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SUMMARY

My research interests are gender inequalities in the family and the labour market, marriage, the gender division of labour, time use research, welfare and public policy regimes in Western and East Asian societies, ethnicity and migration studies. My current project GenTime, funded by a European Research Council Consolidator Grant (2018-2026), aims to investigate trends in gender inequality in time use in East Asian and Western societies in the last three decades.

EDUCATION

- 2011 **Postgraduate Diploma in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education**, University of Oxford, UK.
- 2006 **Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology**, University of Oxford, UK.
Thesis Title: *Symmetrical Relationships? Influences of Partners' Characteristics on Each Other's Housework Participation and Political Choice (Supervisor: Professor Anthony Heath)*
- 2000 **Master of Science in Sociology**, University of Oxford, UK.
- 1999 **Master of Philosophy in Sociology**, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 1997 **Bachelor of Social Sciences**, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.

CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2022 – Present **Professor of Sociology**, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK
- 2013 – Present **Official Fellow**, Linacre College, University of Oxford, UK

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2013 – 2022 **Associate Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK
- 2008 – 2013 **Research Councils UK Academic Fellow**, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK
- 2008 – 2013 **Junior Research Fellow**, St Hugh's College, University of Oxford, UK
- 2008 – 2011 **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK
- 2006 – 2008 **Research Fellow**, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK
- 2004 – 2006 **Senior Research Officer**, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex, UK

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2008 – 2013 **Research Councils UK Academic Fellowship** – a tenure-tracking research fellowship and lectureship at University of Oxford, UK
- 2008 – 2013 **Junior Research Fellowship**, St. Hugh's College, University of Oxford, UK

- 2008 – 2011 **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK
- July 2011 **Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Scholarship** for visiting University of Rostock and DIW Berlin, Germany.
- 1999 – 2003 **Swire Chevening Scholarship** – a full scholarship for pursuing MSc and DPhil studies at University of Oxford

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2018 - 2027 **Principal Investigator**
European Research Council Consolidator Grant
 Project title: *GenTime* - Temporal Structures of Gender Inequalities in Asian and Western Welfare Regimes. (Amount awarded: 2M Euros).
- 2022 – 2026 **Co- Investigator**
Oxford University John Fell Fund Project Grant (PI: Rachel Murphy, amount awarded: £36K). Project title: Social Sciences Division Hub on Global Experiences of Gender in an Age of Care Crises and Transformations.
- 2021 – 2023 **Principal Investigator**
 Oxford University John Fell Fund Project Grant (amount awarded: £54,500). Project title: The Migration of Hong Kong British National (Overseas) Citizens to the UK.
- 2019 – 2023 **Co-Principal Investigator**
Oxford University John Fell Fund Project Grant (Joint with Muzhi Zhou, amount awarded: £6,770). Project title: Gendered time, gendered life in Hong Kong.
- 2019 – 2022 **Principal Investigator**
Economic and Social Research Council UK-Japan connections grant
 Project title: Family dynamics: Establishing an on-site facility for accessing Japanese data for comparative research in Japan and UK (Amount awarded: £50K)
- 2018 - 2019 **Principal Investigator**
Joint Usage and Research Funding from Hitotsubashi University, Japan
 Project title: Time Use and Gender Inequalities in Japan. (Amount awarded: £3,700).
- 2014 – 2015 **Co-Principal Investigator**
Oxford University John Fell Fund Project Grant (Joint with Ekaterina Hertog, amount awarded: £7,500)
 Project title: Workshop on Domestic Labour and Fertility Choice in East Asia.
- 2015 – 2019 **Researcher**
Economic and Social Research Council Grant on Research Centre on Micro Social Change, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex, UK (PI: Mike Brewer, amount awarded: £5.5M, my part of the grant £31K).
- 2013 – 2016 **Principal Investigator**
British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Project Grant (amount awarded: £10,000)
 Project title: Time Use and Well-Being in France and UK.
- 2009 – 2014 **Researcher**
Economic and Social Research Council Grant on Research Centre on Micro Social Change, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex, UK (PI: Stephen Pudney, amount awarded: £3.2M, my part of the grant £50K)

- 2008 – 2013 **Research Councils UK Academic Fellowship**, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK (Amount awarded: £500K)
- 2008 – 2011 **British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford, UK (Amount awarded: £270K).
- 2008 – 2010 **Principal Investigator**
British Academy/CNRS Joint Project Grant (amount awarded: £5,000).
 Project title: Family Synchronicity: Work Schedules and Work-Life Balance in France and UK.

PUBLICATIONS

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- de Grignon Pérez, J.L., Hertog, E., Jun, J., Rapun, M.V., & **Kan, M.-Y.** (in press) 'Cross-National Historical Change in Sleep Durations and Timing'. In O. Sullivan & M. Bittman (eds). *Research Handbook on Time Use and Society*. Edward Elgar.
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- Kan, M.-Y.**, Loa, S. P., & Richards, L. (2025). Generational Differences in Local Identities, Participation in Social Movements, and Migration Intention Among Hong Kong People. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 69(3), 277–298. doi:10.1177/00027642231192023
- Kan, M.-Y.**, & Wang, W. (2025). Traditions and Paradigms in Domestic Labour Research In J. Preminger, S. Limoncelli, Ö. Bozkurt, & C. Rees (Eds.), *Handbook of the Sociology of Work*. United Kingdom: Edward Elgar.
- Wu, X., Zhou, M., & **Kan, M.-Y.** (2024) 'Introduction' in Wu, X., Zhou, M., & Kan, M.-Y. (eds) (2024). *Fertility and Childcare in East Asia: Gender Dynamics and Intergenerational Support*. Routledge.
- Wu, X., Zhou, M., & **Kan, M.-Y.** (eds) (2024). *Fertility and Childcare in East Asia: Gender Dynamics and Intergenerational Support*. Routledge.
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- Kan, M. -Y.**, Zhou, M., Kolpashnikova, K., Hertog, E., Yoda, S., & Jun, J. (2022). Revisiting the gender revolution: Time on paid work, domestic work, and total work in East Asian and Western societies 1985-2016. *Gender & Society*, 36(3), 368-396. doi:10.1177/08912432221079664

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- Kan, M.-Y.**, & Kolpashnikova, K. (2021). Three-Stage Transitional Theory: Egalitarian Gender Attitudes and Housework Share in 24 Countries. *Frontiers in sociology*, 6, 700301-700301. doi:10.3389/fsoc.2021.700301
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- Kan, M.-Y. & Heath, A. (2006)** 'The Political Values and Choices of Husbands and Wives'. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 68(1), pp. 70-86.

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- Kan, M.-Y., Richards, L., & Walsh, P. (2021).** *The migration intentions of British National (Overseas) status holders in Hong Kong*. COMPAS, University of Oxford. <https://migrationobservatory.ox.ac.uk/resources/briefings/the-migration-intentions-of-british-national-overseas-status-holders-in-hong-kong/>
- Zhou, M., Hertog, E., Kolpashnikova, K., & **Kan, M.-Y.** (2020, June 2). Gender inequalities: Changes in income, time use and well-being before and during the UK COVID-19 lockdown. *SocArXiv Papers*. <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/u8ytc>
- Kan, M.-Y. & Hertog, E. (2017)** 'Sharing routine housework and desire for more children in East Asia', in *N-IUSSP Newsletter*. September 21, 2017.
- Kan, M.-Y. (2012)** 'Revisiting the "doing gender" hypothesis – Housework hours of husbands and wives in the UK'. in McFall, S. L. (Ed.). (2012). *Understanding Society: Findings 2012*. Colchester: Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex.
- Wiggins, A., Coe, R., Jones, K & **Kan, M.-Y.** (December 2009) *Evidence of Educational Support Outside School*. A report for the Sutton Trust. <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-research/evidence-educational-support-outside-school/>

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (SINCE 2018)

2018 – present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Chinese Sociological Review</i>
2018 – present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Time Use Research</i>
2019 – present	Sociology Gateway Advisor, <i>Open Research Europe</i>
2023 – present	Vice-President, International Association for Time Use Research
2023 – present	Trustee Board Member, Linacre College, University of Oxford
2024 – present	Member, UK Economic and Social Research Council Review College
2025 – present	Board Member, International Chinese Sociological Association