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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Area of Specialisation: Philosophy of Mind and Action, Metaphysics  
Area of Competence: Philosophy of (Embodied) Cognitive Science, Metaethics  
Aspirational Area: Philosophical Anthropology

## EMPLOYMENT

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2019-2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, King's College London, United Kingdom  
2013-2015 Student Assistant, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

## EDUCATION

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2018-present PhD Philosophy, King's College London, United Kingdom  
– Thesis: *Humans as Embodied Animals and Their Power to Act: The Metaphysical Groundwork for a New Theory of Action* [submitted]  
– Supervisors: Maria Alvarez (primary), James Stazicker

2016-2018 Cand.Mag. [=MA] Theoretical Philosophy, University of Copenhagen, Denmark  
– Thesis: *The Mystery of Extensive Mind: A Critical Study of Radical Enactivism with Focus on Its Answer to the Constitution Hypothesis in Embodied Cognitive Science* (Supervisor: Søren Overgaard)  
– Programme with Concentration on Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind; Minor (1/3 Coursework) in Cognitive Science and Anthropology

2013-2016 MA(Res) Practical Philosophy, University of Groningen, The Netherlands  
– Thesis: *In Defence of the Reflective Model of Agential Activity* (Supervisors: Pauline Kleingeld, Bart Streumer)

2007-2013 BA Philosophy, MA Ethics, Jilin University, Mainland China  
2012 Visiting Student (half year), National Sun Yat-Sen University, Taiwan  
2008-2009 Visiting Student (one year), Shandong University, Mainland China

## LANGUAGES

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Chinese (mother tongue), English

## AWARDS & GRANTS

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- 2023 Chinese Student Award (GBP 2000), the Great Britain–China Educational Trust
- 2022 Faculty of Arts and Humanities Group Event Grant (GBP 2912, Co-applicant), King’s College London, for organising the workshop ‘Non-Human Agency and the Standard Story of Action’
- 2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award – Winner, Department of Philosophy, King’s College London
- 2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award – Honourable Mention, Department of Philosophy, King’s College London
- 2018–2022 King’s College London-China Scholarship Council Joint Doctoral Scholarship
- 2017 Study Grant (DKK 40,000) of the S. C. Van Foundation, Denmark
- 2016–2018 Danish Government Scholarship for Highly-Qualified Non-EU/EEA Master’s Degree Students
- 2013–2015 Theo A. F. Kuipers Stipend (EUR 10,000) for Excellent Foreign Students, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Groningen
- 2011–2013 First-Class Postgraduate Scholarship, Jilin University
- 2011 The Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award (unique in the philosophy department), Jilin University

## PUBLICATIONS (♣ referred)

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- (1) The Wishful Thinking Problem for Non-cognitivism: Does It Really Make Sense?, *KRITERION – Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 1, no. 28, 2014, pp. 30–44. <https://doi.org/10.1515/krt-2014-012804>. (♣) [Essay presented at the 2014 Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, selected to publish by the conference committee through a double-blind peer-review process]

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- (5) [Title Removed] (submitted and under peer review)
- a paper about philosophical methodology
- (4) The Ontology of Action and Radical Novel Agent Causality (manuscript)
- a paper which presents a new view on the ontology of action and seeks to ground a new theory of action partially
- (3) In Defence of Instrumentalism about Basic Action (manuscript)
- a paper which defends instrumentalism about basic action as a middle position between corporealism and materialism
- (2) Towards an Affordance-Based Definition of Tool Use (manuscript)
- a paper which develops a philosophically satisfactory definition of tool use on the basis of the notion of affordance.
- (1) 从行动哲学的角度论 agent 一词的汉语翻译问题 [On the Chinese Translation of the Term ‘Agent’ from the Perspective of Philosophy of Action] (manuscript)
- a paper (written in Chinese) which presents and defends a new Chinese translation of the term ‘agent’

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (♣ referred, # invited)

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The Ontology of Action and Radical Novel Agent Causalism (♣), The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Workshop on Logic and Philosophy, 'Agency and Intentionality: Between Individual and Collective', at Tsinghua University, 25-26 May 2024 [upcoming]

Novel Agent Causalism, Powers Ontology, and the Property Exemplification Account of Events: A Case for Trilateral Alliance, Workshop on the Standard Story of Action and Non-Human Agency, 16-17 September 2022, King's College London (presented as an organiser)

行动哲学中的唯意欲论——历史、现状，及其人类中心主义特质 [Volitionism in Philosophy of Action: The Past, the Present, and Its Anthropocentric Character] (#), Summer Workshop on Philosophy of Action, East China Normal University, 21-25 August 2021

Kantian Moral Universalism and the Challenge from Embodiment (#). Online International Conference on Kant's Moral Philosophy and the Future of Society, Jilin University, 19 September 2020

Defending the Reflective Deliberation View of Agential Activity (♣), the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Danish Philosophical Society, Danish School of Education, Aarhus University, Denmark, 3-4 March 2017

Modal Ambiguities and Theory Ladenness: Two Problems with Katsafanas's Objection to the Reflective Deliberation View of Agential Activity in Human Actions (♣), the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Dutch Research School of Philosophy, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 9-10 December 2016

The Wishful Thinking Problem for Non-cognitivism: Does It Really Make Sense? (♣), the Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, Salzburg University, Austria, 4-6 September 2014.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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King's College London, as Graduate Teaching Assistant:

2023	Spring	Introduction to Philosophy: Metaphysics Element ( <i>seminar tutor</i> )
2023	Spring	Doctor and Society, for Medical Students ( <i>seminar tutor</i> )
2021	Autumn	Philosophy of Psychology ( <i>seminar tutor, essay marker</i> )
2021	Autumn	Elementary Logic ( <i>seminar tutor, exam marker</i> )
2020	Autumn	Introduction to Philosophy: Logic Element ( <i>seminar tutor</i> )
2020	Spring	Elementary Logic ( <i>seminar tutor</i> )
2020	Spring	Philosophy of Psychology ( <i>seminar tutor, essay marker</i> )

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Co-founder and Co-convenor of Philosophy of Action Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, King's College London, 2019-present

Co-Organiser of the International Workshop 'Non-Human Agency and the Standard Story of Action' (16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022, at KCL, Keynote Speakers; Hans-Johann Glock, Anton Ford)