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PhD Researcher, University of British Columbia, Canada 2013-
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Opinion, Migration, Sociology of the City, and China

PUBLICATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

Wu, Cary. (2015). Moving Urban Sociology to the Sociology of the City. *The American Sociologist*. Online first, ahead of print: doi: 10.1007/s12108-015-9277-6

Castell's claim that urban sociology has no subject matter has yet to be refuted. In this article, I argue that urban sociology should be understood as the sociology of the city. Rather than focusing on social problems within an urban context, urban sociologists need to treat the city as an autonomous social unit. The main task for the sociology of the city is to explain similarities and differences across individual cities and urban groups and to identify how these affect social life and collectivities.

Wu, Cary and Wilkes, Rima. Relative Political Trust and Why China is an Exception. (*Pending submission*)

In this paper we develop a new approach for analyzing relative political trust and use it to understand the unique trust pattern in China. Taking advantage of the 2006 and 2010 *Asian Barometer Survey* we consider the role of political control, culture, and performance across eleven Asian societies. Chinese exceptionalism to the relative trust pattern is reflective of the unique effects of political control and political performance in that country.

Wu, Cary and Wilkes, Rima. A Response Pattern Model of Political Trust. (*Pending submission*)

In this paper we develop a model of diffuse and specific trust based on the patterning of responses to survey trust questions. Beyond providing a clearer picture of the empirical evidence about the relationship between political trust and

democratization per se, the response pattern model proposed in this paper is also applicable to larger debates about social and political attitudes.

Wu, Cary and Wilkes, Rima. When Most Needed It is not There: Explaining National-Level Trust in the United Nations. (Data analysis)

While the United Nations spends tireless efforts on peacekeeping in Palestine, Yemen, Iraq, Serbia, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon and Kuwait, these same countries also have the lowest levels of trust toward the United Nations. To explain this paradox, in this article we ask why does a nation trust or distrust in the United Nations? Drawing on data from the World Values Survey (1995-2014), Economist Intelligence Unit Democracy Index (2006-2014) and Political Instability Index (2007-2010), ETH Zürich KOF Globalization Index (1995-2014) and Transparency International Corruption Perception Index (1995-2014), we consider how national characteristics such as democracy, corruption, trust environment and involvement in the United Nations affect a nation's trust in the United Nations.

OTHER WRITING

Wu, Cary. (2014). "When 'home' isn't what you think it is." *The Ubysey*: (5)-10

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Wu, Cary & Wilkes, Rima. (2015) Institutional Trust and Asian Societies: Explaining Chinese Exceptionalism to the "Paradox of Distance" *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. To be held in Chicago, USA. 2015-08

Wu, Cary & Wilkes, Rima. (2015) Diffuse the Diffuse: The Variance of Institutional Trust. *5th LCSR International Workshop within XVI HSE Conference*. Moscow, Russia. 2015-04

Wu, Cary. (2014) Patterns: Trust and Societies. *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, USA. 2014-08

Wu, Cary & Wilkes, Rima. (2014) Metaphysical Faithfulness in China?: Institutional Trust and Asian Societies, *World Congress of Sociology*, Yokohama, Japan. 2014-07

HONORS & AWARDS

2014 Kurt & Anne Paulus Memorial Scholarship	University of British Columbia
2014 Asian Research Fellowship	Institute of Asian Research, UBC
2013 Ph.D. Scholarship (4 Years)	Department of Sociology, UBC

MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2014, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

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