

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## CAREER

- Postdoctoral researcher at Ghent University, Department of Languages and Cultures (Sinology), research project: “Chinese philosophy and its religious minorities: ethnicity, religion, and national identity in modern Chinese thought and the discipline of ‘ethnic minority philosophies’,” sponsored by FWO (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek/Research Foundation - Flanders), November 2020 – present.
- Postdoctoral researcher at Ghent University, Department of Languages and Cultures (Sinology), research project: “An intellectual genealogy of Islam in modern China: categorization, modernization, secularization,” sponsored by BOF (Bijzonder Onderzoeksfonds/Special Research Fund), October 2017 – October 2020.
- Postdoctoral research fellow at the International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) in Leiden, research project: “ ‘Wisdom’ as a category of knowledge and a marker of cultural identity: reinterpretations of Wang Yangming in modern China,” September 2016 – July 2017.
- Assistant librarian at the public library of Saint-Gilles (Brussels), May 2016 – August 2016.
- PhD in Oriental Languages and Cultures (Sinology), Ghent University, October 2010 – January 2015, dissertation entitled “The Horizon of Modernity: Observations on New Confucian Philosophy in History and Thought”, sponsored by a research grant of the Research Foundation Flanders (Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, FWO).

## EDUCATION

- “General advanced student” (*putong jinxiusheng*) at the Philosophy Department of Tsinghua University, funded by a Chinese Government Scholarship and the Flemish Department of Education and Training, September 2009 – July 2010.
- BA and MA in Oriental Languages and Cultures (Sinology), Ghent University, 2005 – 2009. Graduated with *summa cum laude* honors.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Editorial Board of *Contemporary Chinese Thought*, August 2020 – present.
- Executive Director of the Académie du Midi Philosophical Association, May 2018 – present.
- Member of the Belgian Association for the Study of Religions (Babel), March 2018 – present.
- Board Member of the European Association for Chinese Philosophy (EACP), November 2017 – present.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

- *The Horizon of Modernity: Subjectivity and Social Structure in New Confucian Philosophy*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2016.

### Peer-reviewed articles

- “The Minorities of Chinese Philosophy: Ideology and Identity in the Academic Discipline of ‘Ethnic Minority Philosophy’.” *Modern China*, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F00977004211003030>
- “The Temptations of Metaphysics: Epistemological and Metaphysical Dimensions of Mou Zongsan’s *Critique of the Cognitive Mind*.” *Philosophy East and West*, 2021, 71(4): 959-980.
- “Beyond the Warring States: the First World War and the Redemptive Critique of Modernity in the Work of Du Yaquan (1873-1933).” *Asian Studies*, 2021, 9(2): 49-77.
- “‘Immanent Transcendence’: Toward a Genealogical Analysis of a Key Concept in the Philosophy of Mou Zongsan (1909-1995).” *Asian Philosophy*, 2021, 31(2): 195-209.
- “Liang Shuming’s *China: the Country of Reason* (1967-1970): Revolution, Religion, and Ethnicity in the Reinvention of the Confucian Tradition.” *International Communication of Chinese Culture*, 2020, 7(4): 603-620.

- “The ‘Learning of Life’: on Some Motifs in Mou Zongsan’s *Autobiography at Fifty*.” *Asian Studies*, 2020, 8(3): 35-61.
- “Imprints of the Thing-in-Itself: Li Zehou’s *Critique of Critical Philosophy* and the Historicization of the Transcendental.” *Asian Studies*, 2020, 8(1): 15-35.
- “The ‘Great War’ in Modern Chinese Intellectual History as Event and Narrative.” *Critical Theory*, 2019, 3(1): 40-55.
- “From Religion to Revolution...and Nationalism: Hui Identity and Historical Materialism in the Work of Jamāl al-Dīn Bai Shouyi and Beyond.” *Asian Studies*, 2019, 7(1): 173-199.
- “The Curious Incident of Wisdom in the Thought of Feng Qi (1915-1995): Comparative Philosophy, Historical Materialism, and Metaphysics.” *Asian Philosophy*, 2018, 28(3): 241-258.
- “The Semantics of Wisdom in the Philosophy of Tang Junyi.” *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, 2018, 13(1): 39–54.
- “When Spirit in Utter Dismemberment Finds Itself: Reflections on New Confucian Philosophy and the Problem of Historical Discontinuity.” *Synthesis Philosophica*, 2014, 57(1): 105-121.

#### Book chapters

- “Liang the Rural Reformer,” in *Dao Companion to the Philosophy of Liang Shuming*, edited by Thierry Meynard and Philippe Major, Dordrecht: Springer (forthcoming)
- “There and Back Again: on Li Zehou’s (Anti-) Philosophy and the Lure of the Beyond,” in *Beyond Comparisons: Three Exemplars of Ru 儒*, edited by Geir Sigurðsson and Paul J. D’Ambrosio, Albany: State University of New York Press (forthcoming).
- “Being, Seeing, and Believing: Epistemological, Ontological, and Soteriological Commitments in Tang Junyi’s Reading of Treatise on Awakening Mahāyāna Faith,” in *The Awakening of Faith and New Confucian Philosophy*, edited by John Makeham, Leiden and Boston: Brill (series: East Asian Buddhist Philosophy), 2021, pp.299-354.
- “Afterword: on Crossing Boundaries,” in Nevad Kahteran, *The Role of Comparative Philosophy in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Philosophising at the Big Fault Line*, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars, 2021, pp.175-181.
- “Beyond the Horizon: Philosophy and Religion in the Late Work of Tang Junyi,” in *Dao Companion to Contemporary Confucian Philosophy*, edited by David Elstein, Dordrecht: Springer, 2021, pp. 221-253.
- “What is Critique and What Does it Subvert? Epistemic Intransparency in the Critique of Modern Society,” in *Critique, Subversion and Chinese Philosophy: Socio-Political, Conceptual, and Methodological Challenges*, edited by Hans-Georg Moeller and Andrew K. Whitehead, London and New York: Bloomsbury, 2020, pp. 181-192.

- “History and Historical Consciousness in Contemporary China: Political Confucianism, Spiritual Confucianism, and the Politics of Spirit,” in *Interpreting China as a Regional and Global Power: Nationalism and Historical Consciousness in World Politics*, edited by Bart Dessein, London: Palgrave, 2014, pp. 44-63.
- “The Moving Subject: Transcendence and Reification in the Philosophy of Tang Junyi,” in *Landscape and Traveling East and West: a Philosophical Journey*, edited by Hans-Georg Moeller and Andrew K. Whitehead, London and New York: Bloomsbury, 2014, pp. 225-236.

### Reviews

- Thomas Fröhlich, *Tang Junyi: Confucian Philosophy and the Challenge of Modernity*, *Monumenta Serica*, 2019, 67(1): 284-289.

### Translations

- Fang Xudong, “Consequentialism and the Possibility of a Confucian-Mohist Encounter,” *Journal of Chinese Humanities*, 2021, 7(4): 4-22.
- Zhao Tingyang, “‘All-under-Heaven’ (*tianxia* 天下): between idealism and realism,” *Journal of Global Ethics*, 2021, 17(1): 26-41.
- Tang Wenming, “Understanding the Confucian Idea of Ethical Freedom through Chen Yinke’s Works for Mourning Wang Guowei,” in *Human Beings or Human Becomings? A Conversation with Confucianism on the Concept of Person* (pp.149-168), edited by Peter D. Hershock and Roger T. Ames, Albany: State University of New York Press, 2021.
- Ge Zhaoguang, “Imagining A Universal Empire: a Study of the *Illustrations of the Tributary States of the Myriad Regions* Attributed to Li Gonglin,” *Journal of Chinese Humanities*, 2019, 5(2): 124-148.
- Sun Weiqing, “Toward an Archaeological Reconstruction of the Xia Dynasty as History: Definitions and Methods,” *Journal of Chinese Humanities*, 2019, 5(1): 18-42.
- Chen Guying, *The Annotated Critical Laozi, with Contemporary Explication and Traditional Commentary*, edited by Paul J. D’Ambrosio, translated by Paul J. D’Ambrosio, Xiao Ouyang, Ady Van den Stock, R. A. Carleo III, Joanna Guzowska, and Lidia Tammara, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2020.
- Yang Guorong, “Translators’ Introduction” (with Paul J. D’Ambrosio), “The World of Emotions in the *Book of Songs*” (pp. 221-237), “Metaphysical Principle and Principle of Value: The Way (*Dao*) and Natural Spontaneity (*Ziran*) in the Philosophy of the *Laozi*” (pp. 238-355), “Meritocratic Politics: its Meaning and Limitations” (pp. 256-271), “Metaphysical Thought in a Post-Metaphysical Age: an Interview” (pp. 303-325) in *Philosophical Horizons: Metaphysical Investigations in Chinese Philosophy*, edited by Paul J. D’Ambrosio, Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2019.
- Wu Genyou, “Three Approaches to Metaphysics in Contemporary Sinophone Philosophy” (conference paper).

- Chapter 7 (Morality and Existence) and Chapter 8 (Everyday Life and Ultimate Concerns) in Yang Guorong, *On Dao*, with Paul J. D'Ambrosio et al. (forthcoming).
- Introduction, section 3, Chapter 6, section 5, and Chapter 8, sections 1-3 in Feng Qi, *A Concise History of Chinese Philosophy*, with Xu Ruzhang et al. (forthcoming).
- Li Zehou, "An Account of the Chinese Tradition" and "On Replacing Religion with Aesthetic Education: an Interview," in *Outlines of a Philosophy*, with Paul J. D'Ambrosio et. al. (forthcoming).
- Li Zehou, "Third Symposium: Religious Morality and Modern Social Morals," in *What is Morality*, with Paul J. D'Ambrosio et. al. (forthcoming).

## CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- "On the metalanguage of comparative philosophy: epistemic injustice and culture," Online workshop "Comparative, Transcultural, Global? Chinese philosophy and the Question of Methodology," Freie Universität Berlin, 11 December 2021.
- (invited lecture) " 'If the Europeans had not first appointed themselves as angels, they could not have become the devils of imperialism': sociological and ontological aspects of the problem of evil in twentieth-century Confucian philosophy," Tallinn University, 3 December 2021.
- "Margins of Chinese philosophy: thinking through Xiao Hong'en's 萧洪恩 *Comprehensive History of the Philosophy of the Tujia Nationality*," International workshop "The Other in Chinese History and Thought: Territory, Race, Culture, Philosophy, Religion," Ghent University, 16 November 2021.
- "Once more unto the breach: a sociological reading of the transcendental difference in the philosophy of Mou Zongsan (1909-1995)," 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS), 25 August 2021.
- " 'Ethnic minority philosophy' in contemporary China: history and prospects," Young Researchers Overseas' Day, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences (RAOS), 15 December 2020.
- (invited lecture) "An introduction to ethnic minority philosophy in China," online webinar organized by the China Studies Research Center at La Trobe University, 18 June 2020 (<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/an-introduction-to-ethnic-minority-philosophy-in-china>).
- (invited lecture) "The society of New Confucianism: hermeneutical strategies of contextualization and evasion in the work of Mou Zongsan," European Institute for Global Studies, University of Basel, 13 February 2020 (<https://europa.unibas.ch/de/aktuelles/nachrichten/nachrichtendetails/news/talk-by-ady-vanden-stock-on-mou-zongsan-and-contextualization-in-philosophy/>)

- (invited lecture) “Life, learning, and the ‘learning of life’: remarks on Mou Zongsan’s *Autobiography at Fifty*,” International Conference on “Taiwanese Philosophy and the Preservation of the Confucian Tradition,” University of Ljubljana, 17 October 2019.
- “Philosophy and its (religious) minorities: on the conflicted identity of modern Chinese thought,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the European Association for Chinese Philosophy, Ghent (Belgium), 5 September 2019.
- “The temptations of metaphysics: knowledge and existence in Mou Zongsan’s *Critique of the Cognitive Mind*,” International Society for Chinese Philosophy (ISCP), 21<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Chinese Philosophy, Bern (Switzerland), 2 July 2019.
- “Philosophy and its (religious) minorities: on the conflicted identities of Sino-Islamic and modern Chinese thought,” 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Comparative & Continental Philosophy Circle, Leiden, 24 May 2019.
- “‘The age of the Warring States is still with us today:’ war and statehood in modern and contemporary Chinese political philosophy,” 20<sup>th</sup> Century East Asian Philosophies – Intercultural Entanglements & Original Contributions, Université Libre de Bruxelles, 7 May 2019.
- “The light behind the crescent: the ‘awakening’ of Sino-Muslim identity in May Fourth China,” “4 May 1919: History in Motion – A Political, Social and Cultural Look at a Turning Point in the History of Modern China,” Université de Mons, 3 May 2019.
- Participation at a workshop on the relation between New Confucianism and the “Treatise on Awakening Mahāyāna Faith,” organized by John Makeham and funded by the Australian Research Council (ARC) - Discovery Projects, Hanoi, 26-28 January 2019.
- “The First World War in China as event and narrative: Du Yaquan’s redemptive critique of modernity,” Shanghai-Ghent Joint Workshop on the Relationship between the First World War and China’s New Culture Movement, Shanghai University, 21 October 2018.
- “Valences of the thing in itself: the noumenal in the thought of Li Zehou and the ethico-religious dimension of epistemology,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the World Consortium for Research in Confucian Cultures, 15 October 2018, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong.
- “Epistemic inclusiveness and the philosophical inclusion of religion in modern Chinese thought: Tang Junyi (1909-1978) and Cai Yuanpei (1868-1940),” 2<sup>nd</sup> U4 Workshop on Religion, “Inclusivity, Exclusivity, and Pluralism,” 5 July 2018, Ghent.
- “Critique at the heights of despair: Buddhist motifs in the work of Emil Cioran and the ontological indeterminacy of (social) reality,” 22<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of the Académie du Midi, 21 May 2018, Alet-les-Bains (France).
- “Religion and revolution: Islamic faith and historical materialism in the work of Bai Shouyi (1909-2000),” 5<sup>th</sup> International STCS Conference: “From Hegel to Mao and Beyond — The Long March of Sinicizing Marxism”, 21 April 2018, University of Ljubljana.
- “Historical reflections on the notion of wisdom in modern Chinese philosophy: the case of

Feng Qi,” Biennial Meeting of the European Association for Chinese Philosophy (EACP), 8 September 2017, University of Basel.

- “Modern Confucianism and the paradoxes of identity: Xiong Shili, Mou Zongsan, Tang Junyi,” International Symposium: “Contemporary Confucianism and Chinese Modernization,” organized by the Northern Lights Confucius Institute and the Chinese Studies Department, University of Iceland, 7 September 2013, Reykjavík.
- “Confucianism in contemporary China: between conservation and development,” Workshop: “China’s Rise: Geopolitical Developments and their Consequences for Global Stability,” organized by U4 – Ghent University, 29 March 2013, Ghent.
- “Nature and reification in the philosophy of Tang Junyi,” 19<sup>th</sup> Symposium of the Académie du Midi Philosophical Association, 31 May 2012, Alet-les-Bains (France).

## **CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ORGANISATION**

- International Workshop “The Other in Chinese History and Thought: Territory, Race, Culture, Philosophy, Religion”, Ghent University, 15-16 November 2021 (conference website: <https://www.theotherinchina.ugent.be/>). Co-organized with Bart Desein, Leigh K. Jenco, and Julia C. Schneider.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference of the European Association for Chinese Philosophy (EACP), Ghent University, 5-7 September 2019 (conference website: <https://www.eacp2019.ugent.be>). Co-organized with Bart Desein.

## **INVITED REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS**

*Afrika Focus - Asian Studies - Contemporary Chinese Thought - Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy - Entangled Religions - International Communication of Chinese Culture - International Journal of Asian Studies - Irish Journal of Asian Studies - Journal of Chinese Philosophy and Culture, Philosophy East and West – Religions - Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions - Synthesis Philosophica*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- “Non-Western Philosophy” (A002087A) (co-taught with Karl-Stéphan Bouthillette), Department of Philosophy and Moral Sciences, Ghent University, 2020 – present.
- Member of several doctoral advisory committees at the Department of Languages and Cultures, Ghent University, 2017 – present.
- Co-supervisor for various BA and MA dissertations in the field of Chinese Studies, Ghent University, 2011-2014, 2017-present.

- Seminars on Chinese philosophy and contemporary Chinese society and culture for (under)graduate students, Ghent University, 2013-2015.
- Assistant teacher BA course in Modern Chinese, Ghent University, 2011-2014.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Modern and contemporary Chinese philosophy and intellectual history, “New Confucian” philosophy, religion in modern China, ethnicity and race in (Chinese) intellectual history, “ethnic minority philosophy” (*shaoshu minzu zhexue*), Islam in China, comparative religion, comparative philosophy, Mou Zongsan, Tang Junyi, Xiong Shili, Liang Shuming, Li Zehou, Jin Yuelin, Feng Qi, Kang Youwei, (Chinese) Marxism, German Idealism, critical theory, postcolonialism, Niklas Luhmann's systems theory.

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

- Dutch: native language
- English: fluent, excellent reading skills.
- French: conversant, excellent reading skills.
- Chinese: conversant, excellent reading skills
- Classical Chinese: good reading skills
- German: conversant, excellent reading skills
- Japanese: basic notions