

Curriculum Vitae

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- 24.6.62 Born in Marlborough, Wiltshire, UK
- 1980 - 84 Christ Church, Oxford. *Literae Humaniores*
- 1987-1992 Freie Universität, Berlin
MA in Philosophy und Sinology. Thesis on: "Heidegger's Treatment of Aristotle's concept of truth in the Marburg Lecture on Logic (Gesamtausgabe vol. 21)." Supervised by Prof. Margharetta von Brentano and Prof. Ernst Tugendhat
- 1992- 96 Darwin College, Cambridge. PhD Thesis "Aristotle on life and death"
Supervised by Professor M F Burnyeat und Dr. R B B Wardy
British Academy Studentship
- 1997-99 Johannes Gutenberg Universität, Mainz:
Post Doc Researcher on the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Project, run by Professor Thomas Buchheim "*Physis* as the foundation of objectivity in Aristotle"
- 1999-2000 Grant from the Fritz Thyssen Foundation for a research project *The Aristotelian concept of memory as the preservation of perception, and its influence on Plotinus and Augustine*
- 1.4.2000 Appointment as wissenschaftlicher Assistent (roughly: lecturer) to Prof. Dr. Thomas Buchheim, Philosophie Department, Lehrstuhl III, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich.
- 16.7.2004 Habilitation, Philosophy, Munich.
Habilitationsschrift: Aristotle and Plotinus on memory.
- 1.12.2004 Appointment as Oberassistent (roughly: Assistant Professor), Philosophie Department, LMU
- 16.07.2008 Appointment as lecturer, Philosophy Department, University of Glasgow.
- 1.1.09 Commencement as lecturer at Glasgow University.
- 1.8.12 Appointment as full Professor (Ordinarius) of the History of Philosophy, Institute for Philosophy, University of Berne.

Languages: Latin, Greek, German, French, Classical Chinese.

Publications

Monographs

1. 2001. *Aristotle on life and death*. Duckworth, London.. (Review: Michael Pakaluk in Bryn Mawr Classical Review: <http://cat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2004/2004-06-10.html>)
2. 2009a. *Aristotle and Plotinus on memory*. De Gruyter, Berlin. (Review: Helen Lang, *International Journal of the Platonic Tradition* 2011.) Paperback 2017.
3. (in press) “*The lord a lord, the minister a minister, the father a father, the son a son.*” *Roles and virtues in Plato, Aristotle, the Mencius and the Xunzi*. Hamburg: Meiner.

Translation / Commentary

4. 2004. *Aristoteles. Werke in deutscher Übersetzung*. Begründet von Ernst Grumach. Herausgegeben von Hellmut Flashar. Band 14 Teil II: De memoria et reminiscencia, Akademie Verlag, Berlin. (Review: Maria Michela Sassi, *Gnomon* 2009)
5. 2019a. *Plotinus, Enneads. The Cambridge Translation of Plotinus*, ed. Lloyd Gerson, trans. by John Dillon, George Boys-Stones, Lloyd Gerson, R.A.H. King, Andrew Smith, James Wilberding, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Edited volumes

6. Ed. with Thomas Buchheim and Hellmut Flashar. 2003. *Kann man heute noch etwas anfangen mit Aristoteles?* Hamburg: Meiner.
7. Ed. 2006. *Common to body and soul. Philosophical approaches to explaining living behaviour in Greco-Roman Antiquity*. Berlin: De Gruyter. (Review: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2007/2007-01-38.html>)
8. Ed. With Dennis Schilling. 2011a. *How should we live? Comparing Ethics in Ancient China and Greco-Roman Antiquity*. Berlin: De Gruyter Verlag. (Reviews: <http://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2013/2013-04-15.html>; Zhao, Jenny Jingyi (2013). *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 133:300-302.)
9. Ed. 2015a. *The Good Life and Conceptions of Life in Early China and Græco-Roman Antiquity*, Berlin: De Gruyter Verlag. (Review: *Dao* 19, 149–152 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11712-019-09711-1>)
10. Ed. With Pavlos Kontos (In press). *Patterns of Evil in Ancient Chinese and Greek Philosophy*. London: Routledge.

11. Ed. With. Anders Sydskjør (In press). *Dé 德: Readings from the Western Zhou to the Western Han*. Wiesbaden: Harroswitz.

Articles

12. 1998. Making things better. The art of changing things. (Aristotle *Metaphysics IX 2*). *Phronesis* 43.
13. 2002. Nutrition and fatigue. Some remarks on the status of Theophrastus' *peri kopôn* In: *Philosophie der Antike Band 14. On the Opuscula of Theophrastus*. ed. William Fortenbaugh and Georg Wöhrle, Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag.
14. 2006b. Introduction to R.A.H. King, ed. *Common to body and soul. Philosophical approaches to explaining living behaviour in Greco-Roman Antiquity*, Berlin: De Gruyter Verlag.
15. 2008. Changing things. Aristotle on action and the capacity for action in *Metaphysics IX 5*. In: *Dynamis. Autour de la Puissance chez Aristote* ed. M. Crubellier, A. Jaulin, D. Lefebvre, P-M. Morel, Paris: éditions Peeters, collection "Aristote. Traductions et Etudes".
16. 2009b. The theories of memory in Aristotle and Plotinus. In: *La fortune antique et médiévale des Parva Naturalia*. Christophe Grellard, P.M. Morel, ed. Paris: éditions Peeters, collection "Aristote. Traductions et Etudes".
17. 2009c. Aristoteles und Xun Kuang über das richtige Verhalten. *polylog* 19.
18. 2010. The concept of life and the life cycle in *De Iuventute*. In Sabine Föllinger, Hr. „Was ist ‚Leben‘? Aristoteles' Anschauungen zur Entstehung und Funktionsweise von Leben. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag.
19. 2011b. Tod und Tugend in Platon und Xunzi. In: Georg Wöhrle, Karl-Heinz Pohl, ed. *Form und Gehalt in Texten der griechischen und chinesischen Philosophie*, Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag.
20. 2011c. Universality and Argument in Mencius IIA6. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*.
21. 2012. 仁 *rén* in the *Analects* 論語 *Lúnyǔ*: sceptical prolegomena. Special Issue on the *Analects of Confucius for the Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 39.1: 89–105.

22. 2015b. Introduction: The good life and conceptions of life. In: King, R. A. H. (ed.) *The Good Life and Conceptions of Life in Early China and Graeco-Roman Antiquity*. Berlin: De Gruyter.
23. 2015c. Mencius and the Stoics – tui and oikeiôsis. In: King, R. A. H. (ed.) *The Good Life and Conceptions of Life in Early China and Graeco-Roman Antiquity*. Berlin: De Gruyter.
24. 2015d. Der gute Mensch und das Menschliche Gute bei Platon. In: Föllinger, S. & Dibrasi, D. (eds.) *Anthropologie in Antike und Gegenwart*. Stuttgart: Verlag Karl Alber.
25. 2016a. Sensation in the Philebus. In: Jakub Jirsa, Filip Karfik ed. *Proceedings of the Symposium Platonicum Pragense IX*. Prague: Oikoumene.
26. 2016b. Aristotle and the six-pack: all flesh and no muscle? In Thomas Buchheim, David Miessner ed. *Sôma. GanPh 4*. Munich 2014. Meiner.
27. 2017. Along the grain: Some texts in the *Xúnzǐ* on yì 義 “justice”. *Oriens Extremus* 55.
28. 2018a. Freedom in parts of the *Zhuangzi* and Epictetus. In: *Ancient Greece and China Compared* edited by Sir Geoffrey Lloyd, Qiaosheng Dong and Jenny Jingyi Zhao. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
29. 2018b. *Aristotle on distinguishing phantasia from memory*. In: Fiona McPherson, ed. *Imagination and Perceptual Memory*. Oxford University Press.
30. 2019b. Memory and recollection in the *Philebus*. In: Luca Castagnoli, Paola Ceccarelli, (eds.) *Greek Memories: Theories and Practices*, New York: Cambridge University Press.
31. 2020a. Alexander’s De Sensu- and Aristotle’s. in Jochen Althoff ed. *Aristotle’s Parva Naturalia*. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag.
32. 2020b. Empathy, Meaning and Approval in the *Mencius* and Michael Slote. In: Huang Yong Ed. *Slote Encountering Chinese Philosophy*. London: Bloomsbury.
33. 2021a. Nutrition and Hylomorphism. In: *The Nutritive Soul in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Medicine*, ed. Giouli Korobili and Roberto Lo Presti, Berlin: De Gruyter (Topics in Ancient Philosophy, 9).
34. 2021b. Finding my Way Home: Knowing in Plato’s *Philebus*, *Revue de Théologie et de Philosophie*, vol. 153, pp. 249-268.

35. 2021c. Mencius. In Goeth, S. & Taliaferro, C. (ed.) (2021), *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, 4. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
36. 2023. Kantian Comfort: reflections on my hope for deserved happiness. In: edd. Christopher Erhard, David Meißner und Jörg Noller Edd. *Die Zukunft der Metaphysik. Festschrift für Thomas Buchheim*. Hamburg: Meiner.
37. 2025. Role courage in Aristotle and the *Xunzi*: mapping thick ethical concepts. In: Special Issue Commemorating Chung ying Cheng. *Journal of Chinese Philosophy*.
38. (In press). Ugly or evil? Notes on a moral wobble in the *Xunzi* and Aristotle. In Pavlos Kontos, R.A.H. King, edd. (In press). *Patterns of Evil in Ancient Chinese and Greek Philosophy*. London: Routledge.
39. (In press). Green antiquity: Introduction – setting the record straight. In: Jorge Torres, Yumi Suzuki edd. *Green Antiquity: Sino-Greek Environmental Philosophy*.
40. (In press). Positions, tasks and duties in the Guodian 郭店 manuscript *Liude* 六德 In: R.A.H.King, Anders Sydskjør edd. (In press). *De 德: Readings from the Western Zhou to the Western Han*.

Contributions to works of reference

41. 2005. *Aristoteles Lexikon*, ed. Otfried Höffe. Stuttgart: Kröner Verlag. (bia, episkepsis, mnêmê, poros, sôma, homoiomerês, mixis, parekbasis, sperma, thanatos)
42. ²2021. *Aristoteles Handbuch* ed. Christof Rapp and Klaus Corcilus, Stuttgart: Metzler. Article: *Parva Naturalia*.

Reviews

43. 1999a. Hans-Christian Günther, Antonios Rengakos, *Beiträge zur antiken Philosophie. Festschrift für Wolfgang Kullmann*. Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart. 1997. In: Bryn Mawr Classical Review.06.10 (<http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/1999/1999-06-10.html>)
44. 1999b. O. Goldin, *Explaining an Eclipse. Aristotle's Posterior Analytics 2.1-10*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press 1996. In: *Journal of Hellenic Studies*.
45. 2002. G.J. Hughes, *Aristotle on Ethics*, London: Routledge 2001. In: *Classical Review*.

46. 2005. J. Lennox, *Aristotle On the Parts of Animals*. Clarendon Aristotle Series. Oxford. 2001. In: *Classical Review*.
47. 2006b. G. E. R. Lloyd, *Ancient Worlds, Modern Reflections*. Oxford: Clarendon 2004, *Classical Review*.
48. 2007. A. P. Bos, *The Soul and its Instrumental Body. A Reinterpretation of Aristotle's Philosophy of Living Nature*. Brill, Leiden. 2003. *Classical Review*.
49. 2009d. Sim, May. *Remastering Morals with Aristotle and Confucius*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007. *Classical Review*.
50. 2009e. Kieran McGroarty, *Plotinus on Eudaimonia. A commentary on Ennead I.4*. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2006. *Classical Review*.
51. 2011d. Michael Schramm, *Die Prinzipien der Aristotelischen Topik*, K.G.Saur, München / Leipzig, 2004. *Gnomon*.
52. 2011e. Late Antique Epistemology. Other Ways to Truth. Edited by Panayiota Vassilopoulou and Stephen R.L. Clark, Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke 2009. *The International Journal of the Platonic Tradition*.
53. 2013. Yan Xuetong (阎学通), *Ancient Chinese Thought, Modern Chinese Power* Princeton UP Translated by Edmund Ryden 2010. *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*.
54. 2023. *Psychology and the Classics. A Dialogue of Disciplines*. 2018. Ed. Jeroen Lauwers , Hedwig Schwall und Jan Opsomer. *Gnomon*

Professional services

1.8.12-31.7.14 Head (Geschäftsführender Direktor) of the Institute for Philosophy, Berne

2017-19 President of the International Society for Chinese Philosophy
http://www.iscp-online.org/?page_id=7

Since 2015 Co-editor of the series *Sino-Philosophica*, Meiner Verlag, Hamburg
 (https://meiner.de/monographien-reihen/sino-philosophica.html) – with
 Wolfgang Behr, Fabian Heubel, Joachim Kurtz, Martin Lehnert, Kai Marchal
 Rafael Suter.

Referee: DFG, ERC, *OSAP*, *Phronesis*, *Ancient Philosophy*

SNF PostDoc Projects

The art of feeling in Zhuangzi and Stoic ethics – Dr David Machek

Green Antiquity – Dr Jorge Torres, Dr Yumi Suzuki

International Short Visit SNF

Gavin Lawrence, Philosophy, UCLA Oct-Dec. 2016:

"Virtue, Conscience, and Knowing What to Do."

2022-2023. Zhao Zhoukuan (赵周宽) Xi'an International Studies University: Kantian Aesthetics in a Chinese context.

Researchers supervised

Habilitation:

2022. David Machek, *Essays on Aristotle's Ethics and Moral Psychology* Appointed Professor Louvain 2024.

2024. Jorge Torres, *Green Antiquity: Studies on Greco-Roman Environmental Thought and the Life Sciences*. Appointed Professor Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago. 2024.

PhD (Completed)

2022. Anders Sydskor, *Definition and disagreement in Plato and Xunzi* (summa cum laude)

2023. Francesca Puglia, *Taiyi sheng shui 太一生水: A new cosmological reading of the Guodian 郭店 Manuscript* (summa cum laude)

2024. David Schmezer, *Formale und Transzendente Logik. Zum Verhältnis von Logik und Erfahrung im Ausgang von Immanuel Kant. Das logische Ich als Prinzip von Perspektivität. Eine Betrachtung der Kritik der reinen Vernunft im Spiegel des Begriffs der Perspektive* (insigni cum laude)

PhD In Progress

Maximilian Nietschke, Judgement in Plotinus (DOC.CH)

WEI Minghan, Desire in Plato's Phaedrus and in the Xunzi. (Chinese Student Scholarship)

Visiting PhD Student

2023-3. Ma Yuan 马原儿 (西安交通大学哲学系) Confucian Concepts of Freedom.

Conferences and Colloquia

Common to body and soul, 8.-10. September 2003 in Munich

(sponsored by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung)

Ethics in Ancient China and Greco-Roman Antiquity, 1st-3rd October 2007, in Munich

(sponsored by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung and the Trebuth Stiftung)

The good life and conceptions of life in Ancient China and Greece. Glasgow University, Philosophy Department. 7-9th June 2010.

Common to body and soul II 27-29th. Forum Humanum, Neversdorf, Niedersachsen. (The Keller-Stiftung paid for travel and lodging.). June 2011.

Analogies, models and images in early Chinese and Graeco-Roman Ethics. Philosophy, University of Berne. Supported by SNF, Burgermeinde Bern, December 2014.

Conscience – historical, comparative and contemporary perspectives. Philosophy, University of Berne, February-May 2015.

The Senses and Crossmodal Perception - Aristotelian and Contemporary Perspectives. With Fiona Macpherson (Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow), Philosophy, University of Berne, 28-30th October, 2016

Conscience – a workshop. Philosophy, University of Berne, 8-10th December 2016.

Roles, duties and obligations in Greek and Chinese Philosophy. RUC (人民大学), Beijing July 2018. Organised with Dennis Schilling.

Reality, Argumentation, and Persuasion: Metaphysical Explorations and Epistemological Engagements in Chinese Philosophy. International Society for Chinese Philosophy, biennial conference, 2-5th July 2019:

(<http://iscp-online.org/reality-argumentation-and-persuasion-metaphysical-explorations-and-epistemological-engagements-in-chinese-philosophy-2/>)

德 Dé: Obligation, charm and power in early Chinese texts. A Symposium 16-19th June, 2024 at Aarberghus Ligerz, Berne, Switzerland. Organised with Anders Sydskjær.