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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 Science

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

International Peer-reviewed Journal Papers (Philosophy)

1. **Hung, J.** (Forthcoming) Better be a Zombie? The Value of Consciousness in Early Buddhism. *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, Vol. 5.
2. **Hung, J.** (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>
3. **Hung, J.** (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>
4. Gao J., Leung, H., Wu, W. W. Y., **Hung, J.**, 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>
5. **Hung, J.** (2023). Phenomenal Concepts and Animal Consciousness. *Philosophical Psychology*. 36 (3): 580-600. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2022.2072722>
 6. **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>
 7. **Hung, J.** (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>
 8. **Hung, J.** (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>
 9. **Hung, J.** (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>
 10. **Hung, J.** (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)

11. Wang X., Gao W., **Hung J.**, and Tam W. Y. (2014). Optical activities of large-area SU8 micro-spirals fabricated by multi-beam holographic lithography., *Appl. Opt.* 53, 2425-2430 (<https://doi.org/10.1364/AO.53.002425>)
12. **Hung J.**, 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>)
13. **Hung J.**, 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>)
14. **Hung J.**, 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)

15. **Hung J.** (Forthcoming). An Analysis of Jizang's Idea of Reality. In “*Reading Primary Sources in Asian Philosophies.*” Malcolm Keating (Ed.). Bloomsbury.
16. **Hung J.** (Forthcoming). 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.). Bloomsbury.

17. (Invited) Hughes J. J., Sarbacker S., Tormen F., **Hung, J.** 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.
18. (Invited) Adam, M., Tormen, F., **Hung, J.**, Goodman, C. 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.
19. (Invited) **Hung, J.** Jizang’s notion of Buddha-nature. In “*Buddhist Philosophy between India and China: From Madhyamaka to Sanlun.*” Rafal Stepień (Ed.) Oxford University Press.
20. (Invited) **Hung, J.** Introspection in the Buddhist philosophical tradition. In “*The Routledge Handbook of Introspection.*” Anna Giustina (Ed.) Routledge.
21. **Hung, J.** (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.). Tian Xiang Ma. Beijing, Renmin Publisher.

Manuscripts

1. What am I? Rebirth, Role Switching, and Haecceitism (Under Review)
2. Are We Not Persons? The Early Confucian Theory of the Self (Under Review)
3. A Kantian Interpretation of Nāgārjuna’s notion of causation (manuscript available)
4. A Comparison between Heshanggong’s and the Xianger Commentary of the *Daodejing* (Invited by *Religions*)

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
(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

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| 2024 – 2027 | Principal investigator, “Between Buddha-nature and Emptiness: The Peak Era |
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- 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

- 2024 Internal Research Support Grant, HKUST (HKD 80,000)
- 2021 Start Up Fund, HKUST (HKD 100,000)
- 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 (≈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 (≈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

2024

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*. 1st SFU Asian Philosophy Workshop, Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, Canada, Apr.
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*. International Conference “Buddhist Philosophy between India and China: From Madhyamaka to Sanlun.” Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia. Vienna, Aug.
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.

2023

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* (三論宗吉藏「空」觀與「不空佛性」思想的融合), 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.

2019

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

2018

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

2024

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.

2023

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.

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

2018

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

- 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):

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 Clinical Medicine, 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

- 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

Professional Services

- 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)
- 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 – 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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