

Building a Comprehensive Database for Social Science and Evidence-based Policy Research: Hong Kong, Shanghai and Shenzhen

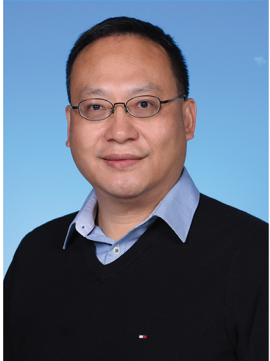


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The Hong Kong Panel Study of Social Dynamics (HKPSSD) is the first ever city-wide representative household panel survey to track socioeconomic changes and their impact on people's livelihood in Hong Kong. Four waves of data collection have been completed in 2011, 2013, 2015, and 2017, respectively, including 3,214 households, 7,218 adults and 958 children in the first wave, and 2,165 households, 4,270 adults and 623 children in the second wave, and 2,348 households, 4,961 adults and 477 children in the third wave, and 2000 households, 3407 adults and 412 children in the fourth wave. The fifth wave is to be launched in 2019. A parallel project, the Shanghai Urban Neighborhood Survey (SUNS), was completed in July 2017, including 5102 households, 8631 adults and 1892 children from 180 neighborhoods, and the second wave follow-up is to be completed in 2019. This talks aims to introduce the background, research designs, and content coverage in both HKPSSD and SUNS, and presents some findings on selected topics concerning urban issues in Hong Kong and Shanghai, and the some plans about the study of Shenzhen in the comparative projects. The HKPSSD and SUNS are expected to serve as an important databases for social science research and policy study as well as for comparative analyses in the Greater China region.



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