

Jacob Richard Thomas

Assistant Professor
Szociológia Tanszék

Qualifications, scientific degrees

Higher education qualifications

- 2013 - 2020
  University of California-Los Angeles, Sociology (PhD/DLA képzés)
- 2011 - 2012
  University of Chicago, Masters of Arts Program in Social Sciences (MSc/MA)
- 1998 - 2002
  UC Berkeley, Interdisciplinary Studies Field Major (BSc/BA)

Career

Workplaces

- 2024 -
  Corvinus University of Budapest, Conduct and Publish Research and Teach, Assistant Professor
- 2021 - 2024
  The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Conduct and Publish Research and Teach, Research Assistant Professor
- 2020 - 2021
  Princeton University, Conduct and Publish Research, Postdoctoral Research Associate

Public activities in the university (memberships in university bodies)

- 2025 -
  Founder of Institute of Social and Political Sciences

Awards, titles, honors

- 2023, General Research Fund Grant ($78,600) for the study “Who Realizes Their Online Intentions To Emigrate? What Distinguishes Emigrants from Potential Emigrants in the Context of Rapid and Sudden Social Change.”
  Hong Kong University Grant Committee
- 2023, Direct Grant for the study “Does What We Can See Matter for American Opinion About Gun Restrictions? Experimental Impact of Images of a Dead Child Gunfire Victim and a ‘Good Guy With a Gun’” ($6,500)
  Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2022, Direct Grant for “Who Realizes Their Online Intentions To Emigrate? What Distinguishes Emigrants from Potential Emigrants in the Context of Rapid and Sudden Social Change”

Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2020, Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award , Honorable Mention
American Sociological Association

Language skills

Language	Speaking	Writing	Reading	Media appearance
English	Native	Native	Native	Yes
Spanish	Advanced	Advanced	Advanced	
Chinese	Advanced	Basic	Intermediate	
Portuguese	Basic	Intermediate	Intermediate	
French	Basic	Basic	Intermediate	
Russian	Basic	Basic	Basic	

Research, professional activity

Major taught courses or fields of education:

Advanced Qualitative Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology, Law and Society, Global Change and Inequality

Field of science and discipline:

sociology

Current fields of research:

migration, inequality/stratification, law, political sociology, cultural sociology, economic sociology

Previous fields of research:

migration, inequality/stratification, law, US-China relations, gender, ethnicity and race

Major research projects

- 2021 - 2024, Why Do Only A Minority of Those Want To Emigrate Do So? Advancing and Confirming a Push-Retain-Pull-Repel Model For International Migration
Form of participation: leader of the research team
Moneylender: Research Grants Council
Further info about research: You can learn more about Jacob Richard Thomas at his personal website: jacobrthomas.me you can find out his recent ongoing Hong Kong Emigration Project at

Colleague CV: Jacob Richard Thomas

hkemigrationproject.space (academic site) hkep-net (recruitment site)

Membership in scientific or professional bodies/organizations

- 2013 - 2024, member, member
  American Sociological Association, international
- 2020 - 2024, Member,
  American Political Science Association, international
- 2014 - 2024, Member, member
  Population Association of America, international
- 2018 - 2024, member, member
  International Sociological Association, international

Publications

- Thomas, Jacob. 2025 \"Art as a Channel and Embodiment of Symbolic Interaction Between Migrants and Non-Migrants.\" Symbolic Interaction.
- Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2025. “The Gendered Ways Families Reduce International Migration and Mobility.” International Migration Review.
- Thomas, Jacob. 2023. “Bureaucratic and Organizational Amenability to Racial Diversification: How Points Systems Replaced White-Only Immigration Policies.” International Journal of Sociology 53(2): 103-131.
- Thomas, Jacob. 2021. “From local control to remote control: an excavation of international mobility constraints.” Theory and Society 50(1): 33-64.
- Thomas, Jacob. 2020. “When Political Freedom Does Not Offer Travel Freedom: The Varying Determinants of Visa-Free Travel Opportunities.” International Migration 58(2): 80-97.
- Thomas, Jacob Richard, Lemeng Liang, Shigeto Sonoda, and Yu Xie. \\\\
- Thomas, Jacob. 2019. “Reflecting upon the Impact of the United States' 2016 Election and Travel Ban: Why Might Fewer Foreign Businesspeople, Tourists, Students, and Relatives Be Visiting the United States?” Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal 29: 619-636.
- Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2025. “Too Local Relative to What? Cross-National and Cross-Disciplinary Variability in the Tension Between Local and Cosmopolitan Coverage of Publications”, in special issues on “Localism and Cosmopolitanism”, International Sociological Reviews (International Sociology).
- Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2025. \"A Cooperative Framework Incorporating the Concerns of Both Migrant-Destination and Migrant-Origin Countries into Migration Policymaking.\" Chinese Political Science Review: 1-27.
- Thomas, Jacob Richard. 2024. \"Disenchanted With the Immigrant Dream: The Sociological Formation of Ex-Immigrant Subjectivity.\" European Journal of Sociology/Archives Européennes de Sociologie: 1-40.

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Other professional profiles

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Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=SNEpDAEAAAAJ&view_op=list_works&gmla=ALUCkoXTXIXw-CByOXYJDqYlOxw68vfC9XUEIYNMTSrwX5ZS_qsgxotUtP3JPCcAXFmYrA6u4LAUMEZ1czH0JFlB

Other professional profile 1: https://jacobrthomas.me

Other professional profile 2: https://cmd.princeton.edu/people/jacob-richard-thomas