

Curriculum vitae

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Areas of specialisation

AI, epistemology, mind, language, Wittgenstein

Areas of competence

Ethics, logic, metaphysics, Nietzsche, Socrates

Employment

2019 – Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Peking University
2018–19 Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy, Christ Church, University of Oxford

Education

2018 DPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford
2014 MPhil in Philosophy, Birkbeck, University of London
2011 BA in German and Philosophy, University of Göttingen

Professional prizes and fellowships

2020–21 Berggruen China Fellow [link](#)
2019 – Institute of Foreign Philosophy at Peking University [link](#)
2014 Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Prize [link](#)

Published writings

2023 Real Names, in Martin Gustafsson, Oskari Kuusela, and Jakub Mácha, eds, *Engaging Kripke with Wittgenstein*, Routledge, 28–59
2023 A Brief History of Turing’s Work on AI (in Turkish), Turing’in Yz Üzerine Olan Çalışmalarının Kısa Tarihi, translated by Özlem Derin, in Özlem Derin, ed., *Labirent: Yapay Zeka Bir Devam mı Yoksa Çıkamaz mı? [Labyrinth: Is Artificial Intelligence a Cure or a Dead End?]*, Kriter Yayınevi, 1–21
2023 A Complex Philosophical Oeuvre and Its Complex User Community: Reflections on the Past, Present, and Future Digitisation of Wittgenstein’s Philosophical Writings, co-authored (co-first author) with Nivedita Gangopadhyay and Alois Pichler, *Digital Humanities in the Nordic and Baltic Countries* 5, 105–20 [link](#)
2023 Artificial Forms of Life, *Philosophies* 8, 89 (21 pp.) [link1](#) [2](#)

- 2023 Can Machines Be Conscious?, co-authored with YU Xiaoyue, *Philosophy Now* 155, 24–5 [link1](#) [2](#)
- 2023 Entertaining Unhappiness, in Craig Fox and Britt Harrison, eds, *Philosophy of Film Without Theory*, Palgrave Macmillan, 253–69 [link1](#) [2](#) (online-only version)
- 2023 Intuitive Skill, *Philosophia* 51, 1677–1700 [link1](#) [2](#) (online-only version)
- 2022 AI's First Philosopher, *Aeon* [link \(incl. audio\)](#) [audio](#)
- 2022 Can a Machine Be Conscious? (in Chinese), 机器能有意识吗? , co-authored with YU Xiaoyue (俞筱翎), 《认知科学》 [*Cognitive Science*] 6 (2), 233–8 [link](#)
- 2022 Lunacy and Scepticism: Notes on the Logic of Doubt Concerning the Existence of an External World, *Topoi* 41, 1023–31 [link](#)
- 2022 Philosophy and Common Sense 2: Cultivating Curiosity, co-authored with Timothy Williamson, *The Philosophers' Magazine* 96, 24–30 [link1](#) [2](#) [3](#)
- Translated into Chinese [link](#) (儒家網)
- 2022 Philosophy and Common Sense 3: Philosophy as a Science, co-authored with Timothy Williamson, *The Philosophers' Magazine* 97, 30–35 [link1](#) [2](#)
- 2021 Nietzsche and the Machines, *The Philosophers' Magazine* 93, 12–15 [link1](#) [2](#) [3](#)
- Reprinted at the Blog of the American Philosophical Association [link](#)
 - Translated into Chinese, [version1\(a\)](#) (儒家網) [\(b\)](#) (哲思学意) [2](#) (睿ⁿ) [3](#) (认知科学)
- 2021 Philosophy and Common Sense I: What Is Common Sense?, co-authored with Timothy Williamson, *The Philosophers' Magazine* 95, 24–30 [link1](#) [2](#) [3](#)
- Translated into Chinese [link](#) (儒家網)
- 2019 *Wittgenstein on Philosophy, Objectivity, and Meaning*, co-edited with James Conant, Cambridge UP
- A paperback edition was published in 2021. [link](#)
- 2018 Logic and Philosophy of Logic in Wittgenstein, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 96, 168–82 [link1](#) [2](#)
- 2017 Logic, in Anat Matar, ed., *Understanding Wittgenstein, Understanding Modernism*, Bloomsbury Publishing, 205–16 [link1](#) [2](#)
- 2016 The Good, the Bad and the Creative: Language in Wittgenstein's Philosophy, co-authored with Jakub Mácha, in Sebastian Sunday Grève and Jakub Mácha, eds, *Wittgenstein and the Creativity of Language*, Palgrave Macmillan, 3–25 [link1](#) [2](#) (online-only version)
- 2016 *Wittgenstein and the Creativity of Language*, co-edited with Jakub Mácha, Palgrave Macmillan
- A paperback edition was published in 2018. [link](#)
- 2016 Wittgenstein on Gödelian 'Incompleteness', Proofs and Mathematical Practice, co-authored with Wolfgang Kienzler, in Sebastian Sunday Grève and Jakub Mácha, eds, *Wittgenstein and the Creativity of Language*, Palgrave Macmillan, 76–116 [link1](#) [2](#) (online-only version)
- 2015 The Importance of Understanding Each Other in Philosophy, *Philosophy* 90, 213–39 [link1](#) [2](#)
- Awarded the Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Prize

Talks (since 2014)

Invited unless otherwise indicated:

* = departmental

† = refereed

- 2023 A Confucian algorithm for autonomous vehicles; Ethics of Science and Technology Summit, Fudan University, Shanghai, China, 16 Dec.
- 2023 Wittgensteinian psychological contextualism; Wittgenstein and the Future of Philosophy, Shanxi University, Taiyuan, China, 11–12 Nov.
- 2023† Turing's philosophy of AI; Philosophy of Science Around the World, Philosophy of Science Association, online, 11 Nov.
- 2023 Can machines acquire human mindedness?; Leadership Summit Portugal, Estoril, 26 Oct.
- 2023 Comment on Juliet Floyd's lecture 'Wittgenstein, Turing, and "Surveyability"'; Wuhan University, China, 6 Sep.
- 2023 Turing's philosophy of AI; Hong Kong University, China, 6 Sep.
- 2023 Gödel vs Wittgenstein; Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar, Kobe University, Japan, 28 Jul.
- 2023 AI, Nietzsche, and the evolution of morality; CAPE Lecture Series, Center for Applied Philosophy and Ethics, Kyoto University, Japan, 26 Jul.

- 2023 Can machines acquire human mindedness?; Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy, The University of Tokyo, Japan, 21 Jul.
- 2023 Intuitive skill; Cognition, Language, and Consciousness, Zhejiang University, China, 1–2 Apr.
- 2023* Realism *tout court*; Philosophy Symposium, Peking University, China, 15 Mar.
- 2023† The digitisation of Wittgenstein (with Nivedita Gangopadhyay, James Matthew Fielding, and Alois Pichler); Digital Humanities in the Nordic and Baltic Countries, online, 8–10 Mar.
- 2022 Common sense, philosophy, and the natural sciences; Center for Traditional and Scientific Metaphysics, National Taiwan University, Taipei, 5 Dec.
- 2022 Socratic information technology: The effective distribution of scientific knowledge from Plato to Douyin; Beijing Forum, Beijing, China, 5 Nov.
- 2022 Modern Socrates; Philosophy for the 21st Century, Centre for Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic, 8–11 Sep.
- 2022† Turing’s philosophy of AI; Fourth International Conference of the German Society for Philosophy of Science, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany, 15–17 Aug.
- 2022 On the Privacy of Complex Thought and Its Publication; 43rd International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg a.W., Austria, 7–13 Aug.
- 2022† Turing’s philosophy of AI; Wittgenstein and AI, Northeastern University London, UK, 29–31 Jul.
- 2022† Turing’s philosophy of AI; Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Shanxi University, China, 6–8 Jul.
- 2022 The future of interactive scholarly text editions; Digital Humanities Workshop, University of Bergen, Norway, 4 Jun.
- 2022 Turing’s philosophy of AI; Wittgenstein and AI, Skjolden, Norway, 1–3 Jun.
- 2022† Turing’s philosophy of AI; 13th National Conference on Analytic Philosophy, Chengdu, China, 20–22 May
- 2021† A scientific argument for the possibility of machine consciousness; Living in the New Era, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, 26–28 Nov.
- 2021 Can machines be conscious?; Living with Machines, Berggruen Research Center, Peking University, China, 27 Oct.
- 2021† A general account of intuition; 28th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Leipzig, Germany, 30 Aug. – 2 Sep.
- 2021 The importance of understanding each other in art, science and technology; Yuanpei College, Peking University, China, 28 Apr.
- 2020 Anti-moralism about machines; Berggruen Institute, Los Angeles, CA, USA, 15 Dec.
- 2020 Paradox in Russell’s philosophy; Russell’s Logic and Philosophy, Peking University, China, 7 Nov.
- 2020 Comment on Timothy Williamson’s lecture ‘Philosophy and Common Sense’; Peking University, China, 14 Sep.
- 2020 Beyond belief; Peking University, China, 14 Jul.
- 2020† Exemplary intuitiveness; The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Kent, UK, 10–12 Jul.
- 2019* Intuitive thinking and action; Peking University, China, 27 Nov.
- 2019 Paradox, intuition and logic; Peking University, China, 20 May
- 2018† Complex thought and private language; APA Eastern, Savannah, GA, USA, 3–6 Jan.
- 2017* Intuitive judgement; University of Oxford, 26 May
- 2016 Gödel’s incompleteness theorems (symposium with L.C. Pereira); Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 23 Jun.
- 2016 Intuitions, logic, and ordinary language; Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, 22 Jun.
- 2016 Logical form and film; New University of Lisbon, Portugal, 3 May
- 2015† Moral intuitions and ethical theory; Wittgensteinian Approaches to Moral Philosophy, KU Leuven, Belgium, 17–19 Sep.
- 2015† Austin on analysis; Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 4–6 Jun.
- 2015* The phenomenology of intuitions; University of Oxford, 20 May
- 2015† Modelling conceivability; The Philosophy of David Chalmers, University of Tübingen, Germany, 21–22 Jan.
- 2015† Misunderstanding Gödel’s theorem; Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic, University of Cambridge, UK, 17–18 Jan.

- 2014 Plato on the epistemic significance of understanding each other in philosophy; Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, 1 Dec.
- 2014† Nietzsche on self-knowledge; International Friedrich Nietzsche Society, University of Birmingham, UK, 11–13 Sep.
- 2014† Philosophical writing; Art, Language, Poetry, University of Kent, UK, 10–11 Sep.
- 2014† Intuiting, imagining and introspecting; 37th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, 10–16 Aug.
- 2014† How to write like Socrates spoke; Modernism and the Moral Life, U. of Manchester, UK, 30 May
- 2014* Modelling conceivability; University of Oxford, 12 May
- 2014† Austin on analysis; APA Pacific, San Diego, CA, USA, 16–20 Apr.
- 2014† How to write like Socrates spoke; Cambridge Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy, University of Cambridge, UK, 21–22 Mar.

Teaching

2020 – Peking University

All levels unless otherwise indicated:

* = undergraduate only

† = graduate only

Courses

AI ethics (w. Julius Schönherr, WANG Yuzhou), 2023

Analytic philosophy, 2020

Brain and intelligence, 2024†

Contemporary philosophy, 2024*

Introduction to philosophy (with J. Schönherr), 2023*, '24*

Introduction to philosophy (w. Arthur Schipper, J. Schönherr), 2021*

Nietzsche, 2021*

Philosophical methods, 2022

Philosophy of AI, 2021

Philosophy of philosophy, 2021

Philosophy workshop (with J. Schönherr), 2020, 2024

Philosophical research and writing, 2022†, '23†

Reading German philosophy (in the original German), 2024

Wittgenstein (with NAN Xing), 2022

2014–19 University of Oxford

First-year undergraduate courses

Classes and tutorials

- Introduction to ethics, 2017, '18, '19
- Introduction to logic, 2015, '16, '17, '18
- Introduction to philosophy, 2016, '17, '18, '19

Upper-year undergraduate courses

Lectures

- Wittgenstein, 2018

Classes and tutorials

- Early analytic philosophy, 2019
- Epistemology, 2016, '17, '18, '19
- Ethics, 2019
- Metaphysics, 2016, '17, '18, '19
- Philosophical logic, 2016
- Philosophy of logic and language, 2018, '19
- Philosophy of mind, 2016, '17, '18
- Wittgenstein, 2014, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19