

Curriculum Vitae

(i) Personal Particulars

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(ii) Academic Qualifications

Date of Attendance	Degree	Institution
09/2020 – 07/2025	Doctor of Philosophy <i>Primary Supervisor:</i> <i>Prof Karen Joe Laidler</i>	Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong
09/2017 – 08/2019	Master of Social Sciences (Criminology)	The University of Hong Kong
08/2013 – 07/2015	Bachelor of Social Sciences (Public Policy, Management, and Politics)	City University of Hong Kong

(iii) Academic Positions Held

Period	Post	Institution
09/2025 – Present	Post-doctoral Fellow	Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong
01/2025 – 05/2025	Senior Research Assistant (Part-time)	Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong
09/2024 – 01/2025	Associate Lecturer (Part-time)	School of Arts & Social Sciences, Hong Kong Metropolitan University
04/2023 – 12/2023	Research Assistant (Part-time)	Department of Sociology, The University of Hong Kong
06/2020 – 11/2020	Research Assistant (Part-time)	School of Public Health, University of Alberta
01/2019 – 08/2020	Research Assistant	Public and Social Policy Research Centre, Hong Kong Metropolitan University
06/2018 – 01/2019	Research Assistant (Part-time)	School of Arts & Social Sciences, Hong Kong Metropolitan University

(iv) Publications

Journal articles:

Lapto, F. K., Chan, M. W., Lau, W. S., Souza, A., & Ham, J. (2024). At home in illegality: place-making practices in Hong Kong's industrial buildings. *Housing Studies*, 1–26.

Cheng, V. S. & **Lapto, F. K.** (2023). The impact of later life events on cessation motivation of older adults with substance use disorder in Hong Kong. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 67(13-14), 1362-1382.

Cheng, V. S. & **Lapto, F. K.** (2021). The social meaning of snitching in Chinese drug detention centers. *Punishment & Society*, 23(3), 355–375.

Book chapter:

Cheng, V.S. & **Lapto, F. K.** (2023). Employment Experience of Marginalized Older People Who Use Drugs in Hong Kong. In T. C. T. Shum & C. C. L. Kwong (Eds.), *Housing and Ageing Policies in Chinese and Global Contexts* (pp. 247-263). Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-99-5382-0_12

Thesis/Dissertation:

Lapto, F. K. (2025). *Navigating in the 'Shadows': Risks and Stigma Management Among Female One-Woman Brothel Sex Workers in Hong Kong* (Thesis). University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, Hong Kong SAR.

Chan, M. W., **Lapto, K. F.**, Lau, W. S., Mak, W. Y., & Souza, A. (2019). *It's a fault but not mine: 'living' in industrial buildings in Hong Kong*. (Master's Thesis). University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam, Hong Kong SAR.

Other Research Disseminations:

Lapto, K. F. (2025, June). Insider story (II): Do you use condoms with regular clients? *Reaching Out, Action for REACH OUT* (AFRO's Newsletter). [https://us7.campaign-archive.com/?e=\[UNIQID\]&u=6b0b5673753da2d2498e1b10d&id=6291ed41e3](https://us7.campaign-archive.com/?e=[UNIQID]&u=6b0b5673753da2d2498e1b10d&id=6291ed41e3) [Available in Chinese and English]

Lapto, K. F. (2025, February). Insider Story: Beware of Investment and Loan Scams. *Reaching out, Action for REACH OUT* (AFRO's Newsletter). <https://us7.campaign-archive.com/?u=6b0b5673753da2d2498e1b10d&id=22420472ce> [Available in Chinese and English]

(v) Under Review

Monograph Chapters:

Joe-Laidler, K. A., & **Lapto, F. K.** Women's pathway to incarceration of drug trafficking and gender disparities in trials: The case of China, in the monograph of *Women's Incarceration for Drug-related Offenses*, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime.

Joe-Laidler, K. A., & **Lapto, F. K.** The structural analysis of marginalized women's incarceration for drug related offences: Case studies in Hong Kong, in the monograph of *Women's Incarceration for Drug-related Offenses*, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime.

Joe-Laidler, K. A., & **Lapto, F. K.** The incarceration of older female heroin users in Macao, in the monograph of *Women's Incarceration for Drug-related Offenses*, Global Initiative Against Transnational

Organized Crime.

Lowe, K., Joe-Laidler, K. A., & **Lapto, F. K.** What is in a name?: Issues faced by foreign nationals during sentencing for long term prison sentences for drug trafficking in Hong Kong, in the monograph of *Hidden in Plain Sight: Long Term Imprisonment of Foreign Nationals for Drug Trafficking in East and Southeast Asia*, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime.

(vi) Work in Progress

Journal Articles:

Lapto, F. K., Cheng, V. S., & Joe-Laidler, K. A. 'Exaggerated compliance': Confessional writing in Chinese drug detention centres.

Lapto, F. K., Joe-Laidler, K. A., Lowe, K. Li, L., & Chui, V. Personal harm reduction strategies of women who use drug in Hong Kong: a qualitative study.

Lapto, F. K., & Joe-Laidler, K. A. The Social History of Policing Hong Kong's Sex Industry, 1857–2023, special issue of the *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*.

Lapto, F. K., & Wang, P. *Informal economy, governance, and the sex industry: the case of Hong Kong*.

Book:

Cheng, V. S., Chan, W. L., & **Lapto, F. K.** *Aging and Addiction: Challenges faced by older adults in Hong Kong*, Routledge. (Under contract)

(vii) Selected Conference Presentation

Lapto, F. K. (2024). "Making Choices: Local Middle-aged Female Sex Workers' and One-woman Brothels", paper presented at the Hong Kong Sociological Association 24th Annual Conference, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Hong Kong, 7 December 2024.

Lapto, F. K. (2023). "It's not illegal!": Local female sex workers' risk management in one-woman brothel in Hong Kong', paper presented at the 2023 ANZSOC (The Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology) Conference, The University of Monash, Melbourne, Australia, 6-8 December 2023.

Spitzer, D. L., Sanchez, M. C., **Lapto, F. K.**, & Chow, L. Z. (2022). 'Multi-Verse Methodology: Lessons for Migration Research in Asia', paper presented at Migration Methodologies: Challenges, Innovations and Conceptual Implications for Asian Migrations, National University of Singapore Singapore, 21 January 2022. *[Non-presenting author]*

Cheng, V. S. & **Lapto, F. K.** (2022). "That's it, I give up": How does later life events stop some older people who use drugs from seeking drug treatment in Hong Kong?', paper presented at the Hong Kong Sociological Association 22nd Annual Conference, Hong Kong, 8 January 2022. *[Online]*

Cheng, V. S., **Lapto, F. K.**, & Mak, A. W. K. (2021). 'The Old-donies: How Getting Old and Substance Abuse Affect One's Life Chances in the Legal and Illegal World in Hong Kong', paper presented at the International Conference on Housing and Ageing Policies: Global and China Perspective, The Open University of Hong Kong, 24 June 2021.

Cheng, V. S. & **Lapto, F. K.** (2021). 'How does later life event affect drug treatment motivation? A case study of older people who use drugs in Hong Kong', paper presented at the 12th Annual Conference of the

Asian Criminological Society (ACS), Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan 18-21 June 2021. *[Online]*

Cheng, V. S. & **Lapto, F. K.** (2019) 'An exploratory study on the experience of elder drug users in Hong Kong', paper presented at the Hong Kong Sociological Association 21st Annual Conference, Hong Kong, 30 November 2019.

(viii) Teaching Experience

Fall 2024	Part-time Associate Lecturer , Hong Kong Metropolitan University - <u>SOSC1022AED Understanding Sociology</u>
Spring 2024	Guest Lecturer , University of Hong Kong, Department of Sociology - <u>CCGL9048 Global Crime and Injustice</u> (lecture on Intimacy in the global city)
Fall 2023	Guest Lecturer , University of Hong Kong, Department of Sociology - <u>SOCI8013 Gender, crime and social control</u> (lecture on Sex work and victimization)
Spring 2023	Guest Lecturer , University of Hong Kong, Department of Sociology - <u>CCGL9048 Global Crime and Injustice</u> (lecture on Intimacy in the global city)
2021-2022	Teaching Assistant , Department of Sociology, University of Hong Kong - <u>CCGL9048 Global Crime and Injustice (Spring 2021; Fall 2021)</u> - <u>SOCI2054 Triads and Organized Crime (Spring 2022)</u> - <u>SOCI2071 Criminology (Fall 2022)</u>
Fall 2018 Fall 2020 Fall 2021	Guest Lecturer , University of Hong Kong, Department of Sociology - <u>SOCI7002 Methods of research for criminology</u> (lecture on Ethnography and participant observation)

(ix) Grants & Certificate

2023	Conference Support for Research Postgraduate Students , the University of Hong Kong (HKD 13,500)
2024	Travel Support for Research Postgraduate Students , the University of Hong Kong (HKD 13,500)
09/2020 – 08/2024	Postgraduate Scholarship for Doctor of Philosophy, the University of Hong Kong
09/2020	Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education , Centre for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, the University of Hong Kong

(x) Visiting Programs

Summer School, Summer School on Illicit Trade 2024, organized by the Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime in collaboration with the University of Groningen, at the University of Warsaw, Poland: July 2024

(xi) Public Service

Member, Action for REACH OUT

(xii) Skills

Coding/Data Analysis R, Python
 NVivo, Atlas.ti

Language English, Cantonese, and Mandarin