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EMPLOYMENTS

Associate Professor

Department of Philosophy, Soochow University

February 2012 - present

Assistant Professor

Department of Philosophy, Soochow University

February 2010-January 2012

Assistant Professor

Department of Philosophy, Huafan University

August 2006 – January 2010

Co-Director

International Center for Chinese Philosophy,
Soochow University

August 2011 - present

EDUCATION

Ph.D.

Chinese Studies (major) / Philosophy (minor), LM University of Munich
(Advisor: Prof. Hans van Ess)

2002 - 2006

M.A. (Magister Artium)

Chinese Studies (major) / Philosophy (major), University of Heidelberg
(Advisors: Prof. Rudolf G. Wagner/Prof. Barend ter Haar)

1994 - 2000

Exchange Program Erasmus

INALCO, École Normale Paris

1999 - 2001

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Chinese Thought
History of Neo-Confucianism
Comparative Political Theory
Practical Philosophy

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Visiting Professor in the Department of Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, Summer 2016;
- Visiting Fellowship in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Program, University of Macao, China, January/February 2016;
- Two-Year Research Grant by the National Science Council Taiwan for a project “Conceptions of Wholeness: From Virtue Ethics to Moral Perfectionism“ (2015-2016);
- Visiting Fellowship in the Philosophy Department of Fudan University (China) 復旦大學哲學系, March 2015;
- Three-month Visiting Fellowship at the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities (“Fate, Freedom, and Prognostication. Strategies for Coping with the Future in East Asia and Europe”), University of Nuremberg-Erlangen, Germany (Summer 2013);
- Research Member of the Research Team “Intellectual and Moral Virtues”, Department of Philosophy, Soochow University (2012-2015) (Grant by the Ministry of Education Taiwan);
- One-Year Research Grant by the National Science Council Taiwan for the completion of a book manuscript on Zhu Xi’s Moral and Political Thought (2010 - 2011);
- Three-Year Research Grant by the National Science Council Taiwan, “The Limits of Modernity – Neo-Confucian and Conservative Political Philosophy“ (2007-2010);
- Teaching Award, Huafan University (2008);
- Travel Grant by the American Political Science Association (Summer 2007);
- One-year Chiang Ching-Kuo Doctoral Fellowship (2005-2006);
- One-year Academia Sinica Doctoral Fellowship (2005-2006, declined);
- Six-months Grant at the Center for Chinese Studies (Hanxue yanjiu zhongxin), National Central Library, Taipei, Taiwan (2004);
- One-year European Erasmus Scholarship, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris (1999-2000);
- One-year Grant at the Beijing waiyu xueyuan, Beijing, PRC (1996-1997).

BOOKS

- *Die Aufhebung des Politischen - Lü Zuqian und der Aufstieg des Neukonfuzianismus* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2011);
Review Articles by Christian Meyer, in *Monumenta Serica*, vol. LX (2012), pp. 537-541; Ralph Weber, in *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*, vol. 40:1 (March 2013), pp. 200-205; and Hilde De Weerd, in *China Review International*, vol. 19, no. 3 (2012), pp. 468-473.
- M.A. Thesis (“Das machtpolitische und hermeneutische Manuale Wang Bis (226-249) zum *Yijing* – Übersetzung und strukturelle Analyse des *Zhouyi lieli* in seiner Beziehung zum *Zhouyi zhu*“, University of Heidelberg, 2000);

EDITED VOLUMES

- (co-editor with Carl K.Y. Shaw 蕭高彥), *Weimar in East Asia. The Receptions of Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss in the Sinophone World*, edited volume (in preparation) (ca. 250 pages);
- (as 馬愷之; co-editor with Fabian Heubel), 《聖境與德行：探討安靖如（Steven C. Angle）對宋明理學的詮釋》專輯[“Sagehood and Virtue: On Stephen C. Angle's Interpretation of Neo-Confucian Thought“], special issue of the 《中國文哲研究通訊》 [*Newsletter of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy*], Academia Sinica, September 2013 (126 pages);

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Die Wiederkehr der Moral? Wang Hui und das Ethos der chinesischen Moderne,“ accepted for publication in *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, to appear in 3/2016;
- “Der tolle Mensch im transkulturellen Spiegelkabinett – Über die Bedeutung Nietzsches für eine philosophische Auseinandersetzung mit dem Daoismus,“ in: Hans Feger, ed., *Nietzsche und die Aufklärung - in Deutschland und in China*, Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming;
- “Paradoxes and Possibilities of ‘Confucian Freedom’: From Yan Fu (1853-1921) to Mou Zongsan (1909-1995),” *Philosophy East & West*, accepted for publication in April 2016; (peer-reviewed)
- “Chinese Perspectives on Free Will”, co-authored with Christian Wenzel, in: Meghan Griffith, Neil Levy, & Kevin Timpe, eds., *Routledge Companion to Free Will*, to appear in June 2016;
- (as 馬愷之), 〈儒家傳統、自由主義、哲學競賽：對跨文化政治哲學的幾點意見〉 [Confucian Tradition, Liberalism, Philosophical Agon: Some Reflections on Cross-Cultural Political Philosophy] (Paper in Chinese, 28 pages), in 《中國哲學研究之新方向——中大哲學系創系六十周年紀念、唐君毅百歲冥壽暨新亞書院六十周年院慶國際學術研討會》 [*New Directions in Chinese Philosophy. Volume of the International Conference on Chinese Philosophy and Tang Junyi in May 2009*] (Hong Kong Chinese University, 2014), pp. 432-456;

- “Der Wissensbegriff in der chinesischen Philosophie,” in: Thomas Bonk, ed., *Lexikon der Erkenntnistheorie*, Darmstadt: Wissenschaftliche Buchgesellschaft, 2013, pp. 300-313 (co-authored with Philippe Brunozzi);
- “Moral Emotions, Awareness, and Spiritual Freedom in Zhu Xi (1130-1200),” *Asian Philosophy*, vol. 23, no. 3 (August 2013), pp. 199-220; (peer-reviewed)
- “The Virtues, Moral Inwardness, and the Challenge of Modernity,” critical essay on Stephen C. Angle's *Sagehood: The Contemporary Significance of Neo-Confucian Philosophy* (Oxford: OUP, 2009), *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, vol. 12:3 (2013), pp. 369-380; (peer-reviewed)
- “The Virtues of Justice in Zhu Xi,” chapter in *Virtue Ethics and Confucianism*, eds. Michael A. Slote and Stephan C. Angle (London: Routledge, 2013), pp. 192-200; (peer-reviewed)
- “Moralgesetz, Lebenszusammenhänge und die Verborgenheit eines liberalen Gemeinwesens. Überlegungen zum Projekt des zeitgenössischen Neokonfuzianismus,” *Polylog. Forum for Intercultural Philosophy* (special number on Neo-Confucianism and Political Philosophy, ed. by Fabian Heubel, 2011), pp. 5-18;
- 〈論朱熹的實踐哲學：從新亞里斯多德主義以及德性倫理學談起〉 [Zhu Xi's Practical Philosophy Confucian in the Light of Neo-Aristotelianism and Virtue Ethics], in Wang Wensheng 汪文聖, ed., 《漢語哲學新視域》 [*New Perspectives for Philosophy in Chinese*], (Taipei: Xuesheng shuju 學生書局, 2011), pp. 395-428; (peer-reviewed)
- 〈超出世俗理性：從泰勒（Charles Taylor）到朱熹以及牟宗三〉 [Beyond Secular Reason: From Charles Taylor to Zhu Xi and Mou Zongsan], in Chen Lai 陳來, Zhu Jieren 朱杰人, eds., 《人文與價值：朱子學國際學術研討會 - 暨朱子誕辰 880 周年紀念年會論文集》 [*Culture and Value: Conference Volume of the 2010 International Conference on Zhu Xi*] (Shanghai: Huadong shifandaxue chubanshe 華東師範大學出版社, 2011), pp. 552-574. Revised Version also published in: 跨文化哲學中的當代儒學：工夫論與內在超越性 [Contemporary Confucianism in a Crosscultural Perspective: Theories of *gongfu* and Immanent Transcendence], ed. by Lin Wei-Chieh 林維杰 and Huang Ya-hsien 黃雅嫻, Taipei 2014; (peer-reviewed)
- “Zhu Xi und das Problem der Sprache,” in Daniel Leese, Marc Nürnberger, Christian Soffel, eds., *Sprache und Wirklichkeit in China. Jahrbuch der Deutschen Vereinigung für China-Studien* (vol. 7, Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2011), pp. 79-98;
- “Lü Zuqian's Political Philosophy,” in John Makeham, ed., *Dao Companion to Neo-Confucian Philosophy* (Dordrecht, Heidelberg, London, New York: Springer, 2010), pp. 197-223; (peer-reviewed)
- 〈動物性、文化批判、苦惱的意識：樂唯的莊子詮釋〉 [Animality, Cultural Criticism, Unhappy Consciousness: On Jean Lévi's Interpretation of the *Zhuangzi*], 《中國文哲研究通訊》 [*Newsletter of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy*] (Special Number on the French Zhuangzi, 18:4, December 2008), pp. 101-114;
- 〈中國的施特勞斯思想旨趣〉 [On Leo Strauss Studies in China], 《中國圖書評論》 [*Chinese Book Reviews*] (October 2008, pp. 76-82); also in Xu Jian 徐戩, ed., 《古今之爭與文明自覺：中國語境中的施特勞斯》 [*The Quarrel between the Ancients and the Moderns and the Self-Consciousness of Chinese Civilization: Leo Strauss in China*] (Shanghai: Huadong Shifan daxue chubanshe 華東師範大學出版社, 2010, pp. 152-168) (under the new title 〈哲人的自由、哲人的沉默：施特勞斯與中國哲學〉);

- 〈歷史性、哲學與現代性的命運：勞思光的《中國哲學史》與列奧·施特勞斯〉 [Historicity, Philosophy and the Fate of Modernity: Lao Sze-kwang's History of Chinese Philosophy and Leo Strauss], 《國立政治大學哲學學報》 [NCCU Philosophical Journal] (vol. 20, July 2008, pp. 51-104); also published in Liu Guoying 劉國英, Wu Zhixue 伍至學, Lin Biling 林碧玲, eds., 《萬戶千門任卷舒：勞思光先生八十華誕祝壽論文集》 [Festschrift for the 80th Birthday of Lao Sze-kwang] (Hong Kong: Chinese University Press, 2010, pp. 217-256); (peer-reviewed)
- 〈德國比較哲學的先鋒：葛拉福神父的『道與仁』〉 [A German Precursor of Comparative Philosophy: Olaf Graf's Tao und Jen], 《中國文哲研究通訊》 [Newsletter of the Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy] (Special Number on Chinese Philosophy in German, 66.2, 2007), pp. 17-28;
- “Die ‘eigentlich konfuzianische Verschärfung’ – Leo Strauss und China,” *minima sinica* (2007/1), pp. 1-14;
- 〈論呂祖謙、朱熹的諫君思想與其政治哲學內涵〉 [On Lü Zuqian's and Zhu Xi's Remonstrances and Some Politico-Philosophical Implications], 《江南文化研究》 [Research in Jiangnan Culture, Special Number on Lü Zuqian and Zhedong] (Beijing: Xueyuan chubanshe, 2006, pp. 110-129)
- 〈在形而上學與政治哲學之間 – 從西方漢學之角度重新探討王弼的易學〉 [Between Metaphysics and Politics – Once Again on Wang Bi's Yijing Studies], 《人文雜誌》 [Humanities Journal] (2004:4), pp. 59-63;
- “Über eine mögliche Verstaatlichung des Absoluten – Einige Gedanken zu Hegels Begriff des Staates zwischen Naturrechtsaufsatz und Phänomenologie des Geistes,” *Hegeru tetsugaku kenkyū* へーゲル哲学研究 [Japanese Hegel Studies], (vol. 10, 2004), pp. 123-137; (peer-reviewed)
- “Machtkämpfe und Tyrannenmord – Zur Theorie des Souveräns in Wang Bis (226-249) Yijing-Exegese“, *Asiatische Studien/Etudes Asiatiques* (LVII-4, 2003), pp. 55-85;

MINOR PUBLICATIONS (TRANSLATIONS, REVIEWS, JOURNALISTIC WRITING)

- “Hongkong und Taipeh. Städte am Rand der westlichen Welt“, *Merkur. Deutsche Zeitschrift für europäisches Denken*, December 2014;
- “Vereinnahmung des Anderen – Der Sinologe und Philosoph François Jullien“, *Merkur. Deutsche Zeitschrift für europäisches Denken*, August 2014;
- Book Review of Li Chenyang, *The Confucian Philosophy of Harmony*, London: Routledge, 2013, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 77:2 (2014);
- Book Review of Brook Ziporyn, *Oneness and Difference*, two volumes, Albany: State University of New York Press, 2013/2014, *Philosophy East & West* 65:3 (July 2015);
- Review of *Tao und Jen, Sein und Sollen im sungchinesischen Monismus* by Olaf Graf, in “Database of Research on Chinese Philosophy in Foreign Languages: German“ and in *Chinesische Philosophie in Deutschland* (preliminary title, ed. Fabian Heubel), forthcoming;
- Book review of Iso Kern, *Das Wichtigste im Leben. Wang Yangming (1472-1529) und seine Nachfolger über die “Verwirklichung des ursprünglichen Wissens” 致良知*, Basel: Schwabe Verlag, 2010, *Philosophy East & West* 63:4 (2013), pp. 676-680;
- “Konfuzianismus,” entry in Antje Kapust, Rolf Gröschner, Oliver W. Lembcke, eds., *Wörterbuch der Würde*, Munich: W. Fink (UTB), 2013, pp. 237-238;

- Book review of Sébastien Billioud, *Thinking Through Confucian Modernity. A Study of Mou Zongsan's Moral Metaphysics* (Brill, 2011), *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, Vol. 12:2 (June 2013), pp. 241-245;
- 〈雷敦穌的老子新英文譯本〉 [Edmund Ryden's New Laozi Translation], 《東吳哲學學報》 [*Soochow Philosophical Journal*] (24, 8/2011), pp. 131-139;
- “Wir bräuchten einfach mehr Brückenbauer und Quereinsteiger!”, *DianMo - Zeitung Leipziger Sinologiestudenten* (No. 9, May 2010, Interview with Jens Cram), pp. 15-20;
- Review of *Ritendiskussionen am Hof der nördlichen Song-Dynastie 1034–1093. Zwischen Ritengelehrsamkeit, Machtkampf und intellektuellen Bewegungen* by Christian Meyer, *The Journal of Sung-Yuan Studies* (Vol. 39, 2009), pp. 243-246;
- Review of *Competition over Content – Negotiating Standards for the Civil Service Examinations in Imperial China (1127-1279)* by Hilde de Weerd, *Journal of Chinese Studies* 《中國文化研究所學報》 (49, 2009), pp. 511-518;
- “Das lebende Fossil – Chinesischer Neokonservatismus,” *Die Gazette* (No. 14, Summer 2007), pp. 53-56;
- “Weltläufigkeit und großer Zauber. Ein Lob der politischen Erfahrung,” *Zeno. Jahrbuch für Literatur und Kritik* (Heft 28, 2007), pp. 54-73;
- Zhang Ailing 張愛玲, “Gedanken zur Musik“ 〈談音樂〉, Translation into German, *minima sinica* (2005/1), pp. 66-80;
- “Ein Klassiker in einer neuen Welt“, Review Article of 《朱熹的歷史世界》 [*The Historical World of Zhu Xi*] by Yu Yingshi 余英時, *Asiatische Studien/Etudes Asiatiques* (LVIII-4, 2004), pp. 995-1011;
- 〈從「全球反戰」看「反全球化」〉, 《聯合報》 [*United Daily News*], March 10, 2003 (co-authored with Sacha Bourgeois-Gironde);

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER SUBMISSION/IN PREPARATION

- “Maximen, Selbstbilder und Sehkraft – Über einige Aspekte von Iris Murdochs kritischem Verhältnis zur kantischen Moralphilosophie,” in preparation (25 pages);
- “The Ox and the King – On Zhu Xi’s Understanding of Political Communication” (paper in English, 25 pages);
- “Annäherung an ein ’Anti-Europa’ – Anmerkungen zur Möglichkeit und Notwendigkeit chinesischer Philosophie in Deutschland” (paper in German, 25 pages, part of a publication project by Fabian Heubel);
- “The Strange Logic of Modernity – Comparing Mou Zongsan’s and Wang Hui’s Interpretation of Neo-Confucianism” (paper in English, 20 pages)
- *Zhu Xi’s Moral and Political Thought* (Book ms. in German, in preparation; ca. 250 pages);

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Chinese Perspectives on Free Will”, presentation with Christian Wenzel at the international conference on “Concepts of Rationality (II)” (Department of Philosophy, Bonn, Germany, June 13-14, 2015);
- “A Fresh Look at Iris Murdoch's Contribution to Virtue Ethics,” presentation at the international workshop “Knowledge, Action, Virtue” (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology Center, May 31, 2015);
- “Chinese Modernity and its Discontents: The Case of Wang Hui,” invited presentation at the international conference “Modernization in China and the West: Comparative Perspectives”, organized by the journal *History and Theory* (Wesleyan University) and the Social Sciences in China Press (Guilin, China, May 9-11, 2015);
- 〈自我的揭示與遮蔽：重新思考現代性〉（四場演講）[Subjectivity, Hidden and Revealed: Further Thoughts on (Chinese) Modernity], series of four lectures, Philosophy Department of Fudan University (China) 復旦大學哲學系, March 2015;
- “Further Thoughts on Love as a Moral Emotion”, presentation at the annual meeting of the Taiwanese Philosophical Association (Taipei, November 2, 2014);
- “Reason, Culture, Particularity”, presentation at the international conference on “Concepts of Rationality (I)”, (Department of Philosophy, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, September 19, 2014);
- “Modernity, Tyranny, and Crisis: Leo Strauss in China,” presentation at the international conference “Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss in the Sinophone World” (Academia Sinica, Taipei, September 1-2, 2014);
- “Rückkehr der Moral? Wang Hui und das Ethos der chinesischen Moderne,” presentation at the conference “Political Philosophy in Modern China” (Goethe University Frankfurt, July 11, 2014);
- “Historicity, Normativity, Critique: On Wang Hui's Uses of Neo-Confucianism,” invited lecture (University of Macao, Philosophy and Religious Studies Program, May 20, 2014);
- Invited speaker at the workshop “Neo-Confucianism: A Philosophical Introduction” (by Stephen Angle and Justin Tiwald) (San Francisco, March 28-29, 2014);
- “Political Unity or Moral Consciousness? On the Idea of Critique in Neo-Confucianism,” presentation at the workshop “The Art of Subtle Persuasion? Exhortation and Critique in Traditional China,” (Soochow University, February 21, 2014);
- “Who is afraid of François Jullien? Some Thoughts on the Political and Philosophical Implications of an 'Untimely' Thinking,” presentation at 『間與勢』：朱利安（François Jullien）對中國思想的詮釋 [Betweeness and Propensity: A Workshop on François Jullien's Interpretation of Chinese Thought], (Academia Sinica, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, November 7-8, 2013);
- “Was Iris Murdoch a Kantian? Further Thoughts on Maxims and Virtues,” presentation at the annual meeting of the Taiwanese Philosophical Association (Hsin-chu, October 27, 2013);
- “Why Do We Need To Talk About the Confucian Virtues Today?,” presentation at the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy (Athens, August 4-10, 2013);
- “Human Agency between 'Freedom' and 'Necessity': Some Preliminary Thoughts on Wang Hui's The Rise of Modern Chinese Thought,” public lecture (Karl Jaspers Centre Heidelberg, Excellence Cluster Asia and Europe in a Global Context, July 23, 2013);

- “Some Thoughts on Post-Colonial and Intercultural Political Theory in a Chinese Context,” presentation at the workshop on “Political Philosophy in Modern China“ (Institute of Chinese Studies, Erlangen, July 17, 2013);
- “Confucian Divination and the Contingency of Community: On Two Types of *Ursprungsdenken* in Mou Zongsan and Wang Hui,” public lecture at the “International Consortium for Research in the Humanities” (Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg, July 16, 2013);
- “Die Wiederkehr der Geschichte: Wang Huis Entwurf einer chinesischen Moderne,” invited lecture (Department of Philosophy, University of Kassel, June 19, 2013);
- 〈儒家與自由：從嚴復與牟宗三談起〉[Confucianism and Freedom], invited lecture (Department of Chinese, National Taiwan Normal University, April 16, 2013);
- “Paradoxes and Possibilities of 'Confucian Freedom': From Yan Fu (1853-1921) to Mou Zongsan (1909-1995),” invited paper at the “International Conference on Nature and Value in Chinese and Western Philosophy” (Rutgers University, April 4-5, 2013);
- “The Epistemic Function of Virtuous Emotions: The Neo-Confucian View,” paper presentation at the “Workshop on Virtues: Intellectual and Moral” (Wesleyan University, April 2, 2013);
- “The Epistemic Function of Virtuous Emotions: The Neo-Confucian View,” paper presentation at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting (Seattle, April 4-7, 2012);
- “The Strange Logic of Modernity – Comparing Mou Zongsan’s and Wang Hui’s Interpretation of Neo-Confucianism,” invited paper at the 「跨文化視野下的東亞哲學」國際學術研討會 [International Conference on East-Asian Philosophy from the Angle of Transcultural Philosophy] (Academia Sinica, Taipei, January 5-6, 2012);
- “Tugend, Moralesetz, existenzielle Praxis: Zur Bedeutung des Neukonfuzianismus in einer transkulturellen Moderne,“ presentation at the round-table discussion “Kritik, Normativität und zeitgenössischer Konfuzianismus: Transkulturelle Perspektiven“ (Frankfurt, Institut für Sozialforschung, July 12, 2011);
- “Zeitgenössische Ethik und Neo-Konfuzianismus“, presentation at the workshop “Confucianism and Intercultural Philosophy“ (University of Munich, Institut für Sinologie, July 11, 2011);
- “Was eine konfuzianische Demokratie sein kann: Anmerkungen zur 100 Jahre Republik China,“ presentation at the workshop on “Democracy and Chinese Culture: Philosophical Reflections on the Centenary of the Republic of China“ (Hamburg, Asien-Institut, July 7, 2011);
- “Principle or Perception? Zhu Xi’s Situationalism Reconsidered,” paper presented at the International Conference on Virtue and Luck (Soochow University, June 2-4, 2011);
- 〈超出世俗理性：朱熹的內在超越形態與泰勒（Charles Taylor）〉 [Beyond Secular Reason: Zhu Xi and Charles Taylor], invited paper, presented at the International Workshop 「跨文化哲學中的當代儒學」第二次小型研討會 —— 跨文化哲學中的工夫論與內在超越性 [Gongfu theories and immanent transcendence from the Angle of Transcultural Philosophy], Academia Sinica, September 30, 2010;
- 〈超出世俗理性：朱熹的內在超越形態與泰勒（Charles Taylor）〉 [Beyond Secular Reason: Zhu Xi and Charles Taylor], invited paper, presented at the International Conference 人文與價值：朱子學國際研討會 [“Humanities and Value: International Conference on Zhu Xi Studies”] (Tsinghua University, Beijing, October 20-22, 2010);

- “‘The other’s material needs are my spiritual needs’: Zhu Xi on the Virtues of Justice,” invited paper at the International Conference on Confucianism and Virtue Ethics (Tsinghua University/Wesleyan University, Beijing, May 14-16, 2010);
- 〈實踐、傳統、哲學競賽：從跨文化政治哲學的角度重新看朱熹的哲學思想〉[Practice, Tradition, and Philosophical Agon], invited paper, presented at the International Conference “New Directions in Chinese Philosophy, 60th Anniversary of the Department of Philosophy, CUHK, the Centenary of Tang Chun-I, and the 60th Anniversary of New Asia College” (Chinese University Hong Kong, May 18-21, 2009);
- “Political Theology in China? A Reassessment of the Political Implications of ‘Confucian Spirituality’,” invited paper, presented at the International Conference on Religion and Chinese Philosophy (Academia Sinica, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, January 15-17, 2009);
- “Between Philosophical and Political Singularity: Rethinking the Role of Individuality in Leo Strauss,” invited paper at the International Workshop on the Political Philosophy of Leo Strauss organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Tokyo, Japan, December 13, 2008;
- 〈在「勢」與「理」之間的徘徊：現代性在臺灣〉[Reflections on Modernity in Taiwan], Talk in Chinese, Taipei National University of the Arts 臺北藝術大學美術學院, June 16, 2008;
- “Between Human Nature and Community: Political Philosophy and the Challenge of Zhu Xi,” Paper in English, presented at the International Conference “Political Philosophy in East and West – The 11th Symposium of Confucian/Buddhist Communication”, Huafan University 華梵大學, Taipei, March 28-29, 2008;
- 〈動物性、文化批判、苦惱的意識：尚·李維的莊子詮釋〉[Animality, Cultural Criticism, Unhappy Consciousness: On Jean Levi’s Interpretation of the *Zhuangzi*], invited paper at the workshop 「身體、動物性與自我技術：法語莊子研究工作坊」[Body, Animality, and Practices of the Self: Workshop on the French *Zhuangzi*], Academia Sinica, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, December 19, 2007;
- 〈從哲人到哲學史：勞思光先生、列奧·施特勞斯對於哲學、哲學史及主體性之思考〉[From the Philosopher to the History of Philosophy – On the Concepts of ‘Philosophy’, ‘History of Philosophy’ and ‘Subjectivity’ in Prof. Lao Sze-kwang’s and Leo Strauss’s Thought], invited paper at the International Conference 「哲學詮釋、文化批判與詩藝探索——勞思光教授八十大壽學術會議」[Philosophical Interpretation, Cultural Criticism, and Artistic Endeavor. For the eightieth anniversary of Lao Sze-kwang], Hongkong Chinese University, October 25-28, 2007;
- “- nicht ein Funke von Begriff ist darin.’ – Anmerkungen zur Möglichkeit und Notwendigkeit chinesischer Philosophie in Deutschland,” invited paper at the International Conference 「跨文化動態：探討德語哲學與漢語哲學之互動關係」[Cross-Cultural Dynamic: At the Crossroad of Chinese and German Philosophies], Academia Sinica, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, September 14-16, 2007;
- “The Ox and the King – On Zhu Xi’s Understanding of Political Communication,” paper at the “Fifth International Convention of Asia Scholars” (ICAS 5), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 2-5, 2007;
- 〈公共演說、權力以及聖人境界之追求：關於朱熹的一點想法〉[Public Speech, Power and the Quest for Sagedom: Some Remarks on Zhu Xi], talk in Chinese, Department of Chinese Literature, National Tsing Hua University 國立清華大學, June 5, 2007;

- 〈道德實踐、政治目的、對於現代性的挑戰 – 朱熹心性論的另外意涵〉[Moral Practice, Political Ends, and the Challenge to Modernity – Some Thoughts on Chu Hsi's Theory of 'Mind' (*hsin*) and 'Human nature' (*hsing*)], Paper in Chinese, "The 10th Symposium of Confucianism/Buddhism Communication", Huaan University 華梵大學, Taipei, March 17-18, 2007;
- "Sagehood as Spiritual Rhetoric: The Concept of Language in Confucianism," paper presented at the 23rd Annual International Meeting of the Eric Voegelin Society (with the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, APSA), Chicago, Illinois, August 30-September 2, 2007;
- 〈論 Olaf Graf 對宋明儒學的研究〉 [On Olaf Graf and his Research on Neo-Confucianism], talk in Chinese as part of the project "Chinese Philosophy in Germany", National Science Council, Center for Humanities, Taipei, June 6, 2006;
- 〈論呂祖謙、朱熹的諫君思想與其政治哲學內涵〉 [On the Idea of Remonstrance in Lü Zuqian's and Zhu Xi's Thought and its Politico-philosophical Implications], paper presented at the International conference *Lü Zuqian ji Zhedong xueshu wenhua guoji yantaohui* 「呂祖謙及浙東學術文化國際研討會」, Jinhua, P.R.China, November 17-20, 2005;
- 〈探索朱熹與亞里斯多德的共同基礎—關於中國與西方政治思想的反思〉 [In Search for Common Ground between Aristotle and Chu Hsi – Some thoughts on Western and Chinese political thought], lecture in Chinese, Center for Emergent Cultural Studies, National Chiao Tung University 交通大學, Hsin-chu, November 9, 2005;
- "The Concept of Cultural Memory in Jan Assmann – Modi memorandi, Canon and Connective Justice," talk in English, "The 8th Symposium of Confucianism/Buddhism Communication and Philosophy of Culture", Huaan University 華梵大學, Taipei, March 6, 2005;
- 〈論政治溝通的若干問題 – 重新檢討朱熹與呂祖謙的書信往來〉 [On Political Communication – A New Reading of Zhu Xi's and Lü Zuqian's Correspondence], Lecture in Chinese, Institute of Chinese Literature and Philosophy, Academia Sinica, Taipei, September 9, 2004;
- "Daoist non-being and Confucian *Realpolitik* – A few Preliminary Remarks about Wang Bi's Exegesis of the *Yijing*" 「道家的『無』與儒家現實政治 – 對於王輔嗣『易』學的一些想法」, invited presentation at the "International Conference of Young Scholars on Confucianism", Chung-yang University, Taipei, September 26-28, 2003;
- "Hexagrams in the Flux of Time – about Wang Fuzhi's (1619-1692) interpretation of the *Book of Changes (Yijing)* and his historiographic approach in the *Remarks about Reading Sima Guang's Comprehensive Mirror (Dutongjian lun)*", invited paper at the International Conference "Chinese Scholars on Chinese Philosophy", University Leuven, September 18-25, 1998;

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- (ongoing): Co-Director of the *International Center for Chinese Philosophy*; organization of a regular lecture series on Western Sinology, Chinese and Inter-cultural Philosophy, see <http://www.pc.scu.edu.tw/cpc/index.html>;
- Organization of the International Conference "The Reception of Carl Schmitt and Leo Strauss in the Sinophone World", September 2014, Academia Sinica, Taipei (with Carl K.Y. Shaw 蕭高彥) (invited speakers: Clemens Kauffmann, Harald Bluhm, Thomas Fröhlich, Christopher Nadon, Mario Wenning, Huang Kuan-min, et al.);

- Organization of the Workshop “Blunt or Hidden: Ways of Criticism and Remonstrance in Traditional China”, February 21, 2014; (together with Michael Schimmelpfennig; invited speakers: Chu Ping-tzu 祝平次, Sato Masayuki, Fabian Heubel, et al.);
- Organization of the Workshop “Wang Hui and Neo-Confucianism”, January 7, 2012, Soochow University (invited speakers: Ralph Weber, Fabian Heubel, Chu Yuan-hong 朱元鴻, et al.);
- Organization of the International Conference “Virtue and Luck in East and West”, Soochow University, June 2-4, 2011 (invited speakers: Ernest Sosa, Stephen C. Angle, Peter Graham, Lao Sze-kwang 勞思光, Huang Yong 黃勇, et al.) (together with Michael Mi 米建國, Soochow University);
- Organization of the Workshop “Virtue and Ethics in Ancient Greece and China”, Soochow University, July 4, 2009 (invited speakers: Dennis Schilling, Richard King, Wang Chi-huei, et al.);
- Organization of the International Conference “Political Philosophy East and West”, March 28-29, 2008 (invited speakers: Fred R. Dallmayr, Daniel A. Bell, Thomas Fröhlich, Anne Cheng, Tsai Ying-wen, Mamoru Takayama, Jon D. Solomon, Christian Soffel, Masayuki Sato, Wing-cheuk Chan, et al.);
- Organization of the Workshop “Comparative Political Philosophy“, with Chiang Yi-hua 江宜樺 (National Taiwan University, Department of Political Science) and Chan Kang 詹康 (National Chengchi University, Department of Philosophy, March 2008);
- Committee Member in various M.A. examination, regular committee work at Soochow University;
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MEMBERSHIPS

- American Philosophical Association (APA);
- European Association of Chinese Studies (EACS);
- Deutsche Vereinigung für China-Studien (DVCS);
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