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**Biography**

Professor Lei Jin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She received her PhD in Sociology at the University of Chicago and was a post-doctoral fellow at the Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Program at Harvard University. Her research interest lies in interplay of health, medicine and social systems. Her work has appeared in prestigious international journals such as *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Demography*, *Health Affairs*, *Social Science & Medicine* and *Social Science Research*.

Professor Jin's work falls into two areas: the social determinants of health and the social organization of health care. In the first area, she has examined how people's social relationships are linked to their health-related outcomes. She has published papers assessing how marital status affects the utilization of health care and how local and trans-local social ties influence rural-to-urban migrants mental health by shaping their social comparisons. She is also interested in delineating how structural inequality affects individual health through psychosocial pathways. In her current projects, she is investigating how relative social status, status inconsistency and social mobility influence health, the consequences of migration for psychological well-being and the health effects of contextual social inequality in China. In the area of social organization of health care, she has studied patient-doctor interaction in the US and the changing patterns in the use of Chinese medicine in China. Her on-going project focuses on professional autonomy among physicians in China's public hospital reforms.