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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Kant; Philosophy of Mind (especially Consciousness and Self-Consciousness)

## EDUCATION

**Dr. phil. in Philosophy**, September 2012 – December 2017, University of Heidelberg  
Dissertation: *Bewusstsein und Selbstbewusstsein bei Kant*. (Summa Cum Laude). Committee: Anton Friedrich Koch (Chair), Peter McLaughlin

**Visiting Graduate Student**, August 2015 – April 2016, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, also attended courses at the University of Pittsburgh

**M. A. in Philosophy**, April 2006 – September 2012, University of Heidelberg

**B. A. Courses in Philosophy**, September 2003 – September 2005, Nanjing University

## APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor: Beijing Normal University, School of Philosophy, May 2018 – July 2023

Associate Professor: Beijing Normal University, School of Philosophy, July 2023

## PUBLICATIONS

### ***Books***

Liang, Y. (2021). *Bewusstsein und Selbstbewusstsein bei Kant: Eine neue Rekonstruktion*. Kantstudien-Ergänzungshefte 215, Berlin: De Gruyter, 306 pages.

### ***Peer-Reviewed Articles in English***

Liang, Y. (2024). Kant on Pure Apperception and Indeterminate Empirical Inner Intuition. *Ergo* 11 (41): 1119–1150. [JCR A&HCI Q1; #12 in “Best General Journals of Philosophy” of *Leiter Reports* 2022].

Liang, Y. (2020). Kant on Inner Sensations and the Parity between Inner and Outer Sense. *Ergo* 7 (10): 307–338. [JCR A&HCI Q1; #12 in “Best General Journals of Philosophy” of *Leiter Reports* 2022].

Liang, Y. (2017). Kant on Consciousness, Obscure Representations and Cognitive Availability. *Philosophical Forum* 48 (4): 345–368. [JCR A&HCI Q2]

### **Reviews in English**

Liang, Y. (2023). Katharina Kraus, *Kant on Self-Knowledge and Self-Formation: The Nature of Inner Experience*. *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 105 (2):352-357. [JCR A&HCI Q1]

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited International Presentations**

2026: TBD. Workshop in Honor of Eric Watkins’s Visit, NYU Shanghai, October.

2026: “Revisiting Kant’s Second Analogy.” Kick-Off Workshop in Philosophy, Beijing Normal University—University of Tübingen, University of Tübingen, May.

2025: “Indeterminate Empirical Inner Intuition and the Structure of Apperception in Kant.” Workshop: Kant on Inner Sense, Self-Consciousness, and Self-Affection, Humboldt University of Berlin, December.

2025: “Revisiting Kant’s Second Analogy.” Conference: Kant in the East Asian Pacific Region, Tsinghua University, November.

### **Invited Domestic Presentations**

2026: TBD. Nankai University, September.

2025: “A New Reconstruction of Kant’s Argument for the Principle of Causality.” Nanjing University, November.

2024: “Philosophical Thinking.” China Foreign Affairs University, December.

2024: “Rethinking Kant’s Argument for the Principle of Causality.” Sichuan University, September.

2024: “Indeterminate Empirical Inner Intuition in Kant.” Shanxi University, May.

2024: “Kant’s Transcendental Deduction.” Shanxi University, May.

2023: “Introduction to Philosophy.” School of Continuing Education and Teacher Training, Beijing Normal University, July.

2022: “A New Reading of Kant’s Account of Inner Sense.” Nanjing University, March.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***Assistant Professor, Beijing Normal University***

- History of Western Philosophy: German Idealism
- Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*
- Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind

***Associate Professor, Beijing Normal University***

- Writing Philosophical Papers
- Introduction to Analytic Philosophy

**HONORS/AWARDS**

National Award for Outstanding Self-Financed Students Abroad, 2016

Full Scholarship from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation for Doctoral Students, 2013 – 2017

Full Scholarship from the Friedrich Ebert Foundation for Master's Level Students, 2009 – 2012

**COMPETITIVE GRANTS**

1. 2024 – National Social Sciences Grant (CNY 200,000)
2. 2023 – 2025 Beijing Normal University Outstanding Young Innovative Team Project (CNY 1,000,000; team of 9)
3. 2022 – 2026 Beijing Social Sciences Grant (CNY 80,000)
4. 2019 – 2021 China Postdoctoral Research Grant (CNY 50,000)

**REFeree WORK**

*Philosophical Forum* (x2), *Ergo* (x1, declined), *Idealistic Studies* (x1), *Kantian Review* (x2)

*Philosophical Research* (Chinese Journal, multiple times), *Philosophical Trends* (Chinese Journal, multiple times), *Chinese Philosophical Review* (Chinese Journal, multiple times)

National-level social science research grants

**SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Advisor, Foreign Faculty Search Committee, School of Philosophy, BNU, 2019, 2020.

Undergraduate Supervisor, 2018 –

Graduate Supervisor, 2020 –

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member of the Editorial Board, *Chinese Philosophical Review* (Chinese Journal), 2020 – [CPR is mainland China’s first—and probably only—strictly triple-blind, peer-reviewed philosophy journal.]

Associate Editor, *Journal of Contemporary Chinese Philosophy* (International Journal), Brill/De Gruyter, 2023 –

Board Member, Chinese Society for German Philosophy, 2022-

## **LANGUAGES**

Chinese: native speaker

German: fluent

English: proficient

Ancient Greek: intermediate