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Professional Profile

Researcher and editorial professional with experience in academic publishing, confidential peer review, customer-facing operations, and independent project delivery; produces rigorous evidence syntheses, accurate publication materials, and clear written outputs within deadline-led workflows.

Research Interests

History and philosophy of science; scientific progress and the aims of science; epistemology of evidence; values and trust in science; scientific pluralism; scientific realism; practice-based philosophy of science; philosophy of medicine; social epistemology; zetetic normativity; science and technology studies; metaphilosophy

Education

- 2025–present **PhD in Philosophy**, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Supervisor: Jacob Stegenga; CGPA: 4.90/5.00.
- 2024 **MA in Philosophy of Science**, University of Exeter
Merit (69%). Supervisor: Celso Neto. Dissertation: “Hasok Chang’s Active Normative Epistemic Pluralism and Non-Arbitrary Epistemic Legitimacy.”
- 2022 **BA (Hons) in Philosophy**, Jadavpur University
First Class with Honours (76.8%).

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Seal, Anish. 2026. “Reading Chang’s pluralism: constraints, question-begging, and interpreting epistemic values.” *Synthese* 207: article 43. [doi:10.1007/s11229-025-05418-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-025-05418-4)
- Seal, Anish. 2024. “The problem of differential importability and scientific modeling.” *Philosophies* 9(6): 164. [doi:10.3390/philosophies9060164](https://doi.org/10.3390/philosophies9060164)

Conference Presentations

- 23 Jul 2026 “Reliability-Preserving Pivots and Epistemically Justified Pivot Penalties.” *Lightning presentation and poster*, Asian Philosophy of Science Association Conference (APSA26), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
- 9 Jul 2026 “Confidentiality, Assertion, and Finite Inquiry.” *Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference (AAP 2026)*, University of Waikato, Hamilton, Aotearoa New Zealand.

Awards and Funding

- 2026 Postgraduate Travel Subsidy (A\$300), Australasian Association of Philosophy.
- 2025–present NTU Research Scholarship (full doctoral funding), Nanyang Technological University.
- 2025 F.R.S.–FNRS Aspirant Fellowship (declined), UCLouvain.
- 2025 Fully funded PhD offer (declined), University of Utah.
- 2025 Fully funded PhD offer (declined), University of South Carolina.
- 2023–2024 HASS Academic Excellence Scholarship (£3,000), University of Exeter.

Professional Experience

- Jul 2025–present **PhD Researcher in Philosophy**, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (full-time).
Plans and delivers independent research projects; synthesises technical literature; prepares peer-reviewed publications, conference presentations, and accessible written outputs; manages concurrent deadlines and cross-institutional collaboration.
- Feb–Apr 2025 **Editorial Assistant [Research Editorial]**, Academic Division, Oxford University Press India (full-time; hybrid).
Supported research-title editorial workflows, document handling, corrections, content updates, metadata and record accuracy, and digital publishing; maintained version control and tracked publication materials across production stages using BiblioSuite, SAP S/4HANA, VitalSource Bookshelf, document-management systems, online databases, and Google Sheets.

Oct 2023–Apr 2024 **Customer Service Assistant [Residence Operations]**, University of Exeter (part-time; on-site).

Provided front-line customer service, bookkeeping, record-keeping, and logistical support in catered halls of residence; handled routine enquiries and coordinated operational tasks.

Professional Development

Mar–Apr 2025 **Participant, Pathways 2025 (Navigator Path)**, Oxford University Press.

Completed structured career-development, application, and interview preparation through workshops, mentoring, and self-directed learning focused on identifying strengths, addressing skill gaps, and planning a targeted transition.

Mar–Apr 2025 **Mentee, ALPSP Mentorship Scheme 2025**, Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers.

Participated in cross-industry mentoring focused on publishing careers, professional communication, network development, and applied career planning.

Academic Service

2026–present **Peer Reviewer**, Synthese; appointed to review two manuscripts. Experience gained includes confidential manuscript assessment, evaluation of argument quality, evidence, originality, relevance, and publication suitability, identification of substantive and presentational weaknesses, and preparation of constructive reports for editorial decision-making.

Professional Training and Certifications

Nov 2025 **Fundamentals of Data Analysis**, Google (Coursera); completed through the Google Data Analytics curriculum.

Nov 2025 **Get Started with Python**, Google (Coursera); Credential ID SM5IM5LHFR4R.

Apr 2025 **Global Financial Markets and Instruments**, Rice University (Coursera); grade 73%; Credential ID VFURY9CTW0XJ.

Mar 2025 **Corporate Finance Foundations Professional Certificate**, Corporate Finance Institute (CFI).

Mar 2025 **LinkedIn Learning finance and analytics coursework**: Accounting Foundations; Business Finance: Introduction to Financial Modeling; Corporate Finance Foundations; Corporate Finance: Environmental, Social, and Governance; Excel for Corporate Finance Professionals; Excel for Financial Planning and Analysis; Financial Forecasting with Analytics; Financial Modeling and Forecasting Financial Statements; Running a Profitable Business: Understanding Financial Ratios; SQL for Finance Professionals.

Oct 2024 **M&C Saatchi Open House**, M&C Saatchi Group; training in data and insight, brand development, advertising, and media and public relations.

Core Skills

Publishing and editorial: BiblioSuite; SAP S/4HANA; VitalSource Bookshelf; digital publishing; metadata and bibliographic record management; corrections and content updates; document handling; version control; online databases; editorial quality assurance; Google Sheets.

Data and business: Python; Pandas; NumPy; SQL; Microsoft Excel; Google Sheets; data and workflow management; financial analysis, modeling, forecasting, and P&L modeling; accounting and corporate-finance foundations.

Research and communication: evidence synthesis; analytical and editorial writing; peer review; presentations; project organisation; stakeholder and customer service; problem solving; attention to detail.

Languages

English (full professional proficiency); Bengali (spoken, reading, and comprehension proficiency).

Professional Memberships

2025–present Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)

2026–present Asian Philosophy of Science Association (APSA)

2026–present Australasian Association of Philosophy (AAP)

Referees

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