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## Educational background

- Reynaertcollege Hulst, VWO (preparatory scientific education) middle school diploma grad. 2014
  - Specialization: economy and society (E&M), with electives in history and biology.
- Business economics, Tilburg University, The Netherlands 2014-2015
  - Finished the first semester's set of courses, i.a. financial accounting and micro-economics.
- Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures: China (Sinology), Ghent University 2015-2018
  - Graduated with summa cum laude honours ('met grootste onderscheiding') in 2018.
  - Minored in economics to expand on the knowledge acquired at Tilburg University.
- Exchange to Liaoning University, Shenyang, China 2017
  - Completed the local courses with an average score of 95%.
- Master of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures: China (Sinology), Ghent University 2018-2020
  - Two-year master, specializing in academic proficiency, with electives on politics and economics.
  - Graduated with summa cum laude honours ('met grootste onderscheiding') in 2020.
- Exchange to Renmin University, Beijing, China 2019-2020
  - Completed the local courses with an average score of 92%.
  - Recipient of Ghent University's Tianzhu MA scholarship during the exchange.

## Work experience and extracurricular activities

- Supermarket employee, Jumbo, Hulst 2015
- Buddy projects/language tandem programs, Ghent University 2015-present
  - Participated actively with Chinese exchange students, improving my Chinese proficiency and Dutch/English teaching skills, gaining cross-cultural understanding.
- Chinese speech competitions, Shenyang/Brussels 2017-2019
  - Participated in multiple speech competitions, like Chinese Bridge, improving both my skill in public speaking as well as my proficiency in Chinese.
- Vice-chairman IK, Chinese Student Association Ghent (ChiSAG), Ghent 2018-2019
  - Responsible for communication with Ghent University and other institutions, organizing events.
  - First ever non-Chinese board member.
- Trainee, EGMONT - The Royal Institute for International Relations 2020
  - Did research on Chinese sources concerning the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), compiled a bibliographical review and published a [policy paper](#) on the European Union's response to this initiative.
- Trainee, Frogbear "From the Ground Up: Buddhism and East Asian Religions", Sichuan exp. 2022
  - Invited to participate in the initiative's fieldwork and research as a trainee of the Tianzhu fieldwork fellowship, funded by Ghent University's Tianzhu MA Scholarship.
- Doctoral Candidate, Eastern Language and Cultures (Sinology), Ghent University 2020-present
  - Project: "Narrating Sun Yat-sen: Explaining the People's Republic of China and Republic of China's (Taiwan) Developments Concerning Leninism, Christianity, and Democracy."

## **Conference/seminar participation**

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- *Youth, Labour and the New World; Labour Discourse in a Cross-cultural Perspective* (上海—根特联合工作坊: 青年、劳动与新世界: 跨文化视域中的劳工书写), Joint Lab for World War I Studies, Ghent University-Shanghai University, Shanghai (online), July 10, 2021.

- Contribution: *Sun Yat-sen, Minsheng and the Question of Labour* (original language: Chinese)
- Paper based on contribution to be published in *Critical Theories* during Q2 2022.

- *EU – East Asia: A Relational Perspective*, College of Social Sciences, Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences (Academia Sinica), National Taiwan University, Taipei (online), September 30-October 1, 2021.

- Contribution: *European Expectations for Democracy: The PRC and Taiwan Compared* (original language: English)
- Paper *Contagious democracy? A Case for a Normative Approach for the EU* to be published the *Journal of Social Sciences and Philosophy (JSSP)* early 2022.

- *Changing China: Then and Now*, Chinese Studies Association of Australia (CSAA) 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference. The Australian National University, Canberra (online), November 29–December 1, 2021.

- Contribution: *The Elusive Revolutionary Forerunner: CCP Narratives on Sun Yat-sen* (original language: English)

- *Biographies of Numbers*, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation/Sin-aps project, Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen, July 7–July 9, 2022.

- Contribution: *Sun Yat-sen, Thomas Malthus, and the Fear of Demographic Stagnation in Early 20th Century China* (original language: English)

## **Skills and interests**

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-EU driving license: AM and B

-Languages

- Dutch: native
- English: fluent
- Chinese: fluent (HSK 6 obtained in December 2019, score: 245/300)
- French/German/Vietnamese: basic

- Academic writing

- Obtained high marks (19/20) for bachelor and master's thesis, as well as for other academic research related courses.
- Further honed these skills by pursuing the 'academic proficiency' specialization during the MA degree in Ghent.

- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office

- Other skills

- Communication, organizational and social skills, teamwork.
- Chinese/English/Dutch language teaching.

- Interests: sports (tennis, running), books (history and politics), board games.