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<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	
Jul 2019	Durham University, UK
<b>PhD (Geography)</b>	
Thesis: Navigating with East Asian Volunteer Tourists: Moral Landscape, Community, Transformation	
Oct 2014	The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
<b>MPhil (Geography)</b>	
Thesis: Mall as Leisure Space: A Comparative Analysis of Perceptions between Hong Kong Residents and Mainland Visitors in Shopping Malls in Hong Kong	
Jun 2011	The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
<b>Bachelor of Social Sciences (Geography &amp; Sociology; 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours)</b>	
One-semester exchange to Peking University	
<b>RESEARCH EXPERIENCES</b>	
Jan 2020- Present	<b>Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), Germany</b> Postdoctoral Researcher
Jul 2019-Oct 2019	<b>Institute of Hazard, Risk and Resilience (IHRR), Durham University, UK</b> IHRR Intern
Jul 2015-Sep 2015	<b>The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong</b> Research Assistant/ Project Coordinator (of other three Research Assistants)
Mar 2011-Jul 2012	<b>The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong</b> Research Assistant
<b>COMMITTEE/ADVISORY/COORDINATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Oct 2022- Present	<b>ZMT Scientific Council Member (elected), ZMT</b> Advise the management and Supervisory Board on major research-related strategic topics
Jun 2021-Jan 2022	<b>ZMT Annual Conference 3 Organising Committee, ZMT</b> Collaborated conference organisation (drafting CfPs, reviewing abstracts, designing conference programme, preparing online tool manual) and co-chaired sessions
2020-2021	<b>Social Sciences Department Seminar Coordinator, ZMT</b> Organised and facilitated bi-weekly departmental seminars and meetings
Mar-Sept 2018	<b>Department Culture Design Team Member, Durham University</b> Collaborated to collect and analyse data to resolve issues in departmental culture
2017-2018	<b>Co-Chair, Geography Research Postgraduate Committee, Durham University</b> Coordinated work of postgraduate committee members, and facilitated communications between postgraduates and the department as well as among postgraduates
2016-2018	<b>Ustinov Annual Conference Organising Committee, Durham University</b> Collaborated and coordinated drafting CfPs, inviting keynote speakers, selecting abstracts and chairing sessions of three conferences: -‘Citizenships to Achieve Sustainable Development: The Role of Critical Global and Environmental Citizenships’, 24-26 Aug 2018 (Leader of the Committee) -‘Global Citizenship, Nationalism, and New Paradigms’, 7-8 Jul 2017 -‘Establishing the Global Citizen: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Global Citizenship’, 1-2 Jul 2016
Sep 2016-Jan 2017	<b>Project Advisor, The Bucket Wish</b> Advised on organising service trip to Cambodia and conducting community mapping
2015-2016; 2017-2018	<b>Ustinov Global Citizenship Programme Scholar and Team Leader (part of Matariki Network of Universities), Durham University</b> Oversaw event organisation of Ustinov Intercultural Forum Team and organised a range of seminars and events (also a team member of Ustinov Seminar Team)

<b>TEACHING/INVITED TALKS</b>	
Jan 2024	<b>Interviewed Scientist</b> ZMT & UN Ocean Decade Shared experiences as an interviewed scientist of co-design for ocean science research for the online course ‘Co-Design for the Ocean Decade’ to be launched on the Ocean Teacher Global Academy platform in March 2024
Mar-Jul 2023	<b>Guest Lecturer and Project Supervisor</b> The University of Mataram Designed and led an research-based experiential learning project ‘Drawing workshops with children’ with social marine science students consisting a training series, fieldwork and a 3-day fieldtrip
22 Mar 2023	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Invited to give a lecture titled ‘Research with tourism stakeholders: Experiences of using geographical skills’ in undergraduate course Techniques in Geography
Nov-Dec 2021	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> University of Bremen, Germany Gave two lectures to an undergraduate course Tourism, Development and Sustainability
Jul-Aug 2016; Jul-Aug 2017	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> The University of Hong Kong Assisted with coordination and teaching of L3 course Overseas Field Trip (2 weeks to the UK); gave a short talk on tourism development
Nov 2015- 2019	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> Durham University, UK -Conducted tutorials for L1 Geographies of Crisis (2017-2018) -Supervised student group projects in practicals and fieldtrips on using various research methods in L1 Introduction to Geographical Research (2015-2016; 2017-2019) and L2 Social Research (2017-2019) -Assisted and delivered a short lecture in L4 (Master’s Level) Using Geographical Skills and Techniques (2018-2019)
8 Sep 2016	<b>Invited speaker</b> Durham University, UK Invited by the International Office, Durham University to give a talk titled ‘Volunteer tourism in Asia’ to undergraduate students from University of Tübingen
30 Mar 2015	<b>Guest lecturer</b> The University of Hong Kong Invited to give a lecture titled ‘Malls as leisure space in Hong Kong’ in undergraduate course Leisure and Recreation in Modern Society
Sep 2012-Sep 2015	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> The University of Hong Kong -Led in-class discussions and coordinated overseas fieldtrip of L3 course Tourism Policy and Planning (2014-2015) -Coordinated local fieldtrips of L2 course Tourism in the Shrinking World and L2 course Leisure and Recreation in Modern Society (2012-2014) -Assisted with coordination and teaching of L3 course Overseas Field Trip (2 weeks to the UK) (2014-2015) -Moderated the Hong Kong Geography Day (2014-2015)
<b>RESEARCH PROJECTS AND AWARDS</b>	
<b>Research funding</b>	
Mar-Jul 2023	“Drawing workshops with children in Indonesia” funded by Kellner&Stoll Stiftung, Germany, funded value: €1,150 for MBKM project
2019-2022	UKRI-GCRF Resilient Silk Route Cultural Heritage Network (Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan) PI: Elmira Köchümkulova (University of Central Asia), Co-I: Prof. Mike Crang (Durham University), funded value: £149,814 Involvement: Developing proposal and responsible for budgeting; Network Member, 2019-Present)
<b>Scholarships/Awards</b>	
2018	Departmental Postgraduate Conference Fund (£500)
2017	-Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust Grant (£4,000 for final-year PhD) -Ustinov College GCP Scholarship (£6315, Full annual accommodation award) -Departmental Postgraduate Conference Fund (£500)

2016	-Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust Grant (£400 for PhD support) -Norman Richardson Postgraduate Research Fund (£600 for PhD fieldwork) -Durham University PG Conference Fund (£500 for organising 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ustinov Annual Conference)
2015	-Ustinov College GCP Scholarship (Full annual accommodation award) -Durham University Stipend (£13,000 annually for 3 years) -Sir Robert Black Trust Fund Postgraduate Scholarship (HK\$100,000 for overseas graduate studies) -True Light Scholarship (HK\$50,000 for overseas graduate studies) -Ustinov College GCP Scholarship (Full accommodation award)
2014	Dr. S.F. Hui Prizes in Geography (HK\$1,000 for Best MPhil thesis)
2012	HKU Postgraduate Studentship (HK\$13,600 monthly for 2 years)
2011	Dr. S.F. Hui Prizes in Geography (HK\$500 for Best Year 3 Geographer)
<b>SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION</b>	
Supervision/Co-Supervision: 1 PhD level (2020-Present); 1 Master's level (2020-2022); 5 Bachelor level (2023) Thesis examination: 2 Master's level	
<b>EDITORSHIP/REVIEW</b>	
Sep 2022-Present	<b>Guest Editor</b> , Special Issue 'Knowledge integration for the sustainable management of estuaries and coastal seas' Ocean & Coastal Management
Since 2022	<b>Reviewer</b> Journal of Coastal Conservation (2023), Frontiers in Sustainable Tourism (2023), Marine Pollution Bulletin (2022)
<b>LANGUAGES AND QUALIFICATIONS</b>	
Languages	Chinese (Native in Cantonese; fluent in Mandarin) English (Fluent) Korean (Introductory certificate) German (Currently at A2.1)
Skills	Durham Key Skills Award for Researchers-Communication Skills Level 4
Teaching qualifications/training	-HKU Certificate of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (Awarded in 2012) -Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (UK) (Awarded in 2019) -3-day training on 'PhD Supervision' (completed on 11 Feb 2021)