

# The Use of Film in Teaching CSL Learners at the Beginning Level

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## **Paper Abstract:**

Using Jia Ling's blockbuster film "Hi Mom", this presentation shows how the Chinese language and culture can be taught in a variety of ways using films, such as through scenarios, grammar practice, and classroom activities. This presentation includes pre-class instructions, samples of text based on the movie, strategies for course design, classroom activities, and a reflection on using this film in teaching CSL learners at the beginning level. The presenter will also discuss how movies can be used to incorporate intercultural topics into Chinese language classes, such as filial piety, differences in family responsibilities, etc. This presentation aims to explore how this film can be used to increase engagement and get students thinking and discussing Chinese traditions and customs.

## **Presenter's Bio:**

Yike Li is currently a Chinese Language Lecturer at Columbia University where he teaches First-Year Chinese N and Second Year Chinese N. Prior to joining Columbia University, he taught at Princeton University and Harvard University for six years. He has teaching experiences at different summer language programs, such as Columbia Summer Language Program, Princeton in Beijing, and Harvard Beijing Academy. He received funding from the Princeton Center for Language Study and the Department of East Asian Studies of Princeton University to make thirty 1- to 3-minute videos for use as supplementary materials for FIRST STEP – An Elementary Reader for Modern Chinese (Chih-p'ing Chou, Jing Wang and Jun Lei 2014). This effort involved scriptwriting, directing, recording, editing, and producing. He was also awarded the Certificate of Distinction in Teaching and was recognized for excellence in teaching for six consecutive semesters at Harvard University. He received his M.A. in Chinese Linguistics at Beijing Language and Culture University. His recent research projects include A Design-Based Research on the Development of Audio-Visual Materials for First-Year Chinese as a Foreign Language Classes.