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## ACADEMIC INTERESTS

My research interests include postcolonial histories of cross-cultural encounters, the Jesuit China mission, history of natural history, history of scholarship, histories of race and ethnicity, actor-network-theory, and the sociology of scientific knowledge. By focusing closely on encounters between Jesuit missionaries and Chinese actors, my PhD thesis endeavours to open up the black-boxes of a number of newly “secularised” disciplines and practices that emerged in Europe during the long eighteenth century. My project aims to relocate many of the controversies upon which the emergence of these “secular” disciplines depended to intercultural contact-zones in China. I am passionate about decolonising research and pedagogy in the history of science.

## EDUCATION

- 2019 – present **PhD, History and Philosophy of Science**  
**St Edmund’s College, University of Cambridge**  
**Thesis:** *Mandarins, missionaries, and modernity: Chinese-Jesuit hybrid knowledges and the co-construction of “Enlightenment”*
- Supervisors: Dániel Margócsy Simon Schaffer (advisor).
- 2018 – 2019 **MPhil, History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine**  
**Distinction**  
**Wolfson College, University of Cambridge**
- Supervised by Dániel Margócsy, Emma Perkins, Simon Schaffer, and Liba Taub
- 2015 – 2018 **BA (Hons), Natural Sciences (History and Philosophy of Science)**  
**First Class**  
**Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge**  
Ranked highest out of 28 candidates in Tripos. Overall mark: 74/100.
- Supervised by Mary Augusta Brazelton

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 **Rethinking the Rites Controversy: Kilian Stumpf’s *Acta Pekinensia* and the Historical Dimensions of a Religious Quarrel**, *Modern Intellectual History* (forthcoming).
- 2020 **Galenizing the New World: Joseph-François Lafitau’s ‘Galenization’ of Canadian Ginseng, ca 1716-1724**, *Notes and Records: the Royal Society Journal of the History of Science*. Published online 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsnr.2019.0037>

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2019-22 **School of Humanities and Social Sciences PhD Bursary**  
PhD scholarship from the *School of Humanities and Social Sciences*, University of Cambridge, the *Department of History and Philosophy of Science*, University of Cambridge, and *St Edmund’s College*, University of Cambridge.  
Value of award: £22,476 per annum.
- 2020 **Early Career Grant – European Society for the History of Science**  
Grant to attend and present a paper at the 9<sup>th</sup> ESHS International Conference.  
Value of award: €40.
- 2020 **Language Bursary – Schools of Arts and Humanities / Humanities and Social Sciences**  
Bursary to study Mandarin Chinese (Basic 2) at the *University of Cambridge Language Centre*.  
Value of award: £85.

- 2019 **Academic and Travel Award – St Edmund’s College**  
Bursary to travel to the Propaganda Fide Historical Archives in Rome in December 2019.  
Value of award: £43.24.
- 2019 **Amenities and Language Award – St Edmund’s College**  
Bursary to study Mandarin Chinese (Basic 1) at the *University of Cambridge Language Centre*.  
Value of award: £200.
- 2019 **Language Bursary – Schools of Arts and Humanities / Humanities and Social Sciences**  
Bursary to study Mandarin Chinese (Basic 1) at the *University of Cambridge Language Centre*.  
Value of award: £85.
- 2019 **Travel Grant – European Society for the History of Science**  
*European Society for the History of Science* travel grant to present a paper at the ‘1<sup>st</sup> Young Scholar Conference on “Transcultural Knowledge”’ at the *Observatoire de Paris*.  
Value of award: up to €200.
- 2019 **Conference Travel Grant – Department of History and Philosophy of Science**  
Travel grant to present a paper at the ‘14<sup>th</sup> Forum: Literature and Science History’ at the *Max Planck Institute for the History of Science*.  
Value of award: £74.17.
- 2018 **Jacob Bronowski Prize 2018 – University of Cambridge**  
Prize for the best performance in NST Part II History and Philosophy of Science, awarded by the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Cambridge.  
Value of award: £100.
- 2018 **Bateman Scholarship – Trinity Hall, Cambridge**  
Scholarship for obtaining a First Class result in my last undergraduate University Examination at Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge.  
Value of award: £350.

## CONFERENCE TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- July 2021 ‘Monuments, hermeneutics, or astronomy? China and the invention of ‘philosophical history’ (forthcoming)  
In ‘The Materiality of Knowledge Circulation between China and Europe: physical formats, epistemic genres, spatial localities (16th-18th century)’ symposium at the 26<sup>th</sup> *International Congress of History of Science and Technology*, organised by Wu Huiyi and Marta Hanson.  
25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July, **Charles University**, Prague, Czech Republic.
- June 2021 ‘Philology, astronomy, or archaeology? The interaction of different disciplines in the discovery of distant Chinese antiquity’ (forthcoming)  
*Scientiae 2021*  
9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 2021, **University of Amsterdam**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- October 2020 ‘Monuments, astronomy, or hermeneutics? China and the invention of Enlightenment world history’ (forthcoming)  
In ‘Credibility in Circulation’ (organiser) at the *History of Science Society Annual Meeting 2020*.
- September 2020 ‘Archaeology, Astronomy, or Hermeneutics? The Jesuit China mission and different ways of knowing the deep past in Europe’ (forthcoming)  
*9<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the European Society for the History of Science 2020* on ‘Visual, Material and Sensory Cultures of Science’  
31<sup>st</sup> August-3<sup>rd</sup> September, **Università degli Studi di Bologna** (online).
- July 2020 ‘Monuments, hermeneutics, or astronomy? The Jesuit China mission and the invention of “philosophical history”’  
*BSHS Global Digital History of Science Festival 2020*  
6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July (online).

- April 2020 *'Pas si candide, M. Voltaire: Voltaire's weaponisation of the Ezourvedam in the emergence of theories of human genesis, 1760-1799'*  
*British Society for Literature and Science Annual Conference 2020*  
15th-17th April (online)
- February 2020 'Archaeology, Astronomy, or Hermeneutics? Jesuits and Enlightenment History's "First Global Turn"  
*St Edmund's Annual Students Conference 2020*  
29th February 2020, **St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK.
- February 2020 'Archaeology, Astronomy, or Hermeneutics? The Jesuit China mission and its influence upon European Enlightenment History'  
*HPS Workshop*  
26th February 2020, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, **University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK.
- February 2020 'Galenising the New World'  
*British Society for the History of Science Twitter Conference on 'Global and International Histories of STEM' #BSHSGlobalHist*  
12th February 2020, **Twitter**.
- February 2020 'Archaeology, Astronomy, or Hermeneutics? The Jesuit China mission and its influence upon European Enlightenment History'  
*Early Modern History Graduate Workshop*  
10th February 2020, **Peterhouse, University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK.
- February 2020 'Retracing the associations between depictions of astrologers in sixteenth-century printed books' (poster presentation)  
*Institutions and book market during the Early Modern period: between regulation and promotion*  
6th-7th February 2020, **Universidad Pablo de Olavide**, Seville, Spain.
- September 2019 'Writers of the Lost Ark: Catholic Historiographies of Science in the Chinese Rites Controversy, c. 1640-1742'  
Panel Chair for 'Reclaiming History' session on 11th September.  
*European Society for the History of Science 1st Young Scholar Conference on "Transcultural Knowledge"*  
10th-12th September 2019, **l'Observatoire de Paris**, Paris, France.
- July 2019 *'Pas si candide, M. Voltaire: an examination of the Ezourvedam's role in shaping theories of human genesis, 1760-1799'*  
*14th Forum: Literature and Science History (Studenttag Literatur und Wissenschaftsgeschichte)*.  
5th July 2019, **Max-Planck-Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte**, Berlin, Germany.
- April 2019 'Astronomical Instruments and Books in Humanist Printed Images, 1496-1566';  
Panel Chair for 'Early-modern European Science' session on 10th April.  
*British Society for the History of Science Postgraduate Conference 2019*.  
10th-12th April 2019, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, **University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK.
- March 2019 'Provincialising the Enlightenment: Voltaire's *philosophie* and its impact on scientific racism'  
*Cambridge Minorities and Philosophy Annual Conference 2019 on 'Philosophy for Liberation'*.  
13th March 2019, **University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK.

**RELEVANT COURSES**

2018 – 2020	<b>Latin Therapy</b>	<i>HPS, University of Cambridge</i>
Jun-Jul 2020	<b>German (Intermediate 1)</b>	<i>University of Cambridge Language Centre</i>
Apr-Jun 2020	<b>Mandarin Chinese (Basic 2)</b>	<i>University of Cambridge Language Centre</i>
Apr-Jun 2020	<b>German (Intermediate) for Academic Purposes</b>	<i>University of Cambridge Language Centre</i>
2019-2020	<b>Mandarin Chinese (Basic 1)</b>	<i>University of Cambridge Language Centre</i>
2019-2020	<b>German (Basic 1)</b>	<i>University of Cambridge Language Centre</i>

2019-2020	<b>Latin for Non-Classics</b>	<i>Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge</i>
Jan 2020	<b>Intensive Renaissance Latin (Intermediate)</b>	<i>The Warburg Institute</i>
Oct-Dec 2019	<b>Manchu Therapy Reading Group</b>	<i>HPS, University of Cambridge</i>
Sep 2018	<b>Renaissance Latin Course (Basic)</b>	<i>The Warburg Institute</i>

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 – present	Co-convenor of ‘Critical Perspectives on the Sciences’ reading group with Rory D. Kent. <b>Department of History and Philosophy of Science</b> , Cambridge, United Kingdom.
October 2019	‘How to survive MPhil/Part III’, co-presented with Elizabeth Seger. <b>Department of History and Philosophy of Science</b> , Cambridge, United Kingdom.
February 2019	Led discussion on Ludwik Fleck’s sociology in ‘Early Sociologies of Science’ seminar. <i>Ideologies of Science</i> seminar series organised by Nick Jardine. <b>Department of History and Philosophy of Science</b> , Cambridge, United Kingdom.
October 2018	‘How to survive Part II’, co-presented with Rory Kent. <b>Department of History and Philosophy of Science</b> , Cambridge, United Kingdom.

### FURTHER EXPERIENCE

2017 – 2018	<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Trinity Hall JCR</i>
2017 – 2018	<b>Comment Editor</b>	<i>The Cambridge Student</i>
2016 – 2017	<b>Secretary</b>	<i>Cambridge University Italian Society</i>
2016	<b>Tutor</b>	<i>Freelance</i>

### ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2020 – present	Contributor to <i>The Jesuit Online Bibliography</i> .
2020 – present	Member of the <i>History of Science Society</i> .
2020 – present	Member of the <i>History of Science in Asia: Decolonizing the History of Science</i> working group at the <i>Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine</i> .
2019 – present	Member of the <i>British Society for the History of Science</i> .
2019 – present	Member of the <i>British Society for Literature and Science</i> .
2019 – 2020	Member of the <i>Society for the Social History of Medicine</i> .

### ADDITIONAL SKILLS

<b>Languages</b>	English (native speaker), Italian (native speaker), French (proficient in speaking and reading), Spanish (proficient in speaking and reading), Portuguese (proficient in reading, basic speaking), German (intermediate speaking and reading), Latin (intermediate reading), Mandarin Chinese (basic speaking and reading), Manchu (basic reading).
<b>Computing</b>	Microsoft Office (competent), Matlab (basic).
<b>Sport</b>	Wing Chun Kung Fu (Grade 11), Running.
<b>Music</b>	ABRSM Jazz Piano Grade 5 (passed with Distinction).
<b>Driving</b>	Full clean UK driving license, passed 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2018.

References available on request.