

MGCS 5020
Chinese Social Stratification in Comparative Perspective

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Course Description

This is a graduate seminar combines a brief introduction to the modern research literature on social stratification and social mobility and discussion of scholarly works on inequality and stratification in China. Students will be led to read a set of the English-language publications, as represented by journal articles and research monographs. These publications are by and large based on statistical analyses of survey and non-survey data in addressing questions of theoretical significance to the analysis of class, socio-economic inequalities, education, mobility patterns, and among others, in China during the reform era. After the course you will be well-versed both in the longer term trajectory of research in this area and in the most recent themes and findings. The discussion of the general materials is expected to stimulate ideas and finally lead to empirical research papers on China.

Class Schedule

NO. THEME

L1	Introduction
L2-3	Occupations, Classes, and Socioeconomic Status
L4	Status Attainment
L5-6	Educational Stratification
L7	Family, Gender, and Education
L8	Occupational Segregations
L9	Job Shifts and Career Mobility
L10	<i>Danwei</i> , <i>Hukou</i> and Social Inequality
L11-12	The Social Consequence of Economic Transition
L13	Party Membership and Social Stratification

Grading Policy:

1. Attendance and participation: 15%
2. Class reading notes: 15%
3. Term paper: 70%

Major Readings:

Ganzeboom, Harry B. G., Donald J. Treiman, and Wout C. Ultee. 1991. "Comparative Intergenerational Stratification Research: Three Generations and Beyond." *ARS* 17:277-302.

Duncan, Otis Dudley. 1961. "A Socioeconomic Index for All Occupations." And "Properties and Characteristics of Socioeconomic Index." Chapters 6 and 7 in *Occupations and Social Status*, edited by Albert Reiss. New York: Free Press.

Wright, Erik Olin, and Luca Perrone. 1977. "Marxist Class Categories and Income Inequality." *ASR* 42: 32-55.

Blau, Peter M., and Otis Dudley Duncan. 1967. *The American Occupational Structure*. New York: Wiley. Ch. 1, 5 [Pp. 1-22, 163-205]

Mare, Robert D. 1980. "Social Background and School Continuation Decisions." *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 75: 295-305