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Research Interests

AOS: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

AOC: Comparative Philosophy, Ethics of Technology

Employment

Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Guangdong Academy of Social Sciences **2026.08-Present**

Education

Department of Philosophy, Peking University, Western Philosophy **Ph.D., 2022.09-2026.06**

- Doctoral Supervisor: Linhe Han
- Doctoral Dissertation: A Metaphysical Framework of Personal Identity: Perdurantism, Conventionalism, and Anti-Criterialism

Department of Philosophy, Peking University, Philosophy of Science **M.A., 2019.09-2022.06**

- Master's Supervisor: Qiaoying Lu
- Master's Thesis: On How to Bridge the Explanatory Gap Through the Biogenic Approach

School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China, Philosophy **B.A., 2015.09-2019.06**

- Advisor: Gang Cao
- Undergraduate Thesis: Forgetting and Responsibility: Ethical Issues in Big Data Technology

Publications

1. Zhan, X. (2024). I am no abstract object: A novel challenge to mind uploading. *Synthese* (A&HCI, SSCI).
2. Zhan, X. (2025). 主观性策略能回应解释鸿沟对物理主义的挑战吗？[Whether subjectivity strategy can respond to the challenge of explanatory gap to physicalism]. *自然辩证法通讯* (CSSCI).
3. Zhan, X. (2025). 基因编辑与潜在的人的非同一性问题 [Gene editing and the non-identity problem of potential persons]. *外国哲学* (CSSCI).
4. Zhan, X. (in press). 论整存经验的可错性 [On the Fallibility of Experiences as of Enduring]. *清华西方哲学研究* (CSSCI).
5. Zhan, X. (2024). Anti-criterialism does not result in an unacceptable consequence. *Metaphysica* (ESCI).
6. Zhan, X. (2024). The rationality of recalcitrant emotions in weak judgmentalism. *Mind & Society*.
7. Zhan, X. (2025). 顽固情绪：规范性问题及其后果 [Recalcitrant emotions: Normative issues and their consequences]. *哲学评鉴*.
8. Han, L., & Zhan, X. (2025). The presentist four-dimensionalist conception of the self in Guo Xiang's commentary. *Asian Philosophy* (A&HCI).
9. Han, L., & Zhan, X. (2025). 至一的求索——韩林合教授访谈 [In search of the One: An interview with Professor Han Linhe]. *学术月刊* (CSSCI).
10. Lu, Q., & Zhan, X. (2023). 主体经验的认知演化进路初探：从个体性跃迁的视角 [Exploring of the cognitive evolutionary approach to subject experience: A perspective from the transition of individuality]. *科学·经济·社会*.

Talks

1. "Why Strong Conventionalism of Personal Identity Requires Perdurantism", 2026 Autumn Forum of the Institute of Foreign Philosophy, Peking University, and the First Metaphysics Forum, October 2026.
2. "On the Fallibility of Experiences as of Enduring", The 22nd National Conference on Philosophy of Science, Sun Yat-sen University (Zhuhai), October 2025.
3. "The Presentist Four-Dimensionalist Conception of the Self in Guo Xiang's Commentary", The 2nd Forum on Analytic Chinese Philosophy, Shanxi University, October 2025.
4. "A Defense of Conventionalism about Personal Identity", The 2nd Conference on Metaphysics, Shanxi University, April 2025.
5. "A Conventionalist Solution to the Moral Problems of Personites", Philosophy Symposium, Peking University, April 2025.
6. "The Problem of Personal Identity in Mind Uploading", Workshop on the Philosophy of Brain-Computer Intelligence, Zhejiang University, March 2025.
7. "The Diachronic Unity of the Minimal Self", Annual Conference 2024 of the Chinese Society for the History of Foreign Philosophy and the Chinese Society for Modern Foreign Philosophy, Sun Yat-sen University (Zhuhai), November 2024.
8. "The Identifying Elements of Episodic Memory and the Formation of the Sense of Personal Identity", The 6th Workshop for Young Scholars in Science and Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Sciences, April 2024.
9. "On the Biological Rationality of Recalcitrant Emotion", 2023 Autumn Forum of the Institute of Foreign Philosophy, Peking University, December 2023.
10. "Exploring the Role of Episodic Memories in Forming the Sense of Self-Persistence", Frontier Forum in the Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Sciences, December 2023.
11. "I am No Abstract Object: A Novel Challenge to Mind Uploading", The 2nd "Science, Philosophy, and Society" Young Scholars Forum, South China Normal University, November 2023.
12. "Gene Editing and the Non-Identity Problem of Potential Persons", National Symposium on 'Ethics of Science and Technology: Research, Education, and Governance' and the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Committee on the Ethics of Science, Technology and Engineering of the Chinese Society for Dialectics of Nature, Dalian University of Technology, May 2023. (First Prize for Outstanding Paper)
13. "Does Anti-Criterialism Lead to an Unacceptable Consequence?", International Graduate Conference in Analytic Philosophy, Online, January 2023.
14. "Whether Subjectivity Strategy Can Respond to the Challenge of Explanatory Gap to Physicalism", The 15th North-South Five Universities Philosophy Doctoral Forum, Online, November 2022.
15. "The Rationality of Recalcitrant Emotions in Weak Judgmentalism", The 20th National Conference on Philosophy of Science, Online, September 2022.

Academic Service

Peer Review

- *哲学动态* (CSSCI); *清华西方哲学研究* (CSSCI); and others.
- *Philosophical Studies* (A&HCI)*; Synthese* (A&HCI, SSCI)*; Philosophia* (A&HCI)*; Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (A&HCI)*;* and others.

Selected Awards

- 2026, Peking University Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation;
- 2026, Peking University Outstanding Graduate;
- 2016-2024, National Scholarship (3 times);
- 2023-2025, Peking University President's Scholarship (2 times);
- 2023-2024, Peking University Academic Innovation Award;
- 2023-2024, Peking University Outstanding Research Award.