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**Biography**

Professor Zhang Jie is a tenured Professor at Department of Sociology and the founding Director of its Center for China Studies at SUNY Buffalo State College. He is the founding Director of the Center for Suicide Prevention Research at Shandong University and founding Dean of the School of Social Development at Central University of Finance and Economics.

His research and publications focus on sociology and suicidology. With a number of NIMH grants, Professor Zhang engaged in dialogues and represent a variety of research constituencies within the international community of suicide research and the theoretical developments. His 200+ publications both in English and Chinese also cover the elaborations of the Social Reference Theory in sociology and the Strain Theory of Suicide in suicidology.