

Curriculum vitae

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I worked on the epistemology of identity with my Master thesis, and am now working on epistemic reasonableness. I differentiate reasonableness from rationality with my safety theory, which measures with the likelihood of an act having been performed with perfect safety.

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Occupation

2017-22 Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
2017-18 Part-time Lecturer, Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
2012, 2017 Demonstrator, Philosophy Department, The University of Hong Kong
2011 Translator, Macau Ricci Institute, Macau, China
2006 Research Assistant, Institute of Clinical Neuropsychology, The University of Hong Kong and MacLehose Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Hong Kong, China
2005 Summer Intern, Federation of European Data and Marketing, Brussels, Belgium
2004-2005 Intern, Psychological Services Group, Hong Kong Police Force, Hong Kong, China
2004 Summer Intern, China Central Television, Beijing, China

Education

2020-2021 Youth Leader Pre-Theology Programme, Alliance Bible Seminary
2012-2017 M.Phil., Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Thesis: Referential presuppositions, epistemic possibilities, and epistemic content
A study of Robert Stalnaker's theory of the necessary *a posteriori* in light of an exegesis of Saul Kripke's *Naming and Necessity*
2010-2012 M.A., Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Thesis: Conceivability, the *a priori*, and primary possibilities
A study of David Chalmers' theory of conceivability and its implication for the *a priori*
2003-2004 Worldwide Student Exchange, Philosophy Department, Tufts University

2002-2006 B.Soc.Sc. (1st hon.), Social Sciences Faculty, The University of Hong Kong
Thesis: Emotions, pleasantness of music, and risk taking behaviours

A behavioural experimentation on the effect of mood induced by music interacting with its preference on decision-making and learning

Publication

(in press) Epistemic possibility: Kripke versus Soames. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

(in press) A situational hermeneutic: the priority of reference over meaning. *Journal of Comparative Literature and Aesthetics*

2024. A realist Daoism: reading *Zhuangzi* with *Laozi's* Daoist realism. *Comparative Philosophy*, 15(2):43-65.

2024. Epistemic responsibility: an agent's sensitivity towards the world. *Logos & Episteme*. 15(4):389-403.

Presentation

2023.3.3 A situational theologian: duty of a Christian intellectual discharged through pastoral practice

Ministerial Formation

On This Rock I Will Build My Church: Ecclesiology in Africa

African Society for Evangelical Theology

Limuru, Kenya

2023.1.7 Agency: recursivity of self-determination through the materiality of causation

Session 2: Moral Philosophy

The 1st Beijing International Graduate Conference in Analytic Philosophy: Normativity and Rationality

Beijing, China

2022.12.17 Queer theology: reading St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans with St. Mark's Jesus as an exercise in situational hermeneutic

Sin and Forgiveness Symposium

Institute of Sino-Christian Studies

Hong Kong, China

2022.11.29 The subjectivity of others: an understanding of a Husserlian transcendental idealism with a realism of affectivity

2022 Annual Conference

Australasian Society of Continental Philosophy
Melbourne, Australia

- 2022.11.26 *Der Übermensch*: an authenticity conception of his will to power through self-respect
Zoom Conference
The British Personalist Forum
Loughborough, United Kingdom
- 2022.10.27 A philosopher's eagerness: an experience sharing of public engagement
Roundtable Presentations: Political Philosophy and Contemporary Themes II
The 3rd Unifesp Philosophy Graduate Conference: What is Philosophy? Minority Perspectives on Philosophical Production
Department of Philosophy, Federal University of São Paulo
Guarulhos, Brazil
- 2022.10.18 Illusory possibility: the way back to reality through clearly impossible object
Modal Metaphysics: Tilburg Issues on the (Im)possible
Tilburg University
Tilburg, The Netherlands
- 2022.9.25 Son of Man and Kingdom of Heaven: a humanism reading of Paul's Epistles to the Thessalonians
The eternity of this life Sunday school
Hong Kong Baptist Church
Hong Kong, China
- 2022.7.22 Chance and choice: a neurobiology of freewill through epistemic superposition
CogSci 2022 Hong Kong Meetup & Symposium: Computational Approaches to Psychological Research
Department of Computer Science, City University of Hong Kong
Department of Psychology, The University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2022.7.15 Dissolution of the halting problem: a recognition conception of decision procedure
Computability in Europe: Revolutions and Revelations in Computability
School of Mathematics and Computer Science, Swansea University
Swansea, United Kingdom

- 2022.6.30 A success conception of justification: externalist rationality through Gettier case
2022 Annual Conference
Australasian Association of Philosophy <http://aap.org.au/>
- 2022.6.23 The Liar: paraconsistency with logical classicality through fictitiousness
2022 Annual Conference
Australasian Association for Logic <http://sites.google.com/view/aalogic/>
- 2022.6.7 Religious exclusivism: the one real hinge versus the many fictitious ones
3rd Hinge Epistemology Conference: Hinge Epistemology and Religious Belief
Nova Institute of Philosophy, Nova University of Lisbon
Portugal, Lisbon
- 2022.6.4 A Kripkean understanding of contextual definition: a Russellian description theory of proper name through epistemic situationality
49th Annual Meeting: Remembering Russell 150 Years after His Birth
The Bertrand Russell Society
McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- 2022.5.28 A logic of logic: computation and modal logic through possibility quantification
Logic and Philosophy: Historical and Contemporary Issues
Institute of Philosophy, Vilnius University
Vilnius, Lithuania
- 2022.4.16 Deontic contextualism: utilitarianism without over-population
Ethics and Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference
The Philosophical Union, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Charlotte, North Carolina, United States of America
- 2022.3.7 A situational theologian: duty of a Christian intellectual discharged through pastoral practice
The International Conference on Practical Theology
Imam Sadiq University
Tehran, Iran
- 2022.2.24 A humanistic agnosticism: psychology of significance projection and the reality of sacredness

Religious Experience and Metaphysics
Society for the Phenomenology of Religious Experience Session
Central Division, American Philosophy Association

Chicago, Illinois, United States of America

2021.12.11 Liberal perfectionism: a dignity maximization through the illiberality of addiction

Contemporary Challenges and Values

Culture and Values

Institute of Philosophy, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University.

Lublin, Poland

2021.12.11 Confucius' wisdom: a liberal reading of the Analects and its conservative implications

Philosophies around East Asian Seas

International Society of East Asian Philosophy and Meiji Institute of Philosophies, Meiji University

<http://iseap.jp/>

2021.11.12 A pretence understanding of the post-truth through an identity politic
STATE (IN)STABILITY 2021: State (in)stability in the age of post-truth

Faculty of International Relations and Diplomacy, Libertas International University

Zagreb, Croatia

2021.11.6 Citizenship: civility through self-liability

Moral Education for Social Justice

47th Annual Conference

Association for Moral Education

<http://www.amenetwork.org/>

2021.11.6 Abortion: the fictitious face of the zygote and the insignificance of our feeling

Inaugural conference

Society of Christian Bioethics

<http://www.scbethics.com/>

2021.10.28 Infinity: reference without complete description

The Complementarity Between Metaphysics and Mystical Life

8th World Conference on Metaphysics

The Idente Foundation for Studies and Research

Rome, Italy

- 2021.10.27 God's choice: His decisions within and without our world
Creation and Evolution. Metaphysics, Science, Ecology, and Religion
8th World Conference on Metaphysics
The Idente Foundation for Studies and Research
Rome, Italy
- 2021.9.24 Heideggerian worldliness: an analytic theory of continental anti-Cartesianism
Incomprehensibility, Irreality, and Worldliness
2021 Annual Conference: Celebrating 40 Years of Doing Phenomenology in the Human Sciences around the World
Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences <http://www.sphs.info/>
- 2021.9.21 Climate justice: peace through the punitively augmented Paris Agreement
Partnerships and the Sustainable Development Goals
9th International Conference on Sustainable Development: Research for Impact: An Inclusive and Sustainable Planet
Global Association of Master's in Development Practice Programs and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network
<http://ic-sd.org/>
- 2021.9.21 Green finance: an offer you can't refuse
Sustainable Finance for the Implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement
9th International Conference on Sustainable Development: Research for Impact: An Inclusive and Sustainable Planet
Global Association of Master's in Development Practice Programs and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network
<http://ic-sd.org/>
- 2021.9.21 Ethics and politics of grass-fed cows
Water-Energy-Food Nexus Research Impact and Stakeholder Engagement
9th International Conference on Sustainable Development: Research for Impact: An Inclusive and Sustainable Planet
Global Association of Master's in Development Practice Programs and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network
<http://ic-sd.org/>
- 2021.9.20 A system conception of growth and development

Systems Approaches for Sustainability

9th International Conference on Sustainable Development: Research for Impact: An Inclusive and Sustainable Planet

Global Association of Master's in Development Practice Programs and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network

<http://ic-sd.org/>

- 2021.9.5 On a pursuit of power for its own sake
Congress of the Swiss Philosophical Society: Knowledge – Power – Action
Swiss Philosophical Society
Lugano, Switzerland
- 2021.9.4 A choice theory of metaphysical possibility
6th Annual Conference of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science
Society for the Metaphysics of Science
Birmingham, United Kingdom
- 2021.9.2 Naturalism: ontological necessitarianism through an actualism
Comment on Margarida Hermida's *Cats are not necessarily animals*
6th Annual Conference of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science
Society for the Metaphysics of Science
Birmingham, United Kingdom
- 2021.8.26 Unsupervised learning: computation and connectionism through modal logic with grammar as a case study
Brain and Language 2021
Faculty of Education and Psychology, University of Jyväskylä
Jyväskylä, Finland
- 2021.8.19 An economic of dignity: a meritocracy through competence
2021 Congress: Idea to Reality
Basic Income Earth Network
Glasgow, Scotland
- 2021.8.10 The Second Flood: a Messianic reading of the Book of Revelation
New Testament Session
Summer Conference for Early Career Researchers endorsed by the Society of Biblical Literature
The Second Temple Early Career Academy
Birmingham, United Kingdom

- 2021.7.30 A teacher's liability: his participation in curriculum design and his discretionary power
 Student Corner
 Teaching and Learning Innovation Expo 2021
 Centre for Learning Enhancement And Research, Centre for eLearning Innovation and Technology, and Information Technology Services Centre, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 Hong Kong, China
- 2021.7.26 A decision-theoretic connectionism: increased sensitivity towards punishment through reinforcement learning with better mood
 Hong Kong Meetup and Symposium
 43rd Annual Meeting: Comparative Cognition – Animal Minds
 The Cognitive Science Society and The University of Hong Kong
 Hong Kong, China
- 2021.7.17 Epistemic content: Stalnaker versus Kripke
 The Open Session
 The 95th Joint Session
 The Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association
 United Kingdom
- 2021.7.15 An ideology critique of ideology critique: indulgence in scratching a phantom itch
 Final Participants Conference
 Critical Theory Workshop
 Interdisciplinary Institute of Anthropology of the Contemporary, School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences
 Paris, France
- 2021.6.27 A conditional probability theory of probability of conditional
 The Rump Session
 The 18th Conference on Theoretical Aspects of Rationality and Knowledge
 Tsinghua University
 Beijing, China
- 2021.6.23 Formalising conceptual analysis
 Formal Philosophy 2021
 International Laboratory for Logic, Linguistics and Formal Philosophy
 National Research University Higher School of Economics

- Moscow, Russia
- 2021.6.10 An epistemic theory of information
 The Gong-Show
 XXIV International Summer School in Philosophy of Physics: Black
 Holes and the Information Loss Paradox
 University of Urbino
 Urbino, Italy
- 2021.6.2 Irreversibility of climate change with some degree of global warming
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong team meeting
 2020 Global University Climate Forum [http://campuspress.yale.edu/
 climateforum/](http://campuspress.yale.edu/climateforum/)
- 2021.5.28 Self-efficacy and psychiatric outpatient
 Mental Health Issues
 7th Pan-Pacific Nursing Conference – From Evidence to Impact: Co-
 designing Care for Future
 Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 Hong Kong, China
- 2021.5.28 An equality of opportunity conception of equity
 Student Seminar on Health Equity
 Inaugural Symposium on Health Equity in Hong Kong and Beyond
 Institute of Health Equity, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 Hong Kong, China
- 2021.5.27 Moral judgment in the mental health profession
 Culture and Bioethics
 Asia Pacific Bioethics Education Network 2021: Rethinking bioethics
 education after 2020
 Deakin University
 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- 2021.5.19 An epistemic theory of Fregean sense
 12th Dubrovnik Conference on Cognitive Science: Linguistic and
 Cognitive Foundations of Meaning
 The Central European Cognitive Science Association [http://
 www.cecog.eu/](http://www.cecog.eu/)
- 2021.5.17 The politics, ethics, and morality of deep ecology
 Socially equitable green recovery

Climate Exp0: a fusion of science and policy – advancing a resilient, zero-carbon world

COP26 Universities Network and Italian University Network for Sustainable Development

<http://www.climateexp0.org/>

- 2021.4.22 Masculinity: individuality and Asian communitarianism
Understanding Masculinities and Social Change undergraduate course
Gender Studies Programme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2021.4.20 Music, the structure of emotion expression, and the sharing of humanity
Music, Interiority and Affect
1st Annual Midlands Music Research Network Conference: Music and Adversity
Midlands Music Research Network [http://
www.midlandsmusicresearchnetwork.com/](http://www.midlandsmusicresearchnetwork.com/)
- 2021.4.19 Transphobia: hatred out of self-disrespect
LGBTQI+ Studies Identities and Social Change undergraduate course
Gender Studies Programme, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2021.3.24 Phenomenality: indication without representation
Perspectives on Intentionality and Consciousness conference
The University of Waikato
Hamilton, New Zealand
- 2021.3.22 Logicality, reasonableness, and fictitiousness
Work-in-progress session
Virtual International Consortium for Truth Research [http://
oohlah.wixsite.com/mysite/](http://oohlah.wixsite.com/mysite/)
- 2021.3.14 Food production as a case of the malfunctioning of the free market
The Chinese University of Hong Kong team meeting
2020 Global University Climate Forum [http://campuspress.yale.edu/
climateforum/](http://campuspress.yale.edu/climateforum/)
- 2021.3.13 An epistemic contextualism: competence with sensitivity
Super Saturday Seminar
Hyderabad theory of knowledge group
Hyderabad, India

- 2021.3.7 By faith alone: 1-6 of Martin Luther's *Von den guten werckenn*
 Tracing God's footprints: a Church history exploration Sunday school
 Hong Kong Baptist Church
 Hong Kong, China
- 2021.3.3 A Daoist pluralism: realism with relativity
 Ethics in the *Zhuangzi* graduate seminar
 Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
 Hong Kong, China
- 2021.2.27 The ugliness of evil: anthropology through social activism
 Public Philosophy and Activism
 Minorities and Philosophy Group Session
 Central Division, American Philosophy Association
 New Orleans, Louisiana, United States of America
- 2021.2.15 Incentivising fossil fuel companies to transition into renewable energy with
 green finance
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong team meeting
 2020 Global University Climate Forum
 <http://campuspress.yale.edu/climateforum/>
- 2021.1.29 Sustainability and dignity
 The Chinese University of Hong Kong team meeting
 2020 Global University Climate Forum
 <http://campuspress.yale.edu/climateforum/>
- 2021.1.26 Women pornography: understanding gender through fieldwork
 Critical Introduction to Pornography undergraduate course
 Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, The Chinese University
 of Hong Kong
 Hong Kong, China
- 2021.1.23 A measure of dignity
 For a New Global Social Contract
 The Future of Global Cooperation: Ethics and Governance
 Global Negotiation Conference
 <http://www.global-negotiation.org/>
- 2021.1.16 A spirituality theory of personal development
 Monthly meeting
 Christian Association for the Psychology of Religion Limited

- Hong Kong, China
- 2020.12.14 A knowledge-first virtue epistemology
Epistemology meeting with Ernest Sosa
Hyderabad theory of knowledge group
Hyderabad, India
- 2020.12.6 Freedom of conscience and freedom of expression
2020 International eConference on Interreligious Dialogue
Global Center for Religious Research
Denver, Colorado, United States of America
- 2020.12.1 Augmentation of the Paris Agreement with punitive measures, and its mandatory participation
The Chinese University of Hong Kong team meeting
2020 Global University Climate Forum <http://campuspress.yale.edu/climateforum/>
- 2020.11.6 Weak preference as deontic accessibility
Research methodology seminar
Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2020.6.15 A metaphysic of society
Mini-seminar for graduate students
Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2020.2.25 Agency: recursivity of self-determination through the materiality of causation
Comments on Alyssa Ney's *Physical Causation and Difference-Making*
Metaphysics of causation graduate seminar
Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2019.11.8 A metaphysic of action
Research methodology seminar
Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2019.11.3 A Daoist theory of self-expansion
The Chinese Society for Dialectics of Nature 2019 Conference

- The Chinese Society for Dialectics of Nature
Beijing, China
- 2019.10.27 A fictitiousness theory of Wittgensteinian nonsense
The Fourth International Wittgenstein Symposium
Chinese Wittgenstein Society, Chinese Society for Contemporary
Foreign Philosophy
School of Philosophy, Northwest University, China
Xi'an, China
- 2019.8.22 An ignorance of obligation explanation of blamelessness
Cologne Summer School on Epistemology with Clayton Littlejohn
University of Cologne
Cologne, Germany
- 2017.8.10 Modus ponens and scepticism
M.A. in philosophy summer preparatory class
Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2016.3.8 Quine and Linsky on reference, modality, and essentialism
Kripke and metaphysics graduate seminar
Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2014.10.10 ‘Jack the Ripper’ and the contingent a priori
Research methodology seminar
Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China
- 2012.11.30 ‘I have my brain in a vat’
Research methodology seminar
Philosophy Department, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Hong Kong, China