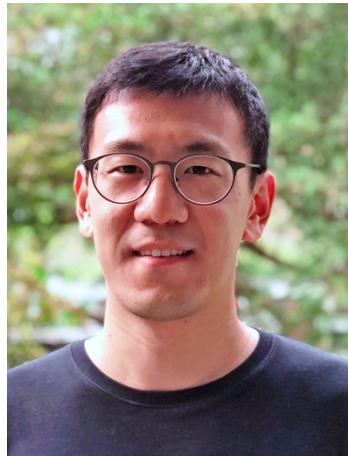


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## ***Academic Qualifications***

2012 - 2017 PhD / Urban Studies and Design / Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
2010 - 2012 MFA / Industrial Design / University of Illinois at Chicago  
2006 - 2010 BS / Landscape Architecture / Chongqing Southwest University

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09/2020 – Present Assistant Professor / Faculty of Humanities and Arts / Macau University of Science and Technology  
  
10/2017 - 07/2020 Postdoctoral Fellow / Centre for Social Policy and Social Change, Department of Sociology and Social Policy / Lingnan University Hong Kong  
  
08/2015 - 01/2016 Part-Time Research Associate / School of Design / Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
  
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## ***Research Grants/Projects***

07/2025 Principal Investigator, "A conference on livable cities - The urban experience: From social policy to design", Higher Education Fund, Macau SAR

06/2023	<b>Principal Investigator</b> , "Past and present - built and social: A conference on culture, history, art and design", Higher Education Fund, Macau SAR
12/2021- 11/2023	<b>Principal Investigator</b> , "Everyday spaces and urban heritage: Reimaging public spaces of the high-density Historic Centre of Macao during the new normal era of Covid-19", Higher Education Fund, Macau SAR
12/2021- 11/2022	<b>Principal Investigator</b> , "Making urban heritage smart: Digital placemaking as an approach to regenerate historic urban areas", Faculty Research Grant, Macau University of Science and Technology
12/2021	<b>Principal Investigator</b> , "International symposium: Reimagining public spaces and built environments in the post-pandemic world", Higher Education Fund, Macau SAR
01/2020- 06/2020	<b>Co-Investigator</b> , "Making smart neighborhoods", Faculty Research Grant, Lingnan University Hong Kong
02/2018- 10/2018	<b>Co-Investigator</b> , "Scoping study on high rise communities and vertical urbanism", Faculty Research Grant, Lingnan University Hong Kong

### **Research Outputs**

#### *Journal articles on "placemaking-led digital and smart urbanism":*

**Wang, W.**, & Chen, J. (2026). Some observations on an "actually existing smart heritage city": Placemaking-led urban heritage digitalization in densely populated Macau. *Cities*, 170, Article 106736. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2025.106736> [SSCI]

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**Book Chapters:**

Forrest, R., Tong, K. S., & **Wang, W.** (2020). Residential stratification and segmentation in the hyper-vertical city. In S. Musterd (Ed.), *Handbook on Urban Segregation* (pp. 346-365). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

**Conference Proceedings and Presentations:**

Liu, K., & **Wang, W.** (2025, December). *Experience economy theory-based brand design research: Case studies of Macau souvenirs*. Paper presented at International Association of Societies of Design Research Congress 2025 (IASDR 2025), Taipei, China.

Sun, C., & **Wang, W.** (2025, December). *A study on the design of tourism souvenirs based on regional culture: A case research of Macau souvenir stamps*. Paper presented at International Association of Societies of Design Research Congress 2025 (IASDR 2025), Taipei, China.

**Wang, W.** (2025, July). Some Observations on Digital Placemaking-led Urban Heritage Revitalization: A Case Study of Macao. Paper presented at A Conference on Livable Cities - The Urban Experience: From Social Policy to Design, Barcelona, Spain.

**Wang, W.** (2023, June). A Preliminary Study on Everyday Placemaking of Heritage Sites in the Post-Pandemic Era: A Case Study of The Historic Centre of Macao. Paper presented at Past and Present - Built and Social: A Conference on Culture, History, Art and Design, Prague, Czech Republic.

**Wang, W.** (2022, May). Digital placemaking-led regeneration of historic urban areas: Observations on Macau's Historic Centre. Paper presented at Rethinking (Gated) Communities in Digital Polis: Digital Pathology, Imagination, Exclusion, And Cooperation, Seoul, South Korea.

**Wang, W.** (2021, December). Towards everyday urban heritage: Reimaging public spaces in the high-density Historic Centre of Macau during the pandemic. Paper presented at International Symposium Reimagining Public Spaces and Built Environments in the Post-pandemic World, Alberta, Canada.

**Wang, W.** (2018, December). *Digital placemaking in everyday Hong Kong: Interfaces and scenarios*. Paper presented at Great Asian Streets Symposium / Pacific Rim Community Design Network / Structures for Inclusion, 808-813, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

**Wang, W.** (2018, August). *Towards an everyday smart city: Digital placemaking in Hong Kong*. Paper presented at 2018 EWC/EWCA International Conference, Seoul, South Korea.

**Wang, W.** (2018, July). *Life between interfaces: Volumetric urbanism in everyday Hong Kong*. Paper presented at 11th Liveable Cities Conference, Melbourne, Australia.

*Exhibition:*

**Wang, W.**, & Siu, K. W. M. (2014). An everyday bridge (participated in the exhibition "What is Insurgent Public Space?" curated and lead by Hou, J), video installation catalogue, 11 September - 14 September, Agora 2014: Biennale de Bordeaux architecture, urbanisme and design, Bordeaux, France.