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The Time Inheritors: How Time Inequalities Shape Higher Education Mobility in China

Can a student inherit time? What difference does time make to their educational journeys and outcomes? The Time Inheritors draws on nearly a decade of field research with more than one hundred youth in China to argue that intergenerational transfers of privilege or deprivation are manifested in and through time. Comparing experiences of rural-to-urban, cross-border, and transnational education, Cora Lingling Xu shows how inequalities in time inheritance help drive deeply unequal mobility. With its unique focus on time, nuanced comparative analysis, and sensitive ethnographic engagement, The Time Inheritors opens new avenues for understanding the social mechanisms shaping the future of China and the world. In this talk, Cora will also share a 'time inheritance mapping tool' that she has developed based on her theoretical framework and invite discussions on how we can work towards a more time-equitable future.

Speaker

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Dr Cora Lingling Xu is Associate Professor at Durham University. She is an executive editor of the British Journal of Sociology of Education. Cora's research has been featured in multiple news outlets such as the BBC, Sixth Tone, People Magazine and the South China Morning Post.

