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“Rethinking broken trust”

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Abstract

It has been central in sociological understanding that embeddedness in social and business exchanges generates and maintains interpersonal trust. Should opportunistic behaviour or violation of trust occur it is routinely assumed that such breaches would be exposed or punished, including reputation loss and exclusion from future exchange opportunities. What is less explored is that breaches of trust in many instances may not lead to disclosure of such a behaviour or termination of exchange relationships. The talk draws on extensive interviews in exploring trust relations, and examines findings which lead to new theoretical formulations and expands our understanding of trust, and broken trust.

Brief Bio:

Associate Professor Xiaoying Qi's most recent book, *Remaking Families in Contemporary China* (Oxford University Press, 2021), was awarded the Stephen Crook Memorial Prize of the Australian Sociological Association in 2022. An earlier book, *Globalized Knowledge Flows and Chinese Social Theory* (London & New York: Routledge, 2014), was awarded The Raewyn Connell Prize Special Commendation of The Australian Sociological Association. Xiaoying has published articles in leading international journals, including *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Current Sociology*, *International Sociology*, *Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Review*, and *Sociology*.

