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Language competence: English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native speaker), Cantonese (native speaker)

Publications & Manuscripts

The Possibility of Human-Like Consciousness in Large Language Models (under review). **Synthese**. — 2026

Online Information Processing: The Changing Phenomena and The Epistemic Challenges (under construction). — 2026

An Enactivist Response to the Cassette Theory. ***Philosophical Psychology***, 1–26. https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2025.2566250 — 2025

Echo Chambers and Why the Escape Plan is Less "Epistemic" Than We Expect, ***Inquiry***, 1–22. https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2025.2540538 — 2025

An Enactivist Response to the Challenge from Dreams, **Synthese,** 204, 166. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-024-04802-w — 2024

Can an Enactivist Approach Entail the Extended Conscious Mind?. Phenomenology and Mind, (14), 48–55. https://doi.org/10.13128/Phe_Mi-23624 — 2018

Work Experience

Postdoctoral Researcher — Oct 2024 – present
Field of Research: AI Consciousness, Philosophy of Mind, Applied Epistemology
Institute of Philosophy, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China

Visiting Research Fellow — May – Jul 2025
Project: The Threat of Over-Conceptualization; An Enactivist Account of Pain
Centre for Philosophy and AI Research, Friedrich-Alexander Universität, Erlangen-Nürnberg

Philosophy Tutor — Aug 2019 - May 2022

- Institution: National University of Singapore

Editorial Manager — 2022 - 2023

- Wilhelm, I. (2023). *Logic for Justice.* Routledge

Awards

PAIR Visiting Fellowship — 2025

NUS Research Scholarship — 2019-2024

NUS Graduate Student's Teaching Award — 2020

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy — Sep 2019 – Jun 2024

- Focus of Study: Dreaming consciousness, Applied epistemology
- Institution: National University of Singapore
- Thesis Title:
  Exploring Dreaming Consciousness from An Enactivist Perspective

Master of Science by Research, Philosophy — Sep 2016 – Aug 2017

- Focus of Study: Enactivism, Predictive Processing
- Institution: University of Edinburgh
- Academic Ranking: HON 2:1 (UK); With Merit
- Dissertation Title:
  Defending the Enactivist Attempt to Entail Extended Conscious Mind (ECM)

Master of Science, Mind, Language, and Embodied Cognition — Sep 2015 – Aug 2016

- Focus of Study: Extended Conscious Mind, Fragile Visual Short-Term Memory
- Institution: University of Edinburgh
- Academic Ranking: HON 2:1 (UK); With Merit
- Dissertation Title:
  Can Extended Conscious Mind be Justified: A Discourse about ECM from the Perspective of Prediction-Driven Processing

Bachelor of Social Sciences, Psychology — Aug 2011 – Jun 2015

- Major of study: Psychology
- Institution: University of Macau
- Cumulative GPA: 3.9/4.0
- **Pembroke – King's Programme (Summer Exchange, 06/2013 – 08/2013)**
  - Institution: University of Cambridge (UK)
  - Courses Taken and Grades:
    How to Think Like A Social Anthropologist (A)
    The Politics of Gender (A-)
    Contemporary Issues in Neuroscience (B+)

Honors Programme — Sep 2012 – Jun 2015

- Learning outcomes: multidisciplinary study; leadership skills; global perspective
- Exchange study experience: **one-semester exchange program (01/2014-05/2014, University of Rochester, NY, USA; GPA 4.0/4.0)**
- Institution: Honours College, University of Macau

Selected Talks & Conferences

Reality+: The Conversation between Science and Philosophy in AI-Human Relationship, Chinese Academy of Science, Institute of Philosophy, Beijing, China Conference Organizer	Sept 2026
The 2026 Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, The University of Reading, UK The possibility of Human-Like Consciousness in Large Language Models (Oral)	Jul 2026
Asian Philosophy of Science Association (APSA) 2026 Conference, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore The threat of oversimplification (Oral)	Jul 2026
Online Workshop on Agentic AI Workshop Organizer cooperated with The Centre for AI and Philosophy Research (Nürnberg, Germany) and Northeastern University (London, UK)	Nov 2025
Workshop on Human–AI Communication, Online Communication, and Speech Act Theory, Peking University, Beijing, China The Philosophical Zombie and the Possibility of AI Consciousness (Oral)	Nov 2025
Consciousness Research Network (CoRN) Meeting 2025, Bangkok, Thailand An Enacativist Account of Aphantasia (Oral)	Aug, 2025
The 2025 Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Glasglow, Scotland The Threat of Over-Conceptualisation (Oral)	Jul, 2025
2025 International Speaker Series, Beijing Normal University, Zhuhai, China Echo Chambers and Why the Escape Plan is Less 'Epietemic' Than We Expect (Invited Speaker)	May, 2025
The 4th International Conference on Natural Cognition, University of Macau, Macau, China Internet and the Formation of Echo Chamber (Oral)	Nov 2024
The 27th annual meeting of the Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, University of Tokyo, Japan An Enactivist Response to the Challenge from dreams (Oral)	Jul 2024
	Sep 2023
Workshop on Imagination and Robotics, National University of Singapore, Singapore Dreaming experience as an immersive imagination (Oral)	Sep 2023
Zhejiang University Logic and AI Summit (ZJULogAI 2023), Hangzhou, China Internet and the Formation of Echo Chambers (Oral)	Aug 2023
Copenhagen Summer School of Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind, University of Copenhagen, Danmark Subjectivity in Dreams (Oral)	Aug 2023
Consciousness Research Network (CoRN) Meeting 2023, New York University, US Dreaming experience as an immersive imagination (Oral)	Jul 2023
New Perspective in Dreaming, University of Glasgow, Scotland Dreaming experience as an immersive imagination: Response to the problem of dream reports by Schwitzgebel (Oral)	Jun 2023