

# BOYONG ZHOU

## EDUCATION:

**The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), MSc in Philosophy and Public Policy**

From 2026.09

**University of St Andrews, MA(Hons) in Philosophy**

2022.09-2026.06

Current GPA: 16.6/20 (First Class Honor); Expected Degree Classification: First Class Honor

## RESEARCH INTEREST:

Contemporary Moral, Political, and Legal Philosophy, especially the ethics of defensive harm, and just war theory.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATION:

Boyong, Z. (2026) "Conventions, Disagreements, and (Hart's) Inclusive Legal Positivism", *St Andrews Law Journal*, volume 6, issue 1 (forthcoming)

2026

You can access the paper [here](#).

## ACADEMIC AWARDS:

Durham University Inspiring Excellence Scholarship (PGT) £5,000

2026.02

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES:

### **Academic Seminar Group Leader**

2025.03

- Led a one-hour seminar for Module PY4659 "Why Does The World Exist?" independently creating handouts that analyze Roger White's "Fine-tuning and Multiple Universes" and introducing the Anthropic Principle Argument on the universe's existence.

### **Sun Yat-Sen, Zhejiang, Peking University Conjoint Philosophy Summer School**

2024.07

- "Outstanding Plan 2.0" Certificate Program

### **Teaching Assistant | Harrow International School Shenzhen**

2024.05

- 2024.06

- Served as teaching assistant for Leadership & Services Activities (LSA) Course: *Philosophy For Children*; Designed teaching materials independently to enhance students' critical thinking skills.

### **Research Project: "Aesthetic and Philosophical Inquiry: From the Philosophy of Art to the Philosophy of Culture"**

2023.06

- 2023.08

- Completed summer academic research under the supervision of Professor Liam Francis Gearon from the University of Oxford, earning distinction in coursework "Evaluating Kant's Distinction between Actions Conforming to Duty and Actions out of Duty."

### **Academic Undergraduate Journal**

2022.09 -

2022.12

- Served as Journal Editor, independently compiling and reviewing undergraduate papers submitted for publication to the *Aporia Journal*, contributing to academic publication standards and peer review processes (past publications available at: <https://ojs.st-andrews.ac.uk/index.php/aporia/>).

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES:

**Research Assistant | China Development Institute**

2025.06

- 2025.07

- Worked as a research assistant in the Department of Financial Development, State-owned Assets, and SOE Research, contributing to several data analysis projects.
- Authored comprehensive data reports independently, including: (i) “2024 Newly Registered Market Entities in China’s Prefecture-level Cities and Direct-administered Municipalities,” (ii) “2024 China City Trademark Metrics: New Registrations & Active Portfolios,” and (iii) “China’s City Deposits 2021-2024: RMB & Forex Liquidity Landscape.”

**Volunteer Wutong Community, Haishan Subdistrict Office**

2025.07

- Served as a social volunteer in Party-Mass Work, contributing to community welfare and public service initiatives; Focused on maintaining community stability by handling public complaints and supervising work safety, while organizing and coordinating community charity flea markets.

**LANGUAGES:**

Mandarin Chinese (native), English (advanced)

**REFERENCES:**

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