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A.O.S.

Philosophy of language, Epistemology

Classical Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy

A.O.C

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Ethics,

History of Chinese philosophy

EDUCATION

2021-Present

King's College London

PhD in progress, Philosophy

Dissertation: Understanding as Cognitive Satisfaction

Supervisor: Dr. Julien Dutant, Prof. Matthew Soteriou

2018-2021

University of Hong Kong

M.Phil, Philosophy

Dissertation: Understanding in the *Xúnzǐ* and Contemporary Philosophy

Supervisor: Prof. Chris Fraser

Examiner: Prof. Herman Cappelen, Prof. Christoph Kelp

Oral exam waived, Pass without corrections.

2014-2018

University of Hong Kong

B.A. Majors in Philosophy and Comparative Literature,

Thesis: Reasoning and Desire in the *Mòzǐ*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

London School of Economics and Political Science

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2023-2024 Sem 1&2:

PH103 The Big Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy (a one-year course. Selections on happiness, consciousness, knowledge, time and space, free will, truth, and democracy)

King's College London

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2022-2023 Sem 2:

4AANA103 Metaphysics

4MBBS104 Introduction to Values Based Clinical Practice: Philosophy Block

2022-2023 Sem 1:
4AANA002 Ethics I

The University of Hong Kong

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2019-2020 Sem1:

PHIL247 Moral Psychology in the Chinese Tradition

Honours and Awards

Graduate Teaching Assistant Award 2022-23 – Honourable Mention, KCL

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Epistemology and Language:

Non-factive understanding: evidence from English, Mandarin, and Cantonese. Unpublished manuscript

Chinese philosophy:

Ming and *Tong* in the *Xunzi*: Understanding the Unified System of Names. Unpublished manuscript

Language and Assertion in the *Xunzi*: What is Beyond the Regularity is Beyond Words. Unpublished manuscript

Funding

HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund 2014-2015, HKU

HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund 2015-2016, HKU

HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund 2016-2017, HKU

HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund 2017-2018, HKU

PRESENTATIONS

Epistemology and Language

OCT 2023 “Distinctions between Sheer Deference and Firsthand Insight: A Psychological point of View” COGITO/Seville Summer School on the Epistemology of Ernest Sosa. Universidad de Sevilla
Sevilla, Spain

OCT 2022 “Linguistic uses of understand” The Epistemology of Understanding Workshop, The University of Zurich,

Chinese Philosophy

SEP 2023 “Regularity (cháng 常) in *Xunzi*: What is beyond the regularity is beyond words,” Varieties of Ineffability in Ancient Philosophy, Online Conference, Oxford, Toronto and KCL.

- SEP 2022 "Understanding in the *Xunzi*," BIPPA Conference on the History of Hindu, South-Asian and Chinese Philosophy, Bush House, KCL,
- APR 2019 "The Role of Affective Attitudes in the Mohist Notion of Moral Judgment," Uehiro Philosophy Graduate Conference, The University of Hawaii.

PRESENTATIONS AT HOME DEPARTMENT

Epistemology and Language

- FEB 2024 "Understanding as Construction," HKU Graduate Seminar Series. HKU
- MAY 2023 "Corpus-based research on the linguistic uses of 'understand' in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese," Advanced Research Seminar. KCL
- OCT 2022 "Understanding and Reasoning," Advanced Research Seminar. KCL

Chinese Philosophy

- SEP 2020 "Understanding as Construction," HKU Graduate Seminar Series. HKU

Eligibility to work in Canada

I am eligible to work in Canada and do not require the university to sponsor my work visa.

I hold an open work permit for recent Hong Kong graduates, which is valid for three years. After one year of work experience, I can apply for permanent residence under the policy of Permanent Residence Pathway B for Hong Kong resident.

Referees

Dr. Julien Dutant julien.dutant@kcl.ac.uk (research referee)

Prof. Sanford Goldberg s-goldberg@northwestern.edu (research referee)

Prof. Matthew Soteriou matthew.soteriou@kcl.ac.uk (research and teaching referee)

Prof. Chris Fraser cjfraser@gmail.com (research and teaching referee on Chinese philosophy)