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Current Appointment

2021 – now Assistant Professor (Philosophy & Religion), Division of Humanities, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

Research Area

AoS	Buddhism, Daoism, Personal Identity, Philosophy of Mind
AoC	Metaphysics, Logic, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence

Education

2014 – 2018	Ph.D., Philosophy, Lingnan University, Hong Kong
2008 - 2013	Ph.D., Nano Science & Technology, HKUST
2006 - 2008	M.Phil., Physics, HKUST
2003 - 2006	B.Sc., Pure Physics, Minor in Humanities. 1st Class Honors, HKUST

Books

- 1. <u>Hung, J.</u> Between Buddha-nature and Emptiness: The Peak Era of Chinese Buddhist Philosophy. Oxford University Press. (Contract Signed)
- 2. <u>Hung, J.</u> What am I? Personal Ontology in Chinese Philosophy. Cambridge University Press. (Revise and resubmit)
- 3. <u>Hung, J.</u> 出世與入世之間 Between Secular and Spiritual. (Full Manuscript Under Review)

International Peer-reviewed Journal Papers (Philosophy)

- 1. <u>Hung, J.</u> (Forthcoming). Better be a Zombie? The Value of Consciousness in Early Buddhism. *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, Vol. 5.
- 2. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2025). Is Emptiness Non-empty? Jizang's Conception of Buddha-nature. *Religions*, 16(2), 184. https://doi.org/10.3390/rel16020184
- 3. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2024). We Are the Same Mind! A Study of Zongmi's Idea of the True Mind. *Philosophy East and West*, 75:4. https://doi.org/10.1353/pew.2024.a937182
- 4. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2024). Reflexive Awareness and Reflexivity: An Identity Model of Reflexive Awareness with Korta and Perry's Reflexive-Referential Theory of Content. *Synthese*. 204:30 https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-024-04688-8

- 5. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2023). Phenomenal Concepts and Animal Consciousness. *Philosophical Psychology*. 36 (3): 580–600. https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2022.2072722
- 6. Gao J., Leung, H., Wu, W. W. Y., <u>Hung, J.</u>, Chang, C., Sik, H. H. (2023). Long-Term Inquiry Meditation Reduces EEG Spectral Dynamics in Self-Schema Processing. *Heliyon*. 9(9), E20075. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2023.e20075
- 7. Hung, J. (2020). Is Dharma-nature Identical to Ignorance? A study of "ji 即" in early Tiantai Buddhism. *Asian Philosophy*. Issue 30 (4): 307–323. http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09552367.2020.1846873
- 8. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2020). A Gricean Interpretation of Nāgārjuna's Catuskoti and the No-thesis View. *History and Philosophy of Logic*. Vol. 41 (3): 217–235. https://doi.org/10.1080/01445340.2020.1786266
- 9. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2020). Is Zhuangzi a Wanton? Observation and Transformation of Desires in the *Zhuangzi*. *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, 19 (2): 1–17. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11712-020-09723-2
- 10. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2019). The Theory of the Self in the Zhuangzi: A Strawsonian Interpretation. *Philosophy East and West* 69:2, 376-394. https://muse.jhu.edu/article/731256
- 11. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2018). The Early Yogācāra Theory of No-self. *Asian Philosophy* 28.4: 316–331 https://doi.org/10.1080/09552367.2018.1543055

International Peer-reviewed Journal Papers (Physics)

- 12. Wang X., Gao W., <u>Hung J.</u>, and Tam W. Y. (2014). Optical activities of large-area SU8 micro-spirals fabricated by multi-beam holographic lithography., *Appl. Opt.* 53, 2425–2430 (<u>https://doi.org/10.1364/AO.53.002425</u>)
- 13. <u>Hung J.</u>, Gao W., and Tam W. Y. (2011). Optical activities of micro-spiral photonic crystals fabricated by multi-beam holographic lithography. *J. Opt.* 13, 095101 (https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/2040-8978/13/9/095102/meta)
- 14. <u>Hung J.</u>, Chan P. S., Sun C., Ho C. W. and Tam W. Y. (2010). Doubly slanted layer structures in holographic gelatin emulsions: solar concentrators. *J. Opt.* 12 045104 (https://doi.org/10.1088/2040-8978/12/4/045104)
- 15. <u>Hung J.</u>, Kok M., Tam W. Y. (2009). Complete photonic bandgaps in the visible range from spherical layer structures in dichromate gelatin emulsions. *App. Phys. Lett.* 94, 014102 (https://aip.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/1.3064165)

Book Chapters (Philosophy)

- 16. <u>Hung J.</u> (Forthcoming). An Analysis of Jizang's Idea of Reality. In "*Reading Primary Sources in Asian Philosophies*." Malcolm Keating (Ed.). Bloomsbury.
- 17. <u>Hung, J.</u> (Forthcoming) Introspection in the Buddhist philosophical tradition. In "*The Routledge Handbook of Introspection*." Anna Giustina (Ed.) Routledge.

- 18. Hughes J. J, Sarbacker S., Tormen F., <u>Hung, J.</u> (Forthcoming) Buddhism, AI, and Human Enhancement. In "*Through a Buddhist Lens. In "Buddhist Perspectives on Consciousness, Evolution, and AI.*" Chiara Mascarello and Francesco Tormen (Eds.). Wisdom.
- 19. Adam, M., Tormen, F., <u>Hung, J.,</u> Goodman, C. (Forthcoming) Can AI systems be phenomenally consciousness? In "*Through a Buddhist Lens. In "Buddhist Perspectives on Consciousness, Evolution, and AI.*" Chiara Mascarello and Francesco Tormen (Eds.). Wisdom.
- 20. <u>Hung J.</u> (2024). Evil, Suffering, and Meditation in the Tiantai School. In Volume II, "Chinese Philosophy and Its Thinkers: From Ancient Times to the Present Day." Selusi Ambrogio & Dawid Rogacz (Eds.) pp. 77–86. Bloomsbury.
- 21. <u>Hung, J.</u> (2011). The Three-fold Interpretation of Chih-I's 'Ignorance Equals Nature of Dharma' (in Chinese). In "Dialogues in Chinese, Japanese and Korean T'ien-T'ai Buddhism." (ed.), pp. 150–165. Tian Xiang Ma. Beijing, Renmin Publisher.

Manuscripts

- 1. What am I? Rebirth, Role Switching, and Haecceitism (Under Review)
- 2. A Kantian Interpretation of Nāgārjuna's notion of causation (manuscript available)
- 3. In search for *qi* Immortality: A Study of Heshanggong's Commentary of the *Daodejing* (Under Review)

Previous Appointments

2023 – 2024	Visiting Scholar (supported by a grant from Stanford University), Center for	
	the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University	
2020 - 2021	Visiting Assistant Professor (Philosophy), New York University Abu Dhabi	
2020 - 2021	Postdoctoral Fellow, Philosophy Dept, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	
2019 - 2020	Visiting Scholar, School of Philosophy, Australian National University	
	(Oct 2019 – May 2020)	
2018 - 2019	Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Dept., The University of California, Riverside	
	(UCR: Oct 2018 – Jan 2019, Stanford University: Jan 2019 – Oct 2019)	
2016 - 2018	Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Dept., The University of Texas at Austin	
	(Aug 2016 – May 2017, Jan 2018 – May 2018)	
2013 - 2014	Postdoctoral Fellow, Physics Dept., HKUST (Sept 2013 - May 2014)	

Grants and Funds

2024 - 2027	Principal investigator, "Between Buddha-nature and Emptiness: The Peak Era	
of Chinese Buddhism," Early Career Scheme (ECS), The Hong Kong		
	Grants Council (HKD 340,249)	
2024	Internal Research Support Grant, HKUST (HKD 80,000)	

2020 - 2024	4 Research Fund, "The Self: Eastern and Western Traditions", (collaborate with John Perry), Stanford University (USD 33,000)	
2021	Start Up Fund, HKUST (HKD 100,000)	
2020	Research Fund Award, New York University Abu Dhabi (USD 5,000)	

Scholarships and Honors

2020	RGC Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Hong Kong Government (≃USD 158,400)
2018	Reaching Out Award, The Hong Kong Government (≃USD 1,300)
2017 - 2018	Full Postgraduate Studentship, Lingnan University (≃USD 25,300)
2014 - 2017	HKPhD Fellowship, The Hong Kong Research Grants Council
	(≃USD 92,000)
2014 - 2017	International Conference Sponsorships (five times), Lingnan University
	$(\simeq USD 4,000)$
2006 - 2012	Full Postgraduate Studentship, HKUST (≃USD 137,900)
2010	The Hong Kong Association of University Women Scholarship (≃USD 2,600)
2006	Dharma Ambassador Scholarship, Hong Kong Buddhist Association
	$(\simeq USD 2,300)$
2005	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Scholarship (≃USD 1,000)
2003	Gifted Early Admitted Students Scholarship, HKUST (≃USD 1,500)

Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations

2025

1. Symposium: This Is the Way: Chinese Philosophy Podcast (Live Recording). 2025 APA Pacific Division meeting. San Francisco, April.

- 1. Wellbeing in Early Buddhism: Zombies, Experience Machines, and the Value of Consciousness. Eastern APA conference, New York, U.S., Jan.
- 2. Are you an Authentic Animal? Reconstructing the Early Confucian Theory of the Self.
 - a. 1st SFU Asian Philosophy Workshop, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada, Apr.
 - b. International Conference "Philosophy and the World," Shenzhen University, China, Nov.
- 3. *The Extended Mind Proposal by Wang Yangming*. Conference on Personal Persistence and Personal Ontology. Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong, June.
- 4. Jizang's notion of Buddha-nature
 - a. International Conference "Buddhist Philosophy between India and China: From Madhyamaka to Sanlun." Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia.

- Vienna, Aug.
- b. Interdisciplinary studies on Chinese Buddhism in the Greater China Area: Retrospect and Prospect (大中華區的中國佛學跨學科研究:過去與未來). Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Dec.
- 5. A Kantian Interpretation of Nāgārjuna's Notions of Causation and Time. International Conference "Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond." Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. Vienna, Aug.

- 1. Wellbeing in Early Buddhism: Zombies, Experience Machines, and the Value of Consciousness.
 - a. International Conference "Buddhist Perspectives on Consciousness, Evolution, and AI." Italy, Nov.
 - b. Summer School "The Ethics of Consciousness." Rice University Paris Center, France, June.
 - c. International Conference "Buddhism, Science and Technology: Challenges to Religions from a Digitalized World," The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Aug.
- 2. What am I? Rebirth, Role Switching, and Haecceitism. 17th Creph Annual Seminar 2023: The Significance of Subjectivity, University of Liège, Belgium, April.

2022

- 1. The theory of mind and happiness in early Chan Buddhism. A Mini Workshop on Buddhist Theories of Mind and Metaphysics, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong, April.
- 2. Sanlun Jizang's fusion between theories of emptiness and non-empty Buddha-nature, Workshop "the Interaction between Buddhism and Chinese philosophy (「佛學與中國哲學之交涉」工作坊)," The Chinese University of Hong Kong, March.
- 3. *Is Emptiness Non-empty? Awareness, time, & unchanging reality in the Śūraṅgama Sūtra*, Eastern APA conference, Baltimore, U.S. Jan.

2021

- 1. Reflexive awareness and Reflexivity. Workshop "Analytic Phenomenology, Intentionality and Consciousness." Scuola Universitaria Superiore, IUSS, Italy. Oct.
- 2. Consciousness-oriented Ontology and Dialetheia in T'ien-t'ai Buddhism. 2021 SG-HK-MO Symposium on Chinese Philosophy, Macau. May.

- 1. *Animal Consciousness and Phenomenal Concepts*. 71st Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, U.S. Oct (accepted).
- 2. The Concept ji & in Tian Tai Buddhism. 15th Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, U.S. May.

1. On the Haecceities of Things. Malta Summer School in Personal Identity, Malta. Aug.

2017

- 1. *The Metaphysics of Reflexive Awareness*. Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind, Denmark. Jul.
- 2. *On the Haecceity of Subjects*. International Conference on Self: Between Consciousness and Non-being, Japan. May.
- 3. Zhuangzi and Galen Strawson's Theory of the Self. Central APA Conference. U.S. Mar.
- 4. The Cognitive Schema of the Self A Yogācāra Model. Eastern APA conference, U.S. Jan.

2016

- 1. On McMahan's Embodied Mind Account of Egoistic Concern. Summer school with Jeff McMahan, Germany. Aug.
- 2. Zhuangzi's Theory of Desires and Freedom. Singapore-Hong Kong-Macau Symposium on Chinese Philosophy, Hong Kong. May.
- 3. On Barry Dainton's Extensional Theory of Experience. Symposium on Philosophy of Mental Time IV: Time, Experience, and Consciousness, Japan. Feb.

2015

- 1. On the Continuity of Consciousness. LU-SYSU Philosophical Forum, Hong Kong. May.
- 2. A Psychological Explanation of Selves. Conference on Self and its Realization, Japan. Feb.

Invited Talks

2025

1. Discussant, 8th Roundtable: Considering Non-Humans. The Center for Intercultural Learning and the School of Philosophy at East China Normal University, Jan.

- 1. *A Kantian Interpretation of Nāgārjuna's notion of causation*. HKUST Philosophy Reading Group. Nov.
- 2. The Daodejing 老子道德經. Hong Kong Grace Foundation. Sept.
- 3. We are the same substance! Zongmi's theory of the true mind. Center for Buddhist Studies,

- University of California, Berkeley, U.S., Feb.
- 4. *The constructed self in the Cheng Weishi Lun*. Center for Buddhist Studies, University of California, Berkeley, U.S., Feb.
- 5. Wellbeing in Early Buddhism: Zombies, Experience Machines, and the Value of Consciousness. Stanford Center of Consciousness Explanation, California, U.S., Feb.
- 6. *Yangist Egoism, Egoistic concern, and the Self.* A Workshop on Daoism. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Hong Kong, Sept.

- 1. What am I? Rebirth, Role Switching, and Haecceitism.
 - a. Philosophy Seminar, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, Sept.
 - b. The 3rd CHAIN-NOUMENON Colloquium's meeting. Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, and Hokkaido University, Japan, January.

2022

- 1. *Mark Siderits' interpretation of early Buddhism* (2 lectures). Buddhist Miufa Organization, Hong Kong, June.
- 2. Animal Consciousness and Phenomenal Concepts. Graduate Center, The City University of New York, U.S. Jan.

2021

- 1. The Yogācāra Theory of No-self. Graduate Center, City University of New York, U.S. Mar.
- 2. What am I? Haecceitism about Persons, Souls, and Subjects. United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi. Mar.

2020

- 1. *Is Zhuangzi a Wanton? Observation and Transformation of Desires in the Zhuangzi*. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong. Oct.
- 2. Reflexive awareness and Reflexivity. The Australian National University, Australia. April.

- 1. A Gricean interpretation of Nāgārjuna's catuṣkoṭi. City University of New York, Graduate Center, U.S. Oct.
- 2. On the Same-order Representational Theory of Consciousness
 - a. The Australian National University. Nov.
 - b. The University of Hong Kong, H.K. Oct.
- 3. Animal Consciousness and Phenomenal Concepts
 - a. The Australian National University. Nov.

- b. Lingnan University, H.K. Oct.
- c. Graduate Colloquium, UT Austin, U.S. May.

1. We are not Brains. Graduate Seminar. UT Austin, U.S. Apr.

2017

- 1. The Personal Identity Theories of Robert Nozick and Bernard Williams. The Hong Kong Society of Humanities (HKSH), Hong Kong. Jul.
- 2. On Montague's Theory of Awareness of Awareness. Graduate Colloquium Series, UT Austin, U.S. Apr.

2016

- 1. On the Unity of Consciousness. 'Dao and life' lecture series, HKSH. Jul.
- 2. On L. R. Baker's Constitutionalism of Persons and the Materialist Ontology. Nihon University, Japan. Feb.

2015

- 1. On Miri Albahari's and Mark Siderits' Concept of Nirvana. 'Dao and life' lecture series, HKSH. Jul.
- 2. Gender and Philosophy. Lingnan University, Hong Kong. Jan.
- 3. Is Zhuangzi a wanton? On Zhuangzi's theory of freedom. 'Dao and life' lecture series, HKSH. Mar.

2014

- 1. An Interpretation of the Early Buddhist Theory of no-self. 'Dao and life' lecture series, HKSH. Jul.
- 2. *The Soul, the Mind, and the Self.* Roundtable discussion, Lingnan University, Hong Kong. Mar.
- 3. The Yogācāra System of Personal Identity. 'Dao and life' lecture series, HKSH. Jan.

Teaching

As Sole Instructor

2025 Spring Daoism (PG), HKUST (class size: TBA)

2024 Fall What am I? Personal Identity and the Self from a Philosophical Perspective,

HKUST (class size: 91)

2023 Fall Daoism (PG), HKUST (class size: 30)

2022 Spring Daoism (PG), HKUST (class size: 33)

2021 Spring Topics in Theoretical Philosophy, NYUAD

2021 Spring What am I? The Self and Subjectivity, NYUAD (class size: 16)

2020 Fall Classical Chinese Philosophy, NYUAD (class size: 16)

What am I? The Self and Subjectivity, NYUAD (class size: 16)

2016 Spring Personal Identity, Lingnan University (class size: 15)

2014 Spring Metaphysics and Epistemology, Chilin Evening College (class size: 40)

2009 – 2014 Introductory Buddhism (8 lectures per year), Buddhist Miu Fa Organization

(class size: 15)

2013 Fall *Philosophy of Mind*, Chilin Evening College (class size: 40)

As Coteaching Instructor

2023 Fall Critical Thinking and Data Literacy, HKUST (class size: 137)

2023 Spring Critical Thinking and Data Literacy, HKUST (class size: 89)

2022 Spring Critical Thinking and Data Literacy, HKUST (class size: 9)

2020 Spring *Personal Identity*, Stanford University (class size: 4)

As Teaching Assistant

2015 Fall *Philosophy of Religion*, Lingnan University

2014 Spring Personal Identity, Lingnan University

2009 Spring Critical and Creative Thinking, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Student Supervision

As Supervisor (HKUST):

LAM Kuen, Anita Ph.D. (2023 – now)

YI Peixin, Shin M.Phil. (graduated in 2023)

WANG Qinyi M.Phil. (2022 – 23)

As Thesis Committee and Examiner (HKUST):

TANG Yajun Ph.D. (graduated in 2024)

 YUEN Kam Yau
 Ph.D. (2023 – now)

 NAM Kyung-ah
 Ph.D. (2022 – now)

MISHRA Anish M.Phil. (graduated in 2022)

WANG Qinyi M.Phil. (2023 – now)

As Thesis Examiner (HKUST):

KONG Yin Hei Ph.D. (graduated in 2024)

As Supervisor of Final Year Projects (NYUAD):

TURLETE Smaranda (graduated in 2022)

As Examiner of Final Year Projects (NYUAD):

ZOU Xinyi (graduated in 2021)
THOR Anna (graduated in 2021)

Referee Services (in alphabetical order):

Referee for book manuscripts:

1. De Gruyter Brill

Referee for grants:

- 1. Faculty Development Scheme, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong Government
- 2. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (Insight Grants)

Referee for journals:

Adolescents, Asian Journal of Philosophy, Asian Philosophy, Asian Studies, Behavioral Sciences, Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Frontiers of Philosophy in China, Genealogy, History of Philosophy Quarterly, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Clinical Medicine, Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture, Journal of Philosophical Research, Philosophia, Philosophies, Philosophy East and West, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Religions, Sophia, Soochow Journal of Philosophy, Sustainability, Synthese

Activities Organized

2024	Chief Organizer, HKUST philosophy Seminar: There is no branching
	indeterminacy, by Harold Noonan
2024	Chief Organizer, HKUST philosophy Seminar: Thinking about Immortality, by
	Eric Olson
2023	Chief Organizer, HKUST philosophy Seminar: The Unfolding of Empiricism in
	India, by Charles Goodman
2022	Chief Organizer, A Mini Workshop on Buddhist Theories of Mind and
	Metaphysics, HKUST
	(Presenters: Charles Wing Hoi Chan, Amit Chaturvedi, Jenny Hung, Eric S.
	Nelson, Dennis Prooi, Simon Man Ho Wong, Zhihua Yao, Ellen Ying Zhang)
2009	Chief Organizer, Conference and Book publication scheme: A New Perspective
	on Philosophy and Religion, HKUST.
2006	Chief Organizer, Summer Camp for university students in Hong Kong and

mainland China

Committee Services

2024 – now	Selection Committee and Interview panel, recruitment of officer position in the	
	RPG team, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, HKUST (committee	
	level: school)	
2024-now	Selection Committee and Interview panel, RGC Junior Research Fellow	
	Scheme, HKUST (committee level: school)	
2024-now	Representative, PG committee, the Philosophy and Religion Program, Division	
	of Humanities, HKUST (committee level: division)	
2024-now	Selection Committee for the Michael G. Gale Medal for Distinguished Teaching,	
	HKUST (committee level: university)	
2023	Selection Committee and Interview panel, recruitment of TA position for the	
	critical thinking course, HKUST (committee level: university)	

Professional Services

2024	Markov Dialogue In Direct of Design of the Design of the Lindson design of the Company
2024	Mentor, Philosophy Directed Reading Program for Undergraduates, Stanford
	University
2023, 2024	Instructor, SDCF Greater China Region Summer Program in Chinese Studies,
	Sinological Development Charitable Foundation
2021	Judge, Seven Corners University Debate Contest, The Chinese University of
	Hong Kong (CUHK)
2021	Judge, University Debate Contest, Woo Sing College, CUHK
2008 - 2024	Regular Writer, Buddhist Miu Fa Magazine
2010 - 2011	Treasurer and Website Manager, Hong Kong Association of University Women
2009	Poster Designer, Hospital Care Service, Queen Elizabeth Hospital
2009	Editor, "A Meditation Guide," Venerable Xuyun. Publisher: Po Lam Zen
	Monastery

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