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Education background

Ghent University (Ph.D. student)

Oriental languages and cultures: China

Ghent, Belgium

Oct. 2023 - now

Ghent University (Master)

Oriental languages and cultures: China

Graduated with *summa cum laude* honour ('met grootste onderscheiding') in 2023.

Ghent, Belgium

Sept. 2021- Sept. 2023

Shanghai University (Bachelor)

Chinese Language and Literature; GPA: 3.92/4.00

Shanghai, China

Sept. 2018- Jul. 2022

Ph.D. Ongoing Project

"Modality in Buddhist Textuality: The Grammaticalization of peripheral Modal Markers in Middle Chinese"

This project examines how Middle Chinese Buddhist texts contributed to the grammaticalization of modal expressions in Middle Chinese, with a particular focus on "peripheral" modal markers whose diachronic trajectories have received relatively little scholarly attention. It argues that the development of these markers has often remained insufficiently explained because Buddhist texts have been neglected in Chinese historical linguistic research.

Based on transmitted Chinese corpora from the Eastern Han to the Tang dynasty, supplemented where possible by Sanskrit parallels, the project investigates how Buddhist texts influenced the historical development of Chinese through different mechanisms. It further argues that, in the study of Chinese historical linguistics, the Buddhist corpus should neither be neglected nor simply incorporated into the non-Buddhist corpus as a neutral representation of Classical Chinese. Instead, Buddhist texts should be treated as a distinctive textual domain whose linguistic features, translation practices, and patterns of usage played an active role in the development of Middle Chinese grammar.

Conference Presentations

2026 European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS-26, Venice)

- Delayed Grammaticalization of *kǒng* 恐 in Buddhist Chinese: Constraints from Discourse-specific Semantic Domain.

2025 International Association of Chinese Linguistics (IACL-31, Venice)

- "Interpreting Possibility in 5th-Century Vinaya Translations: A Comparison of *néng* 能 and *kān* 堪".

2024 European Association for Chinese Studies (EACS-25, Tallinn)

- "Research on the grammaticalization of *nìngkě* 宁可 in Medieval Chinese".

Research Projects & Academic Activities

Sichuan Buddhist Sites: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

Ghent University, 2025 – 2030

- Researcher

Doctoral School “Anyue Buddhist Sites: Iconography, Inscriptions, and Fieldwork Methodologies”

Ghent University, 2026

- Invited Ph.D. presentation: “A comparison of Liu Benzun carvings at Bǎodǐngshān and Pílúdòng”

Doctoral School “Current Research on Middle Chinese and Buddhist Hybrid Chinese”

Ghent University, 2025

- Co-organizer, with Prof. Dr. Christoph Anderl
- Presentation & Lecture:
 - Grammaticalization of *nìngkě* 寧可 in Middle Chinese Buddhist Texts
 - Corpora and digital resources for Chinese historical linguistics

LCDDT: Lausanne Corpus of Digital Tangut Texts

Independent collaborative project, 2026 –

- In collaboration with doctoral researchers at the University of Lausanne and the University of Vienna

Research cluster “Typologies of Text - Image Relations in Buddhist Narratives”

FROGBEAR, 2022

- Published a report for the blog of the *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies*.
- Co-authored “A Virtual Survey of the Pílúdòng Site with an Emphasis on the Tableau of Liǔ Běnzūn”, for the *Canadian Journal of Buddhist Studies* (in progress).

Glorisun International & Intensive Program on Buddhism

Glorisun, 2022

Internship: Database of Medieval Chinese Texts (DMCT)

Ghent University, 2021-2022

Teaching Experience

Guest lecturer and coordinator: Linguistic research: East Asian Languages (BA course)

Ghent University, 2024 & 2026

- Historical development of Sinitic languages
- Dialects
- Non-Sinitic languages in China

Lecturer: Current Research on Middle Chinese and Buddhist Hybrid Chinese (Doctoral School)

Ghent University, 2025

- Session on philological and linguistic research using corpus and digital tools, co-lecture with Anni Wang.

Additional Trainings

Classical Buddhist Chinese Language Summer Workshop

Dharma Drum Institute of Liberal Arts (DILA), 2026

Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics

Leiden University, 2025

- Introduction to Historical Linguistics (Niels Schoubben)
- Introduction to Syntax (Astrid van Alem)
- Diachronic Changes in the Morpho-syntax of Chinese (Barbara Meisterernst)

Intensive Seminar on Digital Humanities and their Applications in Buddhist Studies

Hamburg University, 2024

Languages & Skills

Languages: Chinese (native); English (professional proficiency); Dutch (B1); Sanskrit (intermediate reading knowledge)