

Curriculum Vitae

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General Information

Academic Background

- Humboldt Research Fellow, Goethe University Frankfurt, 2011-2013
- Ph.D., New School for Social Research, New York, 2007
- M.A., Concordia University, Montreal, 2003
- M.A., University of Münster, 2003

Work Experience

- Since 2016: Associate Professor, University of Macau
- Since 2016: Vice President, Karl Jaspers Society (North America)
- 2008 - 2016: Assistant Professor, University of Macau
- Subject Convener, Philosophy and Religious Studies Programme, 2011-2012
- December 2013 and May 2015: Visiting Professor, Fudan University, Shanghai
- August-November 2013: Visiting Scholar, UC Berkeley
- 2011 - 2013: Humboldt Research Fellow, University of Frankfurt
- 2007-2008: Assistant Professor, University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez
- 2005-2007: Adjunct Professor, New School for Social Research

Publications

Books

Natural Agency East and West (under review, Routledge).

(ed. with Nandita Batra), *The Human Animal-Boundary: Crossing the Line in Philosophy and Fiction* (under contract, Lexington).

Between Tragedy and Reconciliation: Utopia and History in Critical Theory (New York: New School University, 2007), ISBN 9780549283966, 321 p.

Translations

Ernst Tugendhat, *Egocentricity and Mysticism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2016). [cotranslated and introduced with Alexei Procyshyn], ISBN 0231169124, 200 p.

Dimitri Nikulin (ed.), *The Other Plato: The Tübingen Interpretation of Plato's Inner-Academic Teachings* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2012), ISBN 1438444109, 232 p.

Peter Sloterdijk, *Rage and Time* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010), ISBN 0231145233, 256 p.

Edited Journal Issues

Contemporary Perspectives on Critical and Systems Theory (edited with Hans-Georg Möller), special issue, *Thesis Eleven*, forthcoming.

Contemporary Perspectives on Film, *Contemporary Aesthetics* (edited with Stefan Deines), special issue 2016. ISSN 1932-8478.

Comparative Perspectives on the Philosophy of Nature, *Comparative Philosophy*, vol. 5:2, 2014.

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"What does the Mystic Want? Reflections on Daoism and Tugendhat", in: *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, under review.

"The Postsecular Turn in Education", in: *Studies of Philosophy and Education*, 35:6, 2016, 551-571. DOI 10.1007/s11217-016-9513-8 (with Jinting Wu).

"Postsecularism and the Fate of Transcendence", in: Nahum Brown and William Franke (eds.), *Transcendence, Immanence, and Intercultural Philosophy*, Palgrave 2016. DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-43092-8. ISBN 978-3-319-43091-1

"Dialectics of Enlightenment, East and West", in: *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, forthcoming 2016.

"Rational Mysticism: Hegel on Magic and China", in: *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, forthcoming 2016.

"Beyond the Tyranny of Values: Reflections on Schmitt in China", in: *Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss in the Chinese-speaking World* (Lexington, forthcoming 2016).

"Utopian Thinking in Contemporary Chinese Philosophy", in: Hans Feger, Dikun Xie, Wang Ge (eds.), *Yearbook for Eastern and Western Philosophy* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2016), 421-434. ISSN: 2196-5897. DOI 10.1515/YEWPH-2016-0033

"The Critique of Values and Political Agency", in: *Fudan Philosophy Journal* (in Chinese), 2015.

"Whose Equality?", in: *Confluence: Journal of World Philosophies* vol. 2, 2015, 153-166. ISBN 978-3-451-10350-6.

"Tragic Knowledge and Karmic Release", in: *Atenea*, vol. 34 1-2, 2014, 2015, p. 9-24. ISSN 0885-6079.

"Heidegger and Zhuangzi on the Nonhuman. Towards a transcultural Critique of (Post)Humanism", in: Chloë Taylor, Neil Dalal (eds.), *Rethinking the Non-Human* (New York: Routledge, 2014), 93-111. ISBN-13: 978-0415729864.

"Crossing Boundaries: Zhuangzi and Basho on the Art of Travelling", in: Hans-Georg Moeller and Andrew Whitehead, *Landscape and Travelling East and West: A Philosophical Journey* (London: Bloomsbury, 2014), 9-22. ISBN-13: 978-1472513069.

"Practical and Utopian Wisdom", in: *Practical Philosophy Review* [Chinese version translated by Lu Chunying], 2013, 83-94.

"Critique, Normativity and Language" [Chinese version translated by Wilson Lin], in: *Contemporary Marxism Review*, 11, 2013, 74-90.

"Awakening from Madness", in: David Stern (ed.), *Essays on Hegel's Philosophy of Spirit*, (Albany: SUNY Press, 2013) 107-120. ISBN-13: 978-1438444444.

"Assimilierung und Gegenhermeneutik: Transkulturelle Moralkritik im Anschluss an Schopenhauer und Nietzsche", in: Dieter Birnbacher, Matthias Koblner, Andreas Urs Sommer (eds.), *Moralkritik bei Nietzsche und Schopenhauer* (Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2013) 125-138. ISBN-13: 978-3826050817.

"In-der-Mitte-Sein. Die Struktur gelingenden Handelns", in: Stefan Deines, Daniel Martin Feige, Martin Seel (eds.), *Formen kulturellen Wandels* (Bielefeld: Transcript, 2012), 173-196. ISBN-13: 978-3837618709.

"Daoism as Critical Theory", in: *Comparative Philosophy*, vol. 2, 2011, 50-71.

"Kant and Laozi on Nothingness", in: Steven Palmquist (ed.), *Cultivating Human Personhood: Kant and Asian Philosophy* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2010), 653-663.

"Kant and Laozi on Nothingness", in the *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, vol. 38:4, 2011, 556-568.

"The Return of Rage", in: *Parrhesia*, vol. 8, 2009, 89-99.

"Utopia, Reconciliation and Criticism in Hegel's Philosophy of History", in: Will Dudley (ed.), *Hegel and the Philosophy of History* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2009), 35-50.

"Cyphers of Transcendence and Utopian Potentials", in: *Existenz*, vol. 3, 2008, 49-57.

"Transfiguration and the Illusion of the Real. Danto and Adorno on the Political Meaning of Aesthetic Semblance," online publication available at <http://artmind.typepad.com/onlineconference/>. (Response by Arthur C. Danto)

"Adorno, Heidegger and the Problem of Remembrance", in: Iain Macdonald and Krzysztof Ziarek (eds.), *Adorno and Heidegger: Philosophical Questions* (Stanford: Stanford University Press 2007), 155-166.

"Strong Poets, Narrative Self Invention and We Liberals" (coauthored), in: Andreas Vieth (ed.), *Richard Rorty. His Philosophy under Discussion* (Münster: Ontos, 2005), 45-54. (Response by Richard Rorty)

"Heidegger and Adorno. Opening Up Grounds for a Dialogue", in: *Gnosis*, vol. 6, 2002.

"The Reality behind Commodity Fetishism", in: *Sic et Non*, 2002.

Interview

Interview with Richard Rorty (coauthored with Alex Livingston and David Rondel), in: *Gnosis* VIII, 2006.

Translated Articles

-Heiner Roetz, "Dissidents", in: Nahum Brown and William Franke (eds.), *Transcendence, Immanence, and Intercultural Philosophy*, Palgrave 2016. DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-43092-8

-Karl Jaspers, "The Individual and Solitude", in: *PhaenEx*, vol. 6:2, 2011, 189-214.

-Carl Schmitt, "Three Conceptions of a Christian Philosophy of History", in: *Telos*, vol. 147, 2009, 167-170.

-Rainer Forst, "The Injustice of Justice. Normative Dialectics according to Ibsen, Cavell and Adorno", in: *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, vol. 2, 2007, 39-51.

Book Reviews

Weigang Chen, *Confucian Marxism*, in: *Philosophy East and West*, vol. 67:1, 2017.

Byung-Chul Han, *Shanzhai 山寨. Dekonstruktion auf Chinesisch*, in: *Philosophy East and West*, 64:1, 2014, 264-266.

Steven C. Angle, *Contemporary Confucian Political Philosophy*, in: *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, 8:4, 2013, 683-688.

Georg Kohler, Stefan Müller-Doohm, *Wozu Adorno?*, in: *Literaturkritik*, vol. 5, 2010.

Alexander Kluge, *Chronik der Gefuehle*, in: *Literaturkritik*, vol. 10, 2009.

Stefan Müller-Doohm, *Jürgen Habermas*, in: *Literaturkritik*, vol. 9, 2009.

Judith Butler, *Die Macht der Geschlechternormen*, in: *Literaturkritik*, vol. 9, 2009.

Martin Seel, *Aesthetics of Appearing*, in: *Bryn Mawr Review*, 2008.

Norbert Bolz, *Das Wissen der Religionen*, in: *Literaturkritik*, vol. 8, 2008.

Axel Honneth and Christoph Menke (eds.): *Theodor W. Adorno: Negative Dialektik*, in: *Literaturkritik*, vol. 13, 2007.

Espen Hammer, *Adorno and the Political*, in: *Review Journal of Political Philosophy*, 133-138.

Frederic Beiser, *Schiller as Philosopher*, in: *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, vol. 4, 2006.

Winfried Menninghaus, *Hälfte des Lebens*, in: *Literaturkritik*, vol. 11, 2006.

Martin Heidegger, *Schillers Briefe über die ästhetische Erziehung des Menschen*, in: *Literaturkritik*, vol. 5, 2006.

James Klagge, *Wittgenstein. Biography and Philosophy*, in: *Gnosis*, vol. 6, 2002.

Miscellaneous

"Macau's Offer" in: Christine Hong-Barbosa (ed.), *Why Macau?* (Macau: Yunyi Arts and Cultural Communications Association, 17-22), 2015.

Professional Presentations

2016

Gambling: The Hand of Fortune and the Provocation of Knowledge
Critical Theory and Social Systems Theory, University of Macau

Trust and Recognition: Hegel and Confucius on the Normative Basis of Ethical Life
CUHK, Hong Kong

What does the Mystic Want?
HKUST, Hong Kong

Utopianism in Contemporary Chinese Thought
VHS Düsseldorf

The Rhythm of Natural Action
Nature, Time, Responsibility III, Kyoto University

2015

Politics of Arrival
Honors College, University of Macau

Rational Mysticism: Hegel on Magic and China
Forms of Rationality East and West, Bonn University

Utopia and Crisis in Contemporary Chinese Philosophy
Invited Lecture, Free University Berlin

Postsecularism and the Fate of Transcendence
Intercultural Perspectives on Transcendence, University of Macau

The Postsecular Turn in Education (with Jinting Wu)
Cognition, Religion, and Science, University of Macau

2014

Hybridity in the Second Axial Age
Invited Lecture, University of Kassel

Reason defended against its Devotees,
Concepts of Rationality East and West, Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Tyranny of Values? Schmitt and Daoism on the Limits of Ethics
Invited Lecture, Academia Sinica, Taipei

A Daoist Critique of Confucian Political Philosophy
 German Philosophical Society Meeting, WWU Münster

What is (and to what end do we study?) intercultural philosophy?
 University of Macau

2013

Critical Theory and Utopia
 Invited Lecture, Fudan University

Ritual Imagination
 The Force of the Imagination Conference, University of Macau

Political Theology or Theology as Politics, Athens
 World Congress of Philosophy

The Play of Trust and Suspicion, Hong Kong
 Invited Lecture, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Critique, Normativity and Language, Guangzhou
 Invited Lecture, Sun Yat-sen University

Natural Responsiveness: A Daoist Critique of Environmentalism, Macau
 Nature Time Responsibility Conference

2012

Critique of Utopian Reason, Hong Kong
 Invited Lecture, University of Hong Kong

Practical and Utopian Wisdom, Sun-Yat Sen University, Guangzhou
 Practical Wisdom and Globalizing Practice Conference

Transcultural Reflections on the Limits of Travel, Alet-les-Bains, France
 Académie du Midi

2011

Transcultural Critique of Morality after Schopenhauer and Nietzsche, Naumburg, Germany
 Schopenhauer and Nietzsche Society Conference

Daoism as Critical Theory, Beijing
 Beijing Roundtable of Philosophy

Daoism and the Future of Critical Theory, San Diego
 American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting

In-der-Mitte-sein, Frankfurt
 Conference on Forms of Cultural Change

2010

Thymos and Eros, Oxford
 Conference on Revenge

Tragic Knowledge versus Karmic Release: A Trans-cultural Comparison of Impure Emotions,
 Montreal
 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Convention

Utopianism after the End of Utopia, Hong Kong
 Crossroads Conference

Recognizing Emotions across Cultures, Hong Kong
 Crossroads Conference

Cosmopolitan Humanism and Existential Groundlessness, Jerusalem
 Meeting of the Melville Society

2009

All about Nothing, University of Mumbai, India
 Indian Philosophy Congress

The Return of Rage, University of Tokyo, Japan
 Invited Lecture

Kant and Chinese Philosophy on Nothingness, Hong Kong
 Kant in Asia Conference

Continental Philosophy and the Limits of Ethics, San Juan, Puerto Rico
 Invited Lecture

2008

Between Thymos and Eros, Auckland, New Zealand
 Conference on "The Posthuman Condition"

Heidegger's Return from the East, Hong Kong
 World Congress of Phenomenology

Awakening from Madness, Columbus SC, USA
 Biannual Meeting of the Hegel Society of America

Critical Theory as a Normative Theory without Norms, Seattle
 Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable

2007

Bloch and Jaspers and the Question of the Historical, Baltimore
American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting

Danto and Adorno on Aesthetic Transfiguration
Online Conference in Honor of Arthur Danto

2006

Utopia, Reconciliation and Critique in Hegel's Philosophy of History, Chicago
Bianual Meeting of the Hegel Society of America

Reconciliation and Utopia in Critical Theory, Freiburg
Annual conference of the International Association for Philosophy and Literature

Adorno's Utopian Materialism, Villanova University, Philadelphia
Conference on Materialism

Response to "Why is it Good to be Rational?" by Narve Strand, New York
Conference on Wittgenstein

2005

Transcending Tragedy. Hölderlin's Conception of Nature, Salt Lake City
Annual meeting of the Society of Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

Tragedy and the Elusiveness of Reconciliation, Citta di Castello, Italy
Collegium Phaenomenologicum

Response to "Hegel's Critique of Instrumental Reason" by Mark Alznauer, New York
Conference on Post-Kantian Philosophy

Transcending Tragedy. On Hölderlin's Conception of Nature, Villanova University, Philadelphia
Conference on Aesthetics

Transcending Tragedy. On Hölderlin's Conception of Nature, Boston College
Graduate Student Conference

2004

Strong Poets, Narrative Self Invention and We Liberals, University of Münster
Conference on Richard Rorty

Andenken or *Aufarbeitung*?, University of Montreal

Conference on Adorno and Heidegger

2002

Kuhn's Notion of Incommensurability and Progress, Prince Edward Island
Atlantic Regional Philosophy Conference

Research Projects (Previous three years, MYRG-funded)

Project Title: Nature, Time, Responsibility
Three-year level IV project
Application submitted

Project Title: Logics of Achievement
MYRG2014-00067-FAH (Level IV)
Duration: November 2014 – October 2017
Total Funding: MOP 1,497,150.00

Project Title: Confucian Ethics and the Spirit of Chinese Capitalism (Level III)
MYRG132(Y1-L3)-FSH12-MW
Duration: June 2012 – May 2014
MOP 700,000.00

Project Title: Effortless Action (Level II)
MYRG117(Y1-L2)-FSH11-MW
Duration: June 2012 – May 2014
MOP 772,200.00

PhD Student Supervision

Edmond Eh (2013-2016)
Dissertation Submitted, ABD (Defense scheduled for January)

Recently taught Courses

Special Topics: Heidegger's *Being and Time*, Hegel's Philosophy of Religion, Aristotle's *De Anima* (with Philipp Brandenburg and Wilhelm Essler), Philosophy and Film (with Stefan Deines), Dialectics of Utopia, Schiller's Aesthetics (with Stefan Deines), Confucius' *Analects* and Philosophical Daoism (with Wilhelm Essler), Problems of Moral Philosophy, Capitalism and Morality, Philosophy and Religion, Comparative Ethics, Elizabeth Anscombe's *Intention* (with Achim Vesper), Special Topics in Aesthetics, Introduction to Western Philosophy, Introduction to Logic, Ancient and Medieval European Philosophy, Special Topics in Political Philosophy

Distinctions and Grants

2015 100 Top Talents Program (CASC)
2015 DAAD Travel Grant
2015 Faculty Research Grant, "Logics of Achievement" (3 years)

- 2014 Member of the "Bridge to the Future" leadership group for the purpose of advancing Sino-German Exchange (funded by the Mercator Foundation, the BMW Foundation and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)
- 2014 Conference Grant from the Liberty Fund
- 2013 Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Fudan University and Tongji University, Shanghai
- 2013 Visiting Scholar Research Grant, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou (3 years)
- 2013 Faculty Conference Grant to organize the international conference "Force of the Imagination"
- 2013 Faculty Research Grant, "Confucian Ethics and the Spirit of Chinese Capitalism" (2 years)
- 2013 Faculty Conference Grant to organize the Humboldt Kolleg "Nature Time Responsibility"
- 2011 Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship, University of Frankfurt (host: Martin Seel)
- 2011 Faculty Conference Grant to organize the international conference "Rethinking Resistance"
- 2011 Faculty Research Grant, "Effortless Action" (3 years)
- 2010 Faculty Research Grant, "Recognizing Emotions across Cultures" (2 years)
- 2009 Faculty Research Grant, "Conceptions of the East in Western Philosophy" (2 years)
- 2006 Prize for the paper presented at "Arthur Danto's *Transfiguration of the Commonplace*"
- 2006 Dissertation Scholarship, New School for Social Research
- 2006 Cusanus Foundation Scholarship (3 years)
- 2005 Deans Fellowship, New School for Social Research
- 2005 Humboldt University Visiting Fellowship
- 2004 "Democracy and Diversity" Fellowship, Krakow, Poland
- 2003 Prize Fellowship, New School for Social Research (3 years)
- 2002 Concordia International Student Scholarship (2 years)
- 2002 Rose and Norman Goldberg Graduate Award for Academic Excellence
- 2002 Cirst Research Fellowship

Professional Memberships

American Philosophical Association
 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie
 Humboldt Foundation
 International Society for Comparative Studies of Chinese and Western Philosophy
 Mercator Foundation
 Jaspers Society