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## Current Appointment

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

## Research Area

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

## Education

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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. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Honors, HKUST

## Books

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

## International Peer-reviewed Journal Papers (Philosophy)

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1. (Forthcoming) We Are the Same Mind! A Study of Zongmi's Idea of the True Mind. *Philosophy East and West*, (Oct 2025) 75:4.
2. (Forthcoming) Better be a Zombie? The Value of Consciousness in Early Buddhism. *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, Vol. 5.
3. Reflexive Awareness and Reflexivity: An Identity Model of Reflexive Awareness with Korta and Perry's Reflexive-Referential Theory of Content. *Synthese*. (2024) 204:30  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-024-04688-8>
4. Long-Term Inquiry Meditation Reduces EEG Spectral Dynamics in Self-Schema Processing. Junling Gao, Hang Kin Leung, Bonnie Wai Yan Wu, Jenny Hung, Chunqi Chang, Hin Hung Sik. *Heliyon*. (2023) 9(9), E20075.

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

#### **International Peer-reviewed Journal Papers (Physics)**

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

#### **Book Chapters (Philosophy)**

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15. (Forthcoming) An Analysis of Jizang's Idea of Reality. In “*Reading Primary Sources in Asian Philosophies*.” Malcolm Keating (Eds.). Bloomsbury.
16. (Forthcoming) Evil, Suffering, and Meditation in the Tiantai school. In Volume II, “*Chinese Philosophy and Its Thinkers: From Ancient Times to the Present Day*.” (Eds.) Selusi Ambrogio & Dawid Rogacz. Bloomsbury.

17. (Invited) Buddhism, AI, and Human Enhancement. By James J Hughes, Stuart Sarbacker, Francesco Tormen, Jenny Hung. In “*Through a Buddhist Lens. In “Buddhist Perspectives on Consciousness, Evolution, and AI.”* Chiara Mascarello and Francesco Tormen (Eds.). Ubiliber.
18. (Invited) Can AI systems be phenomenally consciousness? By Martin Adam, Francesco Tormen, Jenny Hung, Charles Goodman. In “*Through a Buddhist Lens. In “Buddhist Perspectives on Consciousness, Evolution, and AI.”* Chiara Mascarello and Francesco Tormen (Eds.). Ubiliber.
19. 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.). Tian Xiang Ma. Beijing, Renmin Publisher (2011).

### Manuscripts

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1. The Self in the *Cheng Weishi Lun* (Under Review)
2. The Extended Mind Proposal by Wang Yangming (Under Review)
3. What am I? Rebirth, Role Switching, and Haecceitism (Under Review)
4. Are We Not Persons? The Early Confucian Theory of the Self (Under Review)
5. We are the Same Mind! A Study of Zongmi’s Idea of the True Mind (Revise & Resubmit)

### Previous Appointments

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|-------------|---|
| 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<br>(Oct 2019 – May 2020)   |
| 2018 – 2019 | Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Dept., The University of California, Riverside<br>(UCR: Oct 2018 – Jan 2019, Stanford University: Jan 2019 – Oct 2019) |
| 2016 – 2018 | Visiting Scholar, Philosophy Dept., The University of Texas at Austin<br>(Aug 2016 – May 2017, Jan 2018 – May 2018)                                 |
| 2013 – 2014 | Postdoctoral Fellow, Physics Dept., HKUST (Sept 2013 – May 2014)  |

### Grants and Funds

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| 2024 – 2027 | “Between Buddha-nature and Emptiness: The Peak Era of Chinese Buddhism,” Early Career Scheme (ECS), The Hong Kong Research Grants Council (HKD 340,249) |
| 2020 – 2024 | Research Fund, “The Self: Eastern and Western Traditions”, (collaborate with John Perry), Stanford University (USD 33,000)                              |

2020 Research Fund Award, New York University Abu Dhabi (USD 5,000)

## Honors

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

## Talks

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### 2024

1. We are the same substance! Zongmi's theory of the true mind. Center for Buddhist Studies, University of California, Berkeley, U.S., Feb.
2. The constructed self in the *Cheng Weishi Lun*. Center for Buddhist Studies, University of California, Berkeley, U.S., Feb.
3. Wellbeing in Early Buddhism: Zombies, Experience Machines, and the Value of Consciousness.
  - a. Eastern APA conference, New York, U.S., Jan.
  - b. Stanford Center of Consciousness Explanation, California, U.S., Feb.
4. Are you an Authentic Animal? Reconstructing the Early Confucian Theory of the Self. 1<sup>st</sup> SFU Asian Philosophy Workshop, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada, Apr.
5. The Extended Mind Proposal by Wang Yangming. Conference on Personal Persistence and Personal Ontology. Chinese University of Hong Kong. Hong Kong, June.
6. Jizang's notion of emptiness. Buddhist Philosophy between India and China: From Madhyamaka to Sanlun. Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. Vienna, Aug. (accepted)
7. A Kantian Interpretation of Nāgārjuna's Notions of Causation and Time. Madhyamaka in South Asia and Beyond. Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. Vienna, Aug. (accepted)

## 2023

1. Wellbeing in Early Buddhism: Zombies, Experience Machines, and the Value of Consciousness.
  - a. Buddhist Perspectives on Consciousness, Evolution, and AI. Italy, Nov.
  - b. Summer School: The Ethics of Consciousness, Rice University Paris Center, France, June.
  - c. 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.
  - a. Philosophy Seminar, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, Sept.
  - b. 17<sup>th</sup> Creph Annual Seminar 2023: The Significance of Subjectivity, University of Liège, Belgium, April.
  - c. The 3rd CHAIN-NOUMENON Colloquium's meeting, Jointly organized by Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy, and Hokkaido University, Japan, January. (via Zoom).

## 2022

1. Mark Siderits' interpretation of early Buddhism (two lectures). Buddhist Miufa Organization, Hong Kong, June.
2. 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. (via Zoom)
3. Sanlun Jizang's fusion between theories of emptiness and non-empty Buddha-nature (in Chinese. 三論宗吉藏「空」觀與「不空佛性」思想的融合), 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. (via Zoom)
4. Is Emptiness Non-empty? Awareness, time, & unchanging reality in the Śūraṅgama Sūtra, Eastern APA, Baltimore, U.S. Jan. (via Zoom)
5. Animal Consciousness and Phenomenal Concepts. Graduate Center, The City University of New York, U.S. Jan (via Zoom)

## 2021

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

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

## 2020

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

## 2019

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. 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, U.S. (accepted) Oct.
  - c. Lingnan University, H.K. Oct.
  - d. Graduate Colloquium, UT Austin, U.S. May.
4. The Concept *ji* 即 in Tian Tai Buddhism. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought, U.S. May.

## 2018

1. On the Haecceities of Things. Malta Summer School in Personal Identity, Malta. Aug.
2. We are not Brains. Dissertation Seminar. UT Austin, U.S. Apr.

## 2017

1. The Metaphysics of Reflexive Awareness. Copenhagen Summer School in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind, Denmark. Jul.
2. The Personal Identity Theories of Robert Nozick and Bernard Williams. The Hong Kong Society of Humanities (HKSH), Hong Kong. Jul.
3. On the Haecceity of Subjects. Conference on Self: Between Consciousness and Non-being, Japan. May.
4. On Montague's Theory of Awareness of Awareness. Graduate Colloquium Series, UT Austin, U.S. Apr.

5. Zhuangzi and Galen Strawson's Theory of the Self. Central APA, U.S. Mar.
6. The Cognitive Schema of the Self – A Yogācāra Model. Eastern APA, U.S. Jan.

## 2016

1. On McMahan's Embodied Mind Account of Egoistic Concern. Summer school with Jeff McMahan, Germany. Aug.
2. On the Unity of Consciousness. 'Dao and life' lecture series, HKSH. Jul.
3. Zhuangzi's Theory of Desires and Freedom. Singapore-Hong Kong-Macau Symposium on Chinese Philosophy, Hong Kong. May.
4. On Barry Dainton's Extensional Theory of Experience. Symposium on Philosophy of Mental Time IV: Time, Experience, and Consciousness, Japan. Feb.
5. 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. On the Continuity of Consciousness. LU-SYSU Philosophical Forum, Hong Kong. May.
3. A Psychological Explanation of Selves. Conference on Self and its Realization, Japan. Feb.
4. Gender and Philosophy. Lingnan University, Hong Kong. Jan.
5. 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

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### As Sole Instructor

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| 2022, 2023 | <i>Daoism</i> (PG), The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)   |
| 2021       | <i>Topics in Theoretical Philosophy</i> , New York University, Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) |
|            | <i>What am I? The Self and Subjectivity</i> , NYUAD                              |
| 2020       | <i>Classical Chinese Philosophy</i> , NYUAD                                      |
|            | <i>What am I? The Self and Subjectivity</i> , NYUAD                              |

- 2016            *Personal Identity*, Lingnan University  
 2014            *Metaphysics and Epistemology*, Chilin Evening College  
 2009 – 2014   *Introductory Buddhism* (8 lectures per year), Buddhist Miu Fa Organization  
 2013            *Philosophy of Mind*, Chilin Evening College

### **As Coteaching Instructor**

- 2022, 2023    *Critical Thinking and Data Literacy*, HKUST (coteach with Jaisingh Jeevan, Liu Yuanshuai and Vong Kenward)  
 2020            *Personal Identity*, Stanford University (coteach with John Perry via Zoom)

### **As Teaching Assistant**

- 2015            *Philosophy of Religion*, Lingnan University  
 2014            *Personal Identity*, Lingnan University  
 2009            *Critical and Creative Thinking*, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

## **Student Supervision**

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### **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):

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*Adolescents, Asian Journal of Philosophy, Asian Philosophy, Behavioral Sciences, Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Faculty Development Scheme, Research Grants Council, Hong Kong Government, Frontiers of Philosophy in China, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Confucian Philosophy and Culture, Journal of Philosophical Research, Philosophia, Philosophies, Philosophy East and West, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Religions, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (Insight Grants), Soochow Journal of Philosophical Studies, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese*

### Activities Organized

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- 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, Zihua 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

### Professional Services

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- 2024 – now Selection Committee for the Michael G. Gale Medal for Distinguished Teaching
- 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 (via Zoom), The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)
- 2021 Judge, University Debate Contest (via Zoom), Woo Sing College, CUHK
- 2008 – now 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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