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Pioneer in China: The Story of Shuwei Song

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Shuwei Song was a sociology researcher and professor at the Beijing Academy of Social Sciences. He has long been involved in sociological theory and modern social research. He served successively as director of the Beijing Academy of Social Sciences, Vice President of the Chinese Sociological Society, and the editorial board member of China Encyclopedia.

He published the paper *Special Humankind's Role in the Universe: The Smart Blue Planet of Coordinated Development Between Humankind and Nature* in Sustainable Community Review in March 2021, which was his last paper as he died in August 2021, at the age of 90.

As a researcher, he devoted his life to academic research and published dozens of papers and books, including the *Outline of Sociology, Modern Society, The Road to*

Freedom and Modernity, and China's Science and Technology Revitalization Trends.

The book *"The Theory of Coordination and Sustainable Development and China's Development Path"* was the author's dedicated research and was a masterpiece for many years. The research provided a new perspective for 21st century global social coordination and sustainable development. Professor Song proposed for the first time a three-level theory of modern social structure and recommended new methods for modernization in China. He has been to the United States, France, Italy, Switzerland, Japan, Hong Kong, and other places to carry out academic exchanges.

He was a scholar of high academic achievement and has a particular influence on sociology research.

Here, we want to honor this lifelong researcher.

