

PhD Confirmation Seminar: Jin Li

Culture, body, and life:

A qualitative investigation of organ donation in northwestern China

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Organ donation is not purely a management or a medical problem, but rather, a social and cultural issue concerning the individual and their families, the organ and whole body, the biological and cultural meaning of death, and the distribution of organs and the associated pursuit of fairness. Multi-ethnic and diverse religious beliefs characterize communities in the northwest region in China.

Understanding these perspectives and beliefs is important if China is going to establish a successful human organ donation system, which is free from stigma. Organ donation systems in this region are caught up with a variety of issues related to the political, economic, and cultural determinants of health. This study hopes to provide socio-cultural perspectives on organ donation and to consider the organ donation system within a health equity and social justice perspective.

Jin Li is a graduate researcher in the Centre for Health Equity. Jin was born and raised in China receiving her Master of Literature degree with full scholarship from Lanzhou University. In 2019, Jin volunteered in The Second Hospital of Lanzhou University and Red Cross China, which gave her opportunity to be exposed to organ donation. In 2022, Jin started her PhD journey at the University of Melbourne, Australia. Jin is a recipient of University of Melbourne and China Scholarship Council Joint Scholarship.