

## Mieke Matthyssen

### RELEVANT EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2008 – 2012 **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): *Nande hutu* 难得糊涂 and ‘The art of being muddled’**  
*Ghent University – Department of Eastern Languages and Cultures*  
Public defense: 14th December 2012 (Supervisor: Prof Bart Dessein)
- 1998 – 1999 **Certificate Specialization Year ‘Modern Chinese’ - Sichuan University, Chengdu**
- 1996 – 1998 **Master Eastern Languages and Cultures – Sinology**  
*Thesis*: Annotated translation of Ch. 20-21 of the Abhidharma (Buddhist cosmology)  
*Ghent University – Department of Eastern Languages and Cultures*
- 1994 – 1996 **Bachelor Eastern Languages and Cultures – Sinology**  
*Ghent University – Department of Eastern Languages and Cultures*
- 1991 – 1994 **Bachelor Social Work – Specialization: Social Policy**  
*University College for Social Work – Ghent*

### RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014 - now **Ghent University: Department of Special Needs Education (part-time)**  
Researcher for the Huoshen Foundation, a platform for body-based health practices.
- 2005 - now **Ghent University: Department of Eastern Languages and Cultures (part-time)**  
Research and teaching assistant; member of the master thesis assessment committee; coordinator/interviewer ‘Oral Histories of Chinese Studies’ project; guest lecturer at other UGent departments for issues related to China; expert advice for radio, TV, and newspapers.
- 2014 - 2016 **Brussels Diplomatic Academy (Brussels Free University)**  
Guest lecturer for the course ‘Dealing with China: Intercultural Management Issues’
- 2006 - 2011 **Policy Advisor China Platform-International Relations Office (Ghent University)**
- 2000 - 2016 **Free-lance cross-cultural trainer and interpreter Chinese-Dutch/English/French**  
a.o. for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, social sector, companies.
- 2001 - 2004 **Chief Representative Netherlands Business Support Office - Shenyang, China**  
(Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs)

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2019. “World War 1, the May Fourth Movement and the Development of Psychology in China, and Europe: Reflections on their Mutual Influence.” *Critical Theory* 3 (1): 57-72.
2018. “Chinese Happiness : a Proverbial Approach of Popular Philosophies of Life.” In *Chinese Discourses on Happiness*, ed. Gerda Wielander and Derek Hird. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press. 189-207.
2017. “China in Belgium : from a Religious, Economic and Political Interest to the Development of an Academic Discipline.” (Co-authored with Bart Dessein). In *From Sinology to Post-Chineseness : Intellectual Histories of China, Chinese People, and Chinese Civilization*, 41–53.
2015. “‘The Art of Being Muddled’ and Mental Health Practices in Contemporary China : a Philosophical-Anthropological Analysis of Mental Health Education.” In *Visiting Program for Young Sinologists 2014*, ed. Nie Jiangbo, 126–132. Beijing: China and the World Cultural Exchange Magazine.
2015. “Zheng Banqiao’s Nande Hutu and ‘the Art of Being Muddled’ in Contemporary China.” *Contemporary Chinese Thought* 46 (4): 3–25. Guest editor of the issue.
2014. “Self-assurance and Self-denial : Repositioning the Individual in Contemporary Chinese Society.” (Co-authored with Bart Dessein). *Synthesis Philosophica* 57 (1): 123–141.

## Curriculum Vitae

### CONFERENCES, ACADEMIC LECTURES and WORKSHOPS

Starting from 2008, I presented papers at several conferences such as the European Association of Chinese Philosophy (Ghent, 2019), the Symposium on the First Great War and Chinese New Cultural Movement (Shanghai, 2018), the International Congress on Traditional Chinese Medicine (Kiel, 2017), the Académie du Midi (Alet-les-Bains, 2014), the European Association for Chinese Studies Conference (Glasgow, 2018; Lund, 2008; Paris, 2012), the International Conference on Specific Topics in Chinese Studies (St. Petersburg, 2011), China-Europe Forum (Zhejiang, 2010), the American Association of Anthropology (2009).

I also presented my work at various courses, lectures and workshops, such as at Oxford University (2014), and often for (Erasmus) staff exchange, such as at Zagreb University (2019), Nanjing University (2019), Vilnius University (2017), University of Oslo (2016), Liaoning University and Renmin University (2015), University of Iceland (2014), Charles University (Prague, 2013), Ruprecht-Karls-Universität (Heidelberg, 2009).

Within Ghent University, I give guest lectures on intercultural communication with focus on China at the International Centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences), and on Chinese leadership styles and corporate culture at the Department of Industrial and Organizational Psychology.

### POPULAR SCIENCE LECTURES and WORKSHOPS

I regularly give workshops on aspects of Chinese culture in non-profit organizations and schools, and occasionally provide expert advice to public media for issues related to Chinese culture and contemporary China. For the popular science TV-program and podcast “Universiteit van Vlaanderen”, I gave a 15' lecture (Ted-talk like) on modern Chinese (2018).

### GRANTS

- 2014 Sinologist Research Program organized by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
- 2008-2011 Research grant from Ghent University (research project)
- 2001 Grant from the Chinese Ministry of Education for a summer course on ‘Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language’ (Beijing Normal University)

### LANGUAGES

	<b>Dutch</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>French</b>	<b>Chinese</b>	<b>German</b>	<b>Classical Chinese</b>
Speaking	Mother tongue	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Good	Not applicable
Reading	Mother tongue	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Fluent
Writing	Mother tongue	Fluent	Fluent	Good	Good	Not applicable