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Current Position

Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts 人文社会科学荣誉学会
Southern University of Science and Technology 南方科技大学

📅 Dec 2022 - Dec 2024 📍 Shenzhen, China

🔗 THE World University Rankings (2023) = 166th

- Junior Fellow and Lecturer: RMB 400,000 (before tax) per annum
- Living allowance 深圳市新引進博士人才生活補貼: RMB 100,000 (once)

Publications

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

- Oda, Takaharu (2022b). 'Buddhist Ethics: A Pragmatist Account'. *Contemporary Pragmatism* 19 (3), pp. 293–309. DOI: 10.1163/18758185-bja10048. **Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI)**.
- – (2020). 'Zen Buddhist and Christian Views of Causality: A Comparative Analysis'. *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review* 11 (2), pp. 133–160. DOI: 10.5840/asrr20219972.
- Oda, Takaharu and Alessio Bucci (2020). 'Izutsu's Zen Metaphysics of I-Consciousness vis-à-vis Cartesian Cogito'. *Comparative Philosophy* 11 (2), pp. 90–112. DOI: 10.31979/2151-6014(2020).110207. **Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI)**.
- Oda, Takaharu (2018). 'Berkeley on Voluntary Motion: A Conservationist Account'. *Ruch Filozoficzny* 74 (4), pp. 71–98. DOI: 10.12775/RF.2018.039.

Co-Edited Book

- Pearce, Kenneth L. and Takaharu Oda, eds. (2020a). *Irish Philosophy in the Age of Berkeley*. *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplements*. Vol. 88. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 9781108970822.

Articles in Collections

- Oda, Takaharu (forthcoming). 'A Possibility of Japanese Poetics/Aesthetics in Izutsu: Beyond Realism and Nominalism'. In: *A Companion to Toshihiko Izutsu*. Ed. by Junichi Ono et al.
- – (2021a). 'Semiotics against Transubstantiation: Peirce's Reception of Berkeley'. In: *Sign, Method, and the Sacred: New Direction in Semiotic Methodologies for the Study of Religion*. Ed. by Jason C. Van Boom and Thomas-Andreas Pöder. Berlin: De Gruyter, pp. 147–170. DOI: 10.1515/9783110694925-010.
- – (2021b). '井筒の無色の禅美学とバークリの認識論—『侘び』のイメージ—[Izutsu's Colourless Zen Aesthetics and Berkeley's Epistemology: Image of 'Wabi']'. In: 『理想』特集井筒俊彦 [Risō: Special Issue on Toshihiko Izutsu]. Vol. 706. Matsudo, Japan: 理想社 [Risōsha], pp. 62–77.
- Pearce, Kenneth L. and Takaharu Oda (2020b). 'Preface'. In: *Irish Philosophy in the Age of Berkeley*. *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplements*. Ed. by Pearce and Oda. Vol. 88. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 1–6. DOI: 10.1017/S1358246120000181.

Areas of Specialisation

- Early Modern Philosophy (esp. Berkeley)
- Buddhist Philosophy

Areas of Competence

- Logic
- Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy of Religion
- Comparative Philosophy

Degrees

Ph.D. in Philosophy (Provost's Scholar)
Trinity College, University of Dublin

📅 Sep 2018 - Nov 2022 📍 Dublin, Ireland

🔗 QS World University Rankings (2023) = 98th

- **Thesis:** A Pragmatic Bishop: Berkeley's Theory of Causation in *De motu*
- **Supervisors:** Kenneth L. Pearce (Berkeley Studies) & Alison Fernandes (Causation)
- **Examiners:** Lisa Downing (external, Ohio) & Jim Levine (internal, TCD)
- **Viva voce** (virtual, 11 Aug 2022): thesis defended without corrections, i.e. 'as it stands'

M.A. (Research Master) in Philosophy
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

📅 Sep 2015 - Aug 2017 📍 Groningen, NL

- **Dissertation:** *Berkeley's view of voluntary physical motion* (supervisor: Dr Han Thomas Adriaenssen) | Overall grade: 7.5/10.0

M.Sc. in Philosophy
University of Edinburgh

📅 Sep 2012 - Aug 2013 📍 Edinburgh, Scotland

- **Dissertation:** *Was Descartes an occasionalist in his laws of motion?* (supervisor: Prof Michela Massimi)

B.A. in Philosophy

Keio University 慶應義塾大学

📅 Apr 2007 - Mar 2011 📍 Tokyo, Japan

Book Reviews

- Oda, Takaharu (2022c). 'George Berkeley: A Philosophical Life by Tom Jones (Princeton University Press, 2021)'. *Eighteenth-Century Ireland* 37 (1), pp. 202–205. DOI: 10.3828/eci.2022.11.
- – (2019a). 'What is Pragmatism in the Postnarrativist Philosophy of Historiography? Review of *Postnarrativist Philosophy of Historiography* by Jouni-Matti Kuukkanen (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015)'. *Acta Baltica Historiae et Philosophiae Scientiarum* 7 (1), pp. 152–158. DOI: 10.11590/abhps.2019.1.12.
- – (2019b). '書評：山川仁『孤独なバークリー--非物質論と常識』 [Review of *Lonely Berkeley: Immaterialism and Common Sense* by Hitoshi Yamakawa (Kyoto: Nakanishiya, 2018)]'. 京都大学紀要『人環フォーラム』 *Human and Environmental Forum* 37, p. 29.
- – (2017). 'The Uncertainty of the Global Earth in the History of Progress. Review of *The Invention of Science: A New History of the Scientific Revolution* by David Wootton (London: Penguin Books, 2016)'. *Societate și Politică* 11 (2), pp. 187–189.

Translation

- Stoneham, T.W.C. and trans. Takaharu Oda (2017). '不合理について：バークリー『アルシフロン』における登場人物ライシクレス [On being unreasonable: the character of Lysicles in Berkeley's *Alciphron*]'. 京都大学『人間存在論』 *Menschenontologie* [Kyoto University Bulletin, special issue from the 2016 UK-Japan conference] 23, pp. 1–18.

Artwork

- Oda, Takaharu and Vassilis Galanos (2021). 'Dialogues concerning Dreams and Demonstration: Lessons from Jainism'. *oxford public philosophy* 2. URL: <https://www.oxfordpublicphilosophy.com/south-asian/jaina-perspectives>.

Proceedings

- Oda, Takaharu (2022a). 'A Monist Gorge between Izutsu and Ohmori: George Berkeley's Trialism'. In: *Proceedings of the International Conference on Reframing the Oriental Philosophy of Toshihiko Izutsu*, pp. 75–96.

Works in Progress

- Oda, Takaharu (in progress[a]). 'Berkeley's Arguable Concurrentism'.
- – (in progress[b]). 'Irish Freemasonry in the Age of Berkeley'.
- Oda, Takaharu and Jieyou Zheng (in progress). 'The Buddhist Seng Zhao's Roots in Daoism: *Ex Contradictione Nihil*'.

Invited Presentations

1. 'Berkeley's Concurrentist View of Causation', the International Berkeley Society session in the American Philosophical Association (APA) 150th Eastern Division Meeting at Sheraton Hotel, NYC, Jan 2019


Invited Commentaries

1. Comments as Respondent: 'Socratic Self-Knowledge and the Concept of the Human Self' by Prof Ursula Renz (Klagenfurt), guest seminar of University College Dublin, Oct 2019
2. Comments: 'On Being Unreasonable: The Character of Lysicles in *Alciphron*' by Prof Tom Stoneham (York), UK-Japan conference *Reason, Difference, and Tolerance in Early Modern Europe*, Kyoto University, Aug 2016

Grants and Awards

Conference Grant

Mind Association, UK

 Jun 2023

 Trinity College, Dublin

- GBP 600 for a workshop that I organised: *Roots and Anticipations of Pragmatism: The Late Middle Ages and Early Modernity*

High Level Scientific Grant

Embassy of France in Ireland & French Gov.

 Aug - Sep 2020

 Université Paris Nanterre

- Bourse de séjour scientifique de haut niveau France-Irlande
- €2,192: one-month archival research (e.g. l'Académie des sciences archives in Paris), also hosted by Dr Luc Peterschmitt (Lille)

PhD Bursary

Eighteenth-Century Irish Society

 Jun 2019

 Queen's University Belfast

Provost's PhD Award (w/book project)

Trinity College, Dublin

 Sep 2018

 Dublin, Ireland

- €16,000 to 17,316 per annum for 4 years (int'l tuition fee, €10,400 to 11,364, waiver)

Dora Plus PhD Scholarship

Archimedes Foundation

 Sep 2017

 University of Tartu, Estonia

- €660/mo for one year with travel funds
- Supervisor: Dr Roomet Jakapi

Scholarship Scheme

British Council Japan Association

 Aug 2017

 Tokyo, Japan

- JPY 150,000 (approx. GBP 1,000)

Graduate Student Essay Prize

Scottish Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy 7

 Feb 2016; essay presented, May 2016

 University of St Andrews

- GBP 200 from the British Society for the History of Philosophy

Refereed Presentations

1. 'Berkeley's Pragmatist Theory of Causation in *De motu*', East European Network for Philosophy of Science, via Zoom (University of Belgrade, Serbia), Jun 2021; International Berkeley Society Conference, Aix-Marseille Université, France (in person), Oct 2022.
2. 'Peirce's Reception of Berkeley's Theory of Causation: Contemporary Perspectives on Pragmatism', Postgraduate Seminar at the Irish Philosophical Society, via Zoom, March 2022
3. 'The Buddhist Seng Zhao's Roots in Daoism: *Ex Contradictione Nihil*', International Society of East Asian Philosophy, via Zoom (Meiji University, Tokyo), Dec 2021, etc.
4. 'Izutsu's Zen Aesthetics: Loneliness, Poverty, Simplicity in *Wabi*' in Japanese, the Izutsu Workshop in European Network of Japanese Philosophy, 5th conference, Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan, Aug 2019
5. 'The Eucharistic Semiotics: Peirce's Pragmatist Root in Berkeley's Quasi-Reference', European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) Conference, Tartu Ülikool, Estonia, Jun 2019
6. 'Irish Freemasonry in the Age of Berkeley', Eighteenth-Century Irish Society, funded by ECIS PhD bursary, Queen's University Belfast, Jun 2019
7. 'Berkeley's View of Voluntary Physical Motion', commented by Dr Jennifer Keefe, Berkeley Workshop by Prof Margaret Atherton, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Oct 2018
8. 'Cartesian and Zen I-consciousness', Wutai International Institute of Buddhism and East Asian Cultures Summer Programme at Mt Wutai, Shanxi, China, Jul 2018, etc.
9. 'Immaterialist Metaphysics of Causality in Berkeley's *De motu*', Primer Coloquio Internacional Berkeley by Dr Alberto López, UNAM (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), Mexico City, May 2018
10. 'Berkeley's Metaphysics of Causality in *De motu*', International Berkeley Society Conference *Berkeley's Philosophy after the Principles and the Three Dialogues*, Uniwersytet Mikolaja Kopernika, Toruń, Poland, Oct 2017
11. 'Zen Buddhist Quasi-occasionalism and Quasi-concurrentism', International Society for the Study of Occasionalism, sponsored by Kalam Research & Media, John Templeton Foundation, and Boğaziçi Uni. (USD 800 reimbursed), Istanbul, Turkey, Jun 2015

Teaching Experience

📅 2018 - to date (approx. 5 years)

Sole Instructor

Southern University of Science and Technology (SUSTech)
Trinity College, Dublin (TCD, online teaching included)
CUSSA (國際學分課程, <https://www.cusssa.org/>)

SUSTech (Center for Social Sciences)

SSxxx **Comparative Philosophy** Autumn 2023
SS149 **Early Modern Western Philosophy (17th-18th Centuries)** Spring 2023

TCD Junior Fresh/1st-year modules in philosophy

PIU11032/11034 **History of Western Philosophy** (18th-century causation, Berkeley - Hume - Shepherd, TCD JF 150+ students) Hilary 2021

PIU44000 **Philosophy Dissertation** (Supervision of TCD Senior Sophister/4th-year's diss. on Buddhist ethics and Hume) 2020/21

PIU11011 **Buddhist Philosophy** (by my comparative method; a component in TCD JF Topics) Michaelmas 2020

PIU11014 **Asian Philosophy** (a component in TCD JF Topics) Hilary 2020

CUSSA (25 classes for Chinese students)

PHIL1110 **Introduction to Philosophy** (online course) Autumn 2022

PHIL101 **Introduction to Philosophy** (online course) Winter 2021

REL3280 **Buddhism** (online course) Winter 2021

REL028 **Buddhism** (online course) Summers 2020, 2021

PHIL035 **Asian Philosophy** (online course) Summers 2020, 2021

PHIL011 **Introduction to Philosophy** (online course) Winter 2018

FLFI.01.108 **Berkeley-Peirce Seminar** (w/Dr Jakapi, Estonia) Spring 2018

Senior Teaching Assistant

TCD Tutorials (Michaelmas/Hilary Terms)

JF/1st-year **Central Problems in Philosophy/History of Philosophy IA/IB:**

Academic Service

👤 (Co-)Organiser

- Dublin Postgrad Work-in-Progress Seminars (2 years) Sep 2019 - Apr 2021
—Sponsored by Departments of Philosophy of University College Dublin, Maynooth University, Trinity College, Dublin
- 'Irish Philosophy in the Age of Berkeley' (IPAB) Conference Apr 2019
—Sponsored by (1) Royal Institute of Philosophy, (2) Mind Association, (3) TCD Department of Philosophy Fund, (4) TCD Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Fund (Provost's PhD Project w/PI Dr Pearce)
- Groningen 'British Idealism' (Berkeley to T. Sprigge) Reading Group 2017

🏛️ Assistant

- Trinity Inclusive Curriculum Project (Trinity-INC): Summer Student Partner Programme Jun - Aug 2021
- 'Molyneux's Problem' Workshop on Zoom (TCD, sponsored by the Mind Association) Apr 2021
- Prof David Albert (Columbia)'s Lecture Series at TCD (philosophy of time, organised by Dr Alison Fernandes) Sep 2019
- 'Early Modern Women on Metaphysics, Religions, and Science' Conference (organised by Dr Emily Thomas) Mar 2016
- Groningen Philosophy Winter School (theme: agency, organised by Dr Andrea Sangiacomo) Jan 2016

PIU11022 Metaphysics (Prof John Divers)	Hilary 2022
PIU11022 Philosophy of Mind (Dr Adrian Downey)	Hilary 2022
PIU11032 17th-Century Philosophy (Dr Kenny Pearce)	Hilary 2022
PIU11032 18th-Century Philosophy (Dr Kenny Pearce)	Hilary 2022
PIU11021 Philosophy of Religion (Prof Paul O'Grady)	Michaelmas 2021
PIU11021 Moral Philosophy (Dr Rachel Handley)	Michaelmas 2021
PIU11031 Ancient Philosophy (Prof Vasilis Politis)	Michaelmas 2021
PIU11031 Medieval Philosophy (Mr Michael O'Gorman)	Michaelmas 2021

JF single-honours modules **Topics in Philosophy IA/IIA/IB/IIB:**

PIU11012 Love (Plato) (Prof Vasilis Politis)	Hilary 2021
PIU11012 Ethics (Well-Being) (Dr Rachel Handley)	Hilary 2021
PIU11014 Mind (Consciousness) (Dr Ben White)	Hilary 2021
PIU11014 Environmental Philosophy (Ms Sam Fazekas)	Hilary 2021
PIU11011 Moral Thinking (Dr Rachel Handley)	Michaelmas 2020
PIU11011 Buddhist Philosophy (myself)	Michaelmas 2020
PIU11013 Moral Decision-Making (Dr Brian Carey)	Michaelmas 2020
PIU11013 Citizenship and Democracy (Dr Brian Carey)	Michaelmas 2020

PIU11012 Intentionality (Prof Jim Levine)	Hilary 2020
PIU11012 Death (Prof Lilian Alweiss)	Hilary 2020
PIU11014 Ethics (Well-Being) (Dr Lizzy Ventham)	Hilary 2020
PIU11014 Asian Philosophy (myself)	Hilary 2020
PIU11011 Citizenship and Democracy (Dr Brian Carey)	Michaelmas 2019
PIU11011 God and Freedom (Dr Kenny Pearce)	Michaelmas 2019
PIU11013 Mind (Consciousness) (Dr Ben White)	Michaelmas 2019
PIU11013 Moral Decision-Making (Dr Brian Carey)	Michaelmas 2019

PI1131 Epistemology (Dr Keith Begley)	Hilary 2019
PI1131 Ethics (Moral Decision-Making) (Dr Brian Carey)	Hilary 2019
PI1141 Metaphysics (Essence) (Prof Vasilis Politis)	Hilary 2019
PI1141 Asian Philosophy (Nāgārjuna) (Prof Paul O'Grady)	Hilary 2019
PI1130 Citizenship and Democracy (Dr Brian Carey)	Michaelmas 2018
PI1130 Religion (God and Freedom) (Dr Kenny Pearce)	Michaelmas 2018
PI1140 Ethics (Well-Being) (Dr Lizzy Ventham)	Michaelmas 2018
PI1140 Paradox of Toleration (Prof Lilian Alweiss)	Michaelmas 2018

Professional Affiliations

1. [Future Humanities](#) (a member of the Early Career Researcher Board)
2. British Society for the History of Philosophy
3. International Berkeley Society
4. HOPOS: Int'l Society for the History of Philosophy of Science
5. Eighteenth-Century Ireland Society
6. Int'l Society for Comparative Philosophy toward World Philosophy
7. Japanese Society for British Philosophy (日本イギリス哲学学会)

References

Kenneth L. Pearce, Professor of Philosophy, James Madison University ✉ pearcekl@jmu.edu

Alison Fernandes, Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Trinity College, Dublin ✉ alison.fernandes@tcd.ie

Lisa Downing, Professor of Philosophy, Ohio State University ✉ downing.110@osu.edu

Roomet Jakapi, Associate Professor of History of Philosophy, Tartu Ülikool, Estonia ✉ roomet.jakapi@ut.ee

Michela Massimi, Professor of Philosophy of Science, University of Edinburgh ✉ michela.massimi@ed.ac.uk

Noburu Notomi, Professor of Philosophy, University of Tokyo, Japan ✉ notomi@l.u-tokyo.ac.jp

Languages

English (IELTS 7.5, 2015) ●●●●●●

Japanese (mother tongue) ●●●●●●

French (Frantastique B2, 2021) ●●●●●●

Chinese (HSK Level 3, 2022) ●●●●●●

Latin (w/paleography training) ●●●●●●

Ancient Greek (3-year training) ●●●●●●

German (3-year training in BA) ●●●●●●

Hebrew (primarily Biblical) ●●●●●●

Citizenship

Japanese

Certificates of Completion

- *Traditional Chinese Philosophy: Human Nature and Virtue*, Beijing Normal University (BNU) Philosophy Summer School, mark: 92/100, Jul 2021
- *Modern European Mysticism and Psychological Thought*, MOOC Coursera, Prof Jonathan Garb, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with distinction, Mar 2014

Non-Academic Employments

- Chabad Tokyo Japan (interpreter for the Jewish organisation) 2010-15
- RyugakuSite.com (RCA, certified study-abroad advisor, Chiba, Japan) 2014
- SI-UK Education Council (Ambassador Scheme, London) 2012



eaching portfolio, Beamer (PDF) slides, writing samples, transcripts, and further documentation are available on request.

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