in Public Sector Remuneration: A Comparative Study. *Chinese Public Administration* 2: 71-76 (in Chinese, **CSSCI**).
 47. Wu, Alfred M. 2010. Leapfrog in Public Sector Reform: Examining Water Privatization in China. *Theory and Reform* 2: 85-89 (in Chinese, **CSSCI**).
 48. Wu, Alfred M. 2009. Chinese Civil Service Remuneration: A Policy Implementation Perspective. *Journal of Public Management* 6 (3): 32-39 in Chinese, **CSSCI**).
 49. Wu, Alfred M. 2008. A Road to State Capitalism—A Review of China's Large State-owned Enterprises Reform. *Twenty-First Century* 110: 24-35 (Chinese University of Hong Kong, in Chinese).

IV. Book Chapters

1. Vyas, Lina, and Alfred M. Wu. 2020. Features of Corruption and Anti-Corruption Work in China and India. In Adam Graycar (Ed.), *Handbook on Corruption, Ethics and Integrity in Public Administration*, 227-242. Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing,

2. Wang, Wen, Alfred M. Wu, Fangzhi Ye. 2018. Land Use Reforms: Towards Sustainable Development in China. In Ehtisham Ahmad, Meili Niu & Kezhou Xiao (Eds.), *Fiscal underpinnings for sustainable development in China: Rebalancing in Guangdong*, 29-51. Singapore: Springer.
3. Ye, Lin, Alfred M Wu, Xinhui Yang. 2018. Higher Education Expansion and the Returns to Higher Education: Evidence from China. In Alfred M. Wu, John N. Hawkins (Eds.), *Massification of Higher Education in Asia: Consequences, Policy Responses and Changing Governance*, 113-128. Singapore: Springer.
4. Hawkins, John N., Mok, Ka Ho, Neubauer, Deane E., & Wu, Alfred M. (2017). The limits of massification in the Asia-Pacific region: Six conflicting hypotheses. In Deane Neubauer, Ka Ho Mok & Jin Jiang (Eds.), *The sustainability of higher education in an era of post-massification*, pp. 19-27. London: Routledge.
5. Wu, Alfred M. 2014. Selective policy implementation by bureaucracy in China: The case of civil service remuneration policy. In Bennis Wai Yip So, Yuang-Kaung Kao (Eds.), *The changing policy-making process in Greater China: Case research from mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong*, edited by, 171-189. London: Routledge.
6. Mok, Ka Ho, Kar Ming Yu, and Alfred M. Wu. 2014. The internationalization of higher education in Malaysia and South Korea. In Ka Ho Mok, Kar Ming Yu (Eds.), *Internationalization of higher education in East Asia: Trends of student mobility and impact on education governance*, 138-165. London: Routledge.

RESEARCH PROJECT

At National University of Singapore

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“Drivers Of Fiscal Decentralization In China And Indonesia: Implications For Public Governance” (Special Project Funding Scheme, SG\$ 90, 000)** funded by Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (1 May 2018- 30 April 2020).

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“Public Deliberation on Ageing-Related Social Spending in Singapore” (MOE Tier 1, SG\$ 30, 000)** funded by Ministry of Education, Singapore (1 Nov 2019- 30 April 2023).

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“Deciphering Grant Politics in China's Central-Local Relations” (MOE Tier 1, SG\$ 30, 000)** funded by Ministry of Education, Singapore (1 Nov 2022- 30 Oct 2025).

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“Land Corruption In China: Status/Challenges And Governance”** (General Research Fund, SG\$30, 000) funded by National University of Singapore (1 Aug 2019- 31 March 2022).

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“World Values Survey Singapore 2020”** (SG\$ 150, 000) funded by Institute of Policy Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (1 Nov 2019- 31 March 2020).

Co-Investigator to the project entitled **“Understanding Hong Kong People’s Acceptance of Inequality and Preferences of Policy Responses”** (Public Policy Research Fund, HK\$ 488,750) funded by Chief Executive's Policy Unit, Hong Kong SAR Government (1 July 2024-31 June 2025)

Co-Investigator to the project entitled **“Swimming against the Tide: Public-Private Partnership in the Water Sector in China”** (General Research Fund, HK\$ 775,600) funded by Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (1 April 2017-30 September 2019)

Co-Investigator to the project entitled **“Comparing State-Diaspora Relations: The Evolving Role of Chinese Hometown Associations in East and Southeast Asia”** (General Research Fund, HK\$ 875, 920) funded by Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (1 January 2020-31 December 2021)

At The Education University of Hong Kong

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“Savings and Assets for the Poor: An Intervention Study in Hong Kong”** (General Research Fund, HK\$ 546,994) funded by Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (1 January 2017- July 2017, termination due to PI leaving EdUHK).

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“Equity in Redistribution to the Elderly and Children: An Intergenerational Conflict in Hong Kong?”** (Early Career Scheme, HK\$ 328, 996) funded by Research Grants Council of Hong Kong (1 January 2015- 31 December 2016).

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“Helping Hand or Grabbing Hand? The Role of Intermediate Governments in China”** (Internal Research Grant, RG77/2015-2016, HK\$ 98, 477) funded by The Hong Kong Institute of Education (28 December 2015- 27 March 2017).

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“The Political Logic of Basic Education Provision: Evidence from China”** (Internal Research Grant, RG59/2012-2013R, HK\$ 98, 100) funded by The Hong Kong Institute of Education (16 January 2013-15 January 2014).

Principal investigator to the project entitled **“Rural-urban Interaction and Administrative Reform: Cases from China's Local State”** (Start-up Grant,

RG87/2012-2013R, HK\$ 29, 978) funded by The Hong Kong Institute of Education (30 June 2013- 29 June 2014).

Co-Investigator to the project entitled **“Performance Information Use: Experiments on Performance Dimensions, Communication and Data Sources in Education and Solid Waste Recycling”** (Public Policy Research Fund, HK\$ 597, 264) funded by Central Policy Unit, Hong Kong SAR Government (1 January 2015-31 December 2016)

TEACHING PROFILE

At Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore from July 2017

Policy Analysis
Public Management
Managing Public Finance
Qualitative Research Methods

At The Education University of Hong Kong (The Hong Kong Institute of Education) between September 2012 and July 2017

Research Methods for Interdisciplinary Studies
Managing Public Finance
Comparative Development Policy: China and India
Politics and Law in Greater China
Social Science Education: Concepts and Scope

PhD student supervision (graduated)

Ms. Olga Sazhina, September 2015 (date of registration), on government expenditure and anti-poverty in Shanghai and Moscow, The Education University of Hong Kong.

Mr. Zhang Hongzhou, August 2018 (date of registration), on resource management in China, National University of Singapore.

Mr. Shaleen Khanal, August 2018 (date of registration), on innovation in the public sector, National University of Singapore.

Miss. Zhu Lin, August 2018 (date of registration), on digital governance in fighting COVID-19, National University of Singapore.

AWARDS

Annual Teaching Excellence Award (ATEA), National University of Singapore, 2023.

Teaching Excellence Award, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 2022.

Honorary Teaching Award, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 2020.

Dean's Research Impact Prize, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at The Education University of Hong Kong, March 2017.

Best Paper Award for the article entitled “Poverty Reduction in Urban China: The Impact of Cash Transfers” presented in the Third China Social Assistance Conference and EU-China Symposium on Comparison of Social Assistance Policies organized by the Ministry of Civil Affairs, PRC, 2-3 November 2013.

The Outstanding Academic Performance Award for Research Degree Students (for the Academic Year 2009/2010), City University of Hong Kong, 2010.

The Outstanding Academic Performance Award for Research Degree Students (for the Academic Year 2008/2009), City University of Hong Kong, 2009.

DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship, 2010.

The Second Place Winner of Research Competition organized by Renmin University, 2010.

The First Place Winner of Research Competition organized by Atlas Economic Research Foundation, Cato Institute, and Renmin University, 2009.

The Asia-Pacific Fellowship, International Journalists' Programmes, Germany, 2007.

Best News Prize granted by the National People's Congress of China, 2003.

Best News Prize of the National Legal System, 2002.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020-24, Vice Chair/Chair, Section on Chinese Public Administration (SCPA), American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

2020-23, Board Member, Section on International and Comparative Administration, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

2023-24, Member of the ASPA Nominating Committee (together with the three most recent Past Presidents of ASPA).

2017-19, Executive Committee Member, Section on Chinese Public Administration (SCPA) at the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

2017-20, Board Member, The China-America Association for Public Affairs (CAAPA).

2023- Associate Editor/Co-Editor-in-Chief, Public Administration and Development

Editorial Boards

2022-Present Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration.

2021-Present Public Administration.

2019-Present Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management.

2018-Present Asia Pacific Journal of Human Resources.

2016-2020, Book review editor, Chinese Public Administration Review.