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EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D. Sociology, *University of Chicago*
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ACADEMIC POSITION

Associate Professor, Sociology & Global Urban Studies, Michigan State University

RESEARCH AREAS

Urban Sociology, Urban Governance, Urban Geography, Architecture and the Built Environment, Cultural Industries, Historical Preservation, Suburbs and Urban Peripheries, Political Economy, International Development, Comparative Methods, China, India, Brazil

BOOKS

Ren, Xuefei. 2020. *Governing the Urban in China and India: Land Grabs, Slum Clearance and the War on Air Pollution*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. [Honorable Mention for the Dennis Judd Best Book Award on Urban Politics, American Political Science Association, 2021.]

Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *China Quarterly*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *China Information*, *International Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Urban Geography*, and *Scientia Geographica Sinica*.

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- Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Governing the informal: Housing policies over informal settlements in China, India, and Brazil," *Housing Policy Debate*, 28(1): 79-93.
- Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Land acquisition, rural protests, and the local state in China and India," *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*, 35(1): 22-38.
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- Ren, Xuefei. 2014. "The political economy of urban ruins: Redeveloping Shanghai," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 38(2): 1081-91.
- Morgan, George and **Xuefei Ren**. 2012. "The creative underclass: Culture, subculture and urban renewal," *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 34(2): 127-130.
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- Ren, Xuefei** and Meng Sun. 2012. "Artistic urbanization: Creative industries and creative control in Beijing," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 36(3): 504-521.
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- Ren, Xuefei** and Roger Keil. 2018. "From global to globalizing cities," in *The Globalizing Cities Reader*, Xuefei Ren and Roger Keil (eds), p.xxiii-xxix. New York: Routledge.
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- Ren, Xuefei. 2018. "'Green' as urban spectacle in China," in *Sustainable Cities in Asia*, Federico Caprotti and Li Yu (eds), p.77-85. London: Routledge.
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- Ren, Xuefei. 2017. "Lost in translation: Names, meanings, and development strategies of Beijing's periphery," in *What's in a Name? Talking about Urban Peripheries*, Richard Harris and Charlotte Vorms (eds), p.316-333. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
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- Ren, Xuefei. 2011. "From Peking to Beijing: Production of centrality in the global age," in *Global Downtowns*, Gary McDonogh and Marina Peterson (eds), p.48-64. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
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- Ren, Xuefei. 2010. "World-systems perspective," in *Encyclopedia of Urban Studies*, Ray Hutchison (ed), p.969-973. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
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BOOK REVIEWS

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2020. *Urban Parallax: Policy and the City in Contemporary India*. New Delhi: Yoda Press (2020). In *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, vo.44, no.1.
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2017. *China's Urban Century: Governance, Environment and Socio-Economic Imperatives*, edited by François Gipouloux, 2016. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing. In *Pacific Affairs*, 90(2), p.335-337.
2015. *The Specter of "the People": Urban Poverty in Northeast China*, by Mun Young Cho, 2013. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. In *Pacific Affairs*, 88(1), p.183-184.
2014. *Contesting the Indian City: Global Visions and the Politics of the Local*, edited by Gavin Shatkin, 2013. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. In *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 38(6), p.2328-2389.
2014. *Chinese Urban Design: The Typomorphological Approach*, by Fei Chen and Kevin Thwaites, 2013. Farnham: Ashgate. In *The China Quarterly*, Vol. 218, p.564-565.
2013. *Touring Poverty*, by Bianca Freire-Medeiros, 2013. New York: Routledge. In *City and Community*, 12(3), p.284-286.
2010. *Olympic Media: Inside the Biggest Show on Television*, by Andrew C. Billings, 2008. New York: Routledge. In *Thirdspace: A Journal of Feminist Theory and Culture*. <http://journals.sfu.ca/thirdspace/index.php/journal>
2009. *Cities in Globalization: Practices, Policies and Theories*, edited by Peter J. Taylor et al., 2007. New York: Routledge. In *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 33(1), p.263-264.

2009. *Cultural Landscapes of Post-Socialist Cities: Representation of Powers and Needs*, by Mariusz Czepczynski, 2008. Farnham: Ashgate. In *City and Community*, 8(1), p.91-92.
2005. *The Rise of the Creative Class*, by Richard Florida, 2002. New York: Basic Books. In *Urban Planning Forum*, no.155, p.99-102. (in Chinese)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

External:

- 2021 Lead PI, *Uneven Vulnerability and Adaptive Urban Governance: Examining Risks and Resilience during the Covid-19 Pandemic in U.S., Canada, Germany, Brazil, and South Africa*.
Trans-Atlantic Research Partnership and the National Science Foundation (pending)
- 2021 National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, Public Intellectuals Program
- 2021 Princeton University Press, Global Equity Grant, \$5,500
- 2018-2019 University of Michigan, China Studies Center, publication subvention funds, \$3,000
- 2018 Top 10 Best Books from American Institute of Landscape Architecture, for the book *Letter to the Leaders of China* (2018, Terreform)
- 2016-2017 Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies
- 2016-2020 PI, Andrew Mellon Foundation (Humanities Without Walls Program), \$50,000
Detroit in China: Postindustrial Cities and Urban Representations in the Midwest and China.
- 2015-2018 Fellowship for Historical-Comparative Method Seminars, Yale University
- 2016 Post-doc summer fellowship on philosophy of social sciences, Yale University
- 2013 Outstanding Academic Titles Award for *Urban China* (Polity, 2013), by Choice magazine
- 2012 Best Book Award, for *Building Globalization* (U. of Chicago Press, 2011), Political Economy of the World System Section, American Sociological Association
- 2011-2012 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC
- 2010 Travel Grant, American Sociological Association, for attending ISA Congress, Gothenburg
- 2003 Teaching Fellowship, Oversea Young Chinese Scholars Forum
- 2000-01 Asia International Education Foundation Fellowship, Japan
- 1998-2000 Fellowship from the Ministry of Education, Japan

From MSU:

- 2020-2021 HARP fellowship for scholarship development, \$25,000

Whose City? Urban Redevelopment in China, India, Brazil and the U.S.

- 2020 College of Social Science Small Grant for Pilot Research on Covid-19, \$5,000
with Stephen Gasteyer, *Government Responses to Covid-19: A Cross-National Analysis*
- 2016 Asian Studies Center Travel Award, MSU
- 2014 Co-PI, seed grant from the College of Arts and Letters, with Tze-lan Sang, \$5,000
Global Detroit: Mutations of Urbanism in the 21st Century.
- 2014 PI, Delia Koo Global Faculty Endowment Grant, Asian Studies Program, \$5,000
Urbanization and Governance in China and India: Informal Settlements, Land Disputes, and Citizen Rights.
- 2014 PI, Center for Advanced Studies of International Development (CASID), \$5,000
Urban Renewal and Housing Rights in China and India.
- 2011 Travel Award, Michigan State University, for attending AAS conference, Honolulu
- 2010 PI, Center for Advanced Studies of International Development (CASID), MSU, \$5,000
Urban Renewal and Housing Rights in China and India.
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Urban Affairs Association
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