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EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, University of British Columbia Expected 2025
Relevant Coursework: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Chinese Philosophy

Masters in Philosophy, University of Oslo 2019 - 2021
Relevant Coursework: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Classical Japanese

Bachelor in Philosophy, University of Milan 2015 - 2018
Passed with Honors. Final thesis in Philosophy of Language.

RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization Philosophy of Religion, Asian Philosophy
Areas of Competence Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), Japanese (fluent), Classical Japanese (medium proficiency),
Classical Chinese (basic proficiency)

AWARDS

President Academic Excellence PhD Award 2021 - 2025
University of British Columbia 1,080\$/y

Four Years Fellowship 2021 - 2025
University of British Columbia 18,200\$/y

Midlands4Cities Doctoral Studentship Award (declined) 2021 - 2024
Arts and Humanities Research Council 20,000£/y

Science Studies Colloquium Scholarship 2020
University of Oslo 15,000kr

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2022. "Towards a Buddhist Theism." *Religious Studies*, 1-13.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034412522000725>

2021. "Ingegneria concettuale." *APHEX* 23 (1).
<http://www.aphex.it/index.php?Temi=557D03012202740321050502777327>.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Siva and Divine Greatness (under review)

Nothingness in the Mind: A Metaphysics of Radical Creativity (under review)

Fundamentality, Grounding, and the Dao (writing)

Dancing with the Dao: Wuwei and Divine Creativity (writing)

INVITED CONFERENCES

“Dancing with the Dao: Wuwei and Divine Creativity”	28 Jun 2023
Conference: Fifth International Conference on Philosophy and Meaning in Life	<i>Tohoku University, Online</i>
“A God That Enjoys our Suffering? The Problem of Evil in Pratyabhijñā Theism”	21 Apr 2023
Conference: The Problem of Evil and Suffering	<i>Waseda University, Tokyo</i>
“Unlimited Nature: A Śaivist Model of Divine Greatness”	31 Mar 2023
Conference: Philosophy of Religion in Asia	<i>Yonsei University, Seoul</i>
“Nothingness in Consciousness: a Metaphysics of Radical Creativity”	10 Mar 2023
Conference: 17th Annual Midwest Conference on Chinese Thought	<i>York University, Toronto</i>
“Can We Move to a Cross-Cultural Perfect Being Theology?”	25 May 2022
Conference: Philosophy of Religion Incubator II	<i>Princeton University, Online</i>
“Can We Move to a Cross-Cultural Perfect Being Theology?”	29 Feb 2022
Conference: New Ways of Doing Philosophy of Religion	<i>University of Birmingham, Birmingham</i>
“Kukai’s View of the Deity as Language”	22 Jun 2021
Conference: The Existence and Nature of God and Other Deities	<i>University of Birmingham, Online</i>

TALKS

“Continuism”	Dec 2022
Event: Graduate Colloquium	<i>University of British Columbia, Vancouver</i>
“The Hard Problem of Consciousness”	Nov 2022
Event: Green College Members’ Series	<i>Green College, Vancouver</i>
“Towards a Buddhist Theism”	Jul 2022
Event: Demistifying Chan (Japanese: Zen) Buddhism	<i>University of Ghent, Ghent</i>
“Rethinking God’s Greatness”	Feb 2022
Event: Graduate Colloquium	<i>University of British Columbia, Vancouver</i>
“Rethinking God’s Greatness”	Feb 2022
Event: Green College Members’ Series	<i>Green College, Vancouver</i>

TEACHING

Teaching Assistance

- **Philosophy of Religion (Phil 347)** Winter Session 2022/23 - Term 2
Instructor: Anders Kraal *Topics: Arguments for and against theism*
- **Foundations of Chinese Thought (Phil 371 / ASIA 371)** Winter Session 2022/23 - Term 2
Instructor: Edward Slingerland *Topics: Confucius, Laozi, Mozi, Mencius, Zhuangzi*
- **Philosophy of Religion (Phil 347)** Winter Session 2022/23 - Term 1
Instructor: Evan Thompson *Topics: What is Religion, Why it Matters, Mysticism, Problem of Evil*
- **Introduction to Philosophy (Phil 101)** Summer Session 2021/22 - Term 1
Instructor: Anders Kraal *Topics: Descartes, Hume, History of Analytic Philosophy*
- **Introduction to Metaphysics (Phil 340)** Winter Session 2021/22 - Term 2
Instructor: Alexandre Duval *Topics: Mereology, Modality, Natural Kinds, Social Kinds, Free Will*
- **Introduction to Metaphysics (Phil 340)** Winter Session 2021/22 - Term 1
Instructor: Anders Kraal *Topics: Meta-Ontology, Fictional Entities, Free Will*

Guest Lectures

- **Buddhism and Theism** 05 Apr 2023
Main Instructor: Anders Kraal *Course: Philosophy of Religion (PHIL 347)*

- **Buddhism and Theism** 05 Apr 2023
Main Instructor: Anders Kraal *Course: Theory and Method in the Study of Religion (RGST 300)*
- **Plantinga on Warrant and Christian Belief** 06 Oct 2022
Main Instructor: Evan Thompson *Course: Philosophy of Religion (PHIL 347)*
- **Introduction to Analytic Philosophy** 20 Jun 2022
Main Instructor: Anders Kraal *Course: Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 101)*
- **Free Will (Part II)** 07 Apr 2022
Main Instructor: Alexandre Duval *Course: Introduction to Metaphysics (PHIL 340)*
- **Free Will (Part I)** 05 Apr 2022
Main Instructor: Alexandre Duval *Course: Introduction to Metaphysics (PHIL 340)*
- **Social Ontology** 15 Mar 2022
Main Instructor: Alexandre Duval *Course: Introduction to Metaphysics (PHIL 340)*
- **Natural Kinds and Reference** 08 Mar 2022
Main Instructor: Alexandre Duval *Course: Introduction to Metaphysics (PHIL 340)*
- **Mereology** 03 Feb 2022
Main Instructor: Alexandre Duval *Course: Introduction to Metaphysics (PHIL 340)*
- **Aesthetic Experience in Abhinavagupta** 25 Nov 2021
Main Instructor: Catherine Prueitt *Course: Topics in Epistemology (PHIL 440)*

Tutorials

- **Foundations of Chinese Thought** 2023 Winter Term 2
Main Instructor: Edward Slingerland *Weekly discussion sections about primary and secondary literature*

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Project: Algorithmic Thinking for Humanities 2019-2020
Assistant for: Øystein Linnebo *University of Oslo*

OTHER DEPARTMENT ROLES

Graduate Colloquium Organizer 2022/23
University of British Columbia

FORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

International Intensive Program on Buddhist Studies Jul 2022 - Aug 2022
Glorisun Global Buddhist Network *University of British Columbia / University of Yale*

Demistifying Chan (Japanese: Zen) Buddhism Jul 2022
Department of Language and Cultures *University of Ghent*

Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) Jul 2021
Instructional Skills Workshop Network *University of British Columbia*

ORGANIZATIONS

American Philosophical Association regular member
American Academy of Religion regular member
The British Society for the Philosophy of Religion regular member
European Network of Japanese Philosophy regular member
European Association for Chinese Philosophy regular member
Association for Chinese Philosophy in America regular member

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

L'Indiscreto. Sometimes I write public philosophy articles for “L'Indiscreto”, an Italian online magazine publishing about philosophy, history, literature, and other topics. You can find my articles at the following link: <https://www.indiscreto.org/tag/davide-andrea-zappulli/>

Medium. I wrote some articles and interviews for various publications on Medium. You can check them at the following link: <https://davide-zappulli.medium.com/>

REFEREES

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- **Marcus Jacobus (Mark) Teeuwen**, Professor, Department of Asian Studies, University of Oslo.
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- **Elisa Paganini**, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Milan.
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