

Curriculum Vitae

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Tertiary Education

Jan. 2002- Nov. 2006 PhD in Comparative Philosophy at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore. Title of Dissertation: *The End of Comparative Philosophy and the Task of Comparative Thinking: Heidegger, Derrida and Daoism*.
The coursework component included courses in Philosophy of Law, Chinese Philosophy, Descartes & Leibniz, and Environmental Philosophy.

Jan. 2004- Jun. 2004 Visiting Student at Philosophy Department of University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, USA, under Professor Roger Ames. I took graduate and postgraduate courses in Chinese and Japanese Philosophy and did research under the guidance of Professor Ames and Professor Eliot Deutsch.

1991-1999 Master of Arts (MA) in Philosophy at Erasmus University Rotterdam. Thesis on Heidegger and Javanese Thinking. Graduate coursework mostly in Continental, comparative and African philosophy.

Oct. 1997- April 1998 Exchange programme for MA thesis research purposes at University of Indonesia, Jakarta,

1989-1990 Indonesia and Universitas Gajah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
Japanese Culture, Language and Economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam (unfinished Bachelor programme).

Past Employment History

Jul. 1999 - Dec. 2001 Lecturer in Written and Spoken English at Udayana University Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia.

Jul. 2002 - Dec. 2004 Tutor in "Reason and Persuasion," Introduction to Philosophy undergraduate course at NUS, Singapore.

Aug. 2005 - Jun. 2012 Adjunct Lecturer in Philosophy (designing and teaching Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Logic, and Introduction to Ethics courses) at the Center for American Education / Broward College, Singapore.

Dec. 2006 - Jun. 2008 Full-time Teacher at LogicMills Pte. Ltd., a company founded by then SMU Assistant Professor Mark Nowacki, specialised in teaching analytical thinking skills and logic based critical thinking, to children aged 6-18, and in executive training courses. Job description also included curriculum development and teacher and corporate training.

Aug. 2008 – Dec 2013 Adjunct Faculty at Singapore Management University (SMU), (designing and teaching University Core Course 'Analytical Skills' and general elective course 'Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy').

Aug. 2008 - Jun. 2011 Tutor 1, in Introduction to Philosophy undergraduate course at NUS, Singapore.

Jan. 2011 - Dec. 2012 Instructor and Associate Faculty at Singapore Institute of Management University (UniSIM) (designing, teaching University Core Courses 'Thinking Critically' and 'The Moral Compass').

Jan. 2013 – Jun. 2014 Lecturer (full-time) and Deputy Head of University Core and General Studies programme at Singapore Institute of Management University (UniSIM).

Current Employment

Jul. 2014 – present Assistant Professor in Philosophy at Singapore Management University (SMU).

Areas of Specialisation - Continental Philosophy. (Heidegger, Derrida, Nietzsche, Hegel).

Areas of competence

- Comparative Philosophy.
- Chinese Philosophy (Mainly Classical Daoism, Confucianism).
- Critical Thinking.

Teaching Record

At Broward College:

- Introduction to Philosophy (Full responsibility for the syllabus, design, preparation, and delivery of course)
- Introduction to Ethics (Full responsibility for the syllabus, design, preparation, and delivery of course)
- Introduction to Logic (Full responsibility for the syllabus, design, preparation, and delivery of course)

At NUS:

- Tutorials for “Reason and Persuasion” and “Introduction to Philosophy” (both are Introduction to Philosophy courses) (Full responsibility for preparation and content of the tutorials)

At UniSIM

- Thinking Critically (Core course for UniSIM students in Critical Thinking) (From July 2011 until June 2014 I was in charge of this course, which is taught by more than one instructor to about 400 students each semester. Full responsibility for the syllabus, design, preparation of the course, and for guiding the other instructors in the delivery of course).
- The Moral Compass (Introduction to Ethics East and West. From January 2012 until January 2013 I was Associate Faculty for this course, meaning I was in charge of the development of the course and of guiding the other instructors in this course).
- Cross-Cultural Intelligence (a social sciences /communication course in practical applications of cross-cultural issues in daily life and at work. Responsibility only for delivery of course).

At SMU:

- IDIS001: Analytical Skills (Core course for SMU students in Critical Thinking, half credit) (Course Coordinator, shared responsibility for the design,

preparation of the material, and delivery of the course with other instructors)

- PHIL207: Introduction to Classical Chinese Philosophy (Full responsibility for the syllabus, design, preparation and delivery of course)

- COR1701: Critical Thinking in the Real World (Core course for SMU students, full credit, Course Coordinator, shared responsibility for the design, preparation of the material, and delivery of the course with other instructors)

- MGMT649: Critical Thinking for MBA students at SMU, full credit, Course Coordinator, shared responsibility for the design, preparation of the material, and delivery of the course with one other instructor)

- MGMT683: Critical Thinking for the International Executive IE-SMU-MBA students at SMU, full credit, Course Coordinator, shared responsibility for the design, preparation of the material, and delivery of the course with one other instructor). This international executive MBA is a program run by SMU together with the Institut Empresa (Business School in Madrid)

Other Academic Work / Memberships / Invitations.

- Journal Reviewer: *Philosophy East & West*.
- Journal Reviewer: *Philosophy Compass*.
- Journal Reviewer: *International Journal of the Classical Tradition*.
- Journal Reviewer: *(Confluence) Journal of World Philosophies*.
- Journal Reviewer: *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*.
- Journal Reviewer: *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*.
- Journal Reviewer: *Dao: A Journal of Comparative Philosophy*.
- Two book reviews for *Philosophy East & West*.
- Reviewer for SUNY Press (x 4).
- Reviewer for Swiss National Science Foundation on a proposal for comparative philosophy.
- Book review for *Global Intellectual History*.
- Member of the Australasian Association of Philosophy.
- Member of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy.
- Member of the Academie du Midi Philosophical Association.
- Member of the Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle.
- Invited to contribute an article on "Self and Other in Continental and Classical Chinese Philosophy" to the internationally peer reviewed online journal *Philosophy Compass*.

- My MA thesis, aside from being in the Erasmus University library, is also part of the library of the KITLV (Royal Netherlands Institute of South-East Asian and Caribbean Studies at Leiden).
- Invited to hold a seminar on Chinese Philosophy at the East Asia Institute affiliated with the National University of Singapore.
- External Examiner for the Philosophy Department at East China Normal University.
- Invited to hold a seminar on 'Gelassenheit' and Daoism together with Eric Nelson at Nanyang Technological University (Singapore).
- Invited speaker at a symposium on Daoist Philosophy in the summer of 2020, organised jointly by Beijing University and Beijing Normal University. (postponed)
- Invited to contribute a chapter to a volume on Heidegger and Daoism, edited by David Chai.
- Guest editor for the Special Issue on *Derrida and Asian Thought*, of the journal *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* (vol. 12.1, Jan. 2020).

Grants and Awards:

- I was awarded the Van Beek Travel Fund for research on my Master Thesis in 1997 in Java, Indonesia.
- I was the recipient of the National University of Singapore Research Scholarship from 2002-2006.
- I was invited to spend a semester at the University of Hawai'i in 2004, to study under Professor Roger Ames, a leading scholar in comparative philosophy. For this I received a travel bursary from the National University of Singapore.
- I have received an Internal Research Grant for research conducted in Singapore Management University in 2015, from the Singapore Ministry of Education Academic Research Fund Tier 1.
- Currently proposing an application for a Tier 2 Tertiary Education grant from Singapore Ministry of Education (MOE), to research the understanding and teaching of Critical Thinking in Singapore.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *The End of Comparative Philosophy and the Task of Comparative Thinking* (Sept. 2009, State University of New York Press)
- *An Introduction to Critical and Creative Thinking: Analyzing and Evaluating Ordinary Language Reasoning* (co-authored with John N. Williams & T. Brian Mooney, McGraw-Hill, 2016)

Journal Articles (non-refereed):

- "Heidegger and Intercultural Philosophy." (*Kebudayaan*, Journal of the department of Anthropology of Udayana University, 2000).

Journal Articles (refereed):

- "Thinking *Through* the West towards Indigenous Epistemologies." (2006, *Dreadlocks Vaka Vuku* (Special Issue)).
- "Opening Philosophy to the World: Derrida on Education, translated to Comparative Philosophy." (Aug. 2009, *Educational Theory*, vol. 59, nr. 3).
- "Self and Other: Similarities in Continental and Chinese Philosophy" (Sept. 2010, *Philosophy Compass*, vol. 5, nr. 3)
- "Thinking on the Edge: Heidegger, Derrida and the Daoist Gateway (*men 門*)." (Oct. 2010, *Philosophy East & West*, vol. 60, nr. 4)
- "Derrida and Comparative Philosophy." (*Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, vol. 6.2, autumn 2014)
- "Comparative Resources: Continental Philosophy and Daoism." (*Journal of Daoist Studies*, vol. 9, January 2016)
- "创造性思维：海德格尔、德里达及道家之门" (Translation of "Thinking on the Edge: Heidegger, Derrida and the Daoist Gateway (*men 門*)." *Journal of Shangqiu Normal University*, 商丘师范大学学报, vol. 32, nr. 2, Feb. 2016)
- "Reply to 'Comparative Philosophy: In Reply to Rorty and MacIntyre.'" (Discussion piece in: *Philosophy East & West*, vol. 68, nr. 1, January 2018)
- "Logos and Dao Revisited: A Non-Metaphysical Interpretation." (*Philosophy East & West*, vol. 68, nr. 1, January 2018)
- "Darkness and Light: Absence and Presence in Heidegger, Derrida, and Daoism." (*Dao: a Journal of Comparative Philosophy*, vol. 18, nr. 3, 2019)
- "Subverting Institutions: Derrida and Zhuangzi on the Power of Institutions." (*Journal of World Philosophies*, vol. 4, nr. 1, 2019)
- "Tracing *Dao*: A Comparison of *Dao* 道 in the Daoist Classics and Derridean 'Trace.'" (*Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, vol. 12.1, spring 2020)

Articles in Books (refereed):

- "Invaluable Justice: Heidegger, Derrida, and Daoism on Thinking of Values and Justice." (in: *Value and Values: Economics and Justice in an Age of Global Interdependence*. Roger

T. Ames & Peter D. Hershock (eds.). Honolulu: University of Hawai'i Press, 2015)

- "Polemos and Dao: Conflict and Harmony in Heidegger and Zhuangzi." (in: *Conflict and Harmony in Comparative Philosophy: Selected Works from the 2013 Joint Meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy and the Australasian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*. Aaron Creller (ed.), Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015)
- "Wisdom as Realisation: Heidegger and Zhuangzi on Belonging in the World." (in: *Wisdom and Philosophy: Contemporary and Comparative Approaches*, Hans-Georg Moeller & Andrew Whitehead (eds), Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2016)
- "Is There Imagination in Daoism?: Kant, Heidegger, and Classical Daoism and the Rethinking of Imagination and Thinking in Images." (In: *Imagination: Cross-cultural Philosophical Analyses*, Hans-Georg Moeller & Andrew Whitehead (eds), Bloomsbury Academic Press, 2019))
- "Between Local and Global: The Place of Comparative Philosophy through Heidegger and Daoism." (In: *Philosophies of Place: an Intercultural Conversation*, edited by Roger Ames and Peter Hershock, University of Hawai'i Press, Honolulu, 2019)
- "Silence and Another Language in Heidegger and Classical Daoism." (Forthcoming, in *Heidegger and Daoism*, ed. David Chai, under contract with Bloomsbury Academic Press)
- "Comparative Philosophy without Method." (Forthcoming in *Comparative Philosophy and Method: Contemporary Practices and Future Possibilities*, Steven Burik, Robert Smid, & Ralph Weber (eds.), Bloomsbury Academic Press)

Translations:

- Ning Zhang and Jacques Derrida. "The Western Question of "Forgiveness" and the Inter-cultural Relation. Two interviews of Ning Zhang and Jacques Derrida." Translated by Steven Burik, (*Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, vol. 12.1, spring 2020)
- Rolf Elberfeld. "*Place*: Derrida and Nishitani." Translated by Steven Burik, (*Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, vol. 12.1, spring 2020)

- François Jullien. "From the *Écart* to the Unfamiliar: Thinking Paths—Reference Points." Translated by Steven Burik, (Forthcoming, in *Comparative Philosophy and Method: Contemporary Practices and Future Possibilities*, Steven Burik, Robert Smid, & Ralph Weber (eds.), Bloomsbury Academic Press)

Other publications:

- "Introduction to the Special Issue on Derrida and Asian Thought" (*Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, vol. 12.1, spring 2020)

Under Consideration/Submitted:

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Book Reviews:

- Book review of *Heidegger-Jahrbuch 7: Heidegger und das Ostasiatische Denken*. (Karl Alber Verlag, Freiburg & München, 2013) (*Philosophy East & West*, Jan 2015)
- Book review of *Sinologism: An Alternative to Orientalism and Post-colonialism* (Routledge, 2013) by Mingdong Gu (*Philosophy East & West*, Jul 2015)
- Book review of *Chinese and Buddhist Philosophy in Early Twentieth-Century German Thought* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2017) by Eric S. Nelson (*Global Intellectual History*, online at <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23801883.2017.1405538>, paper version: vol. 4, nr. 1, 2019)

Papers presented at conferences:

- "Heidegger and Intercultural Philosophy" (presented at Udayana University, Denpasar, Indonesia, March 2000).
- "Opening Philosophy to the World; Derrida and Education in Comparative Philosophy" (presented at the Ninth East-West Philosophers' Conference, Honolulu, USA, May 2005).

- "Thinking *Through* the West towards Indigenous Epistemologies" (presented at the Pacific Epistemologies Conference, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji, June 2006).
- "Derrida's Relevance to Comparative Philosophy" (presented at the 2nd "Derrida Today Conference", Kingston University London, London, July 2010).
- "Invaluable Justice: Heidegger, Derrida, and Daoism on Thinking of Values" (presented at the 10th East-West Philosophers' Conference, Honolulu, USA, May 2011).
- "Polemos and Dao: Conflict and Harmony in Heidegger and Zhuangzi" (presented at the 8th ATINER Annual International Conference on Philosophy, 27-30 May 2013, Athens, Greece.
: Amended version presented at the conference meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 8-10 July 2013, NUS, Singapore).
- "Logos and Dao Revisited: A Non-Metaphysical Interpretation" (presented at the 2013 New Zealand Philosophy Conference, 8-12 December 2013, Auckland, New Zealand)
- "Comparative Resources: Continental Philosophy and Daoism" (presented at the 9th International Conference on Daoist Studies, 29 May-1 June 2014, Boston University) (Invited Speaker)
- "Wisdom as Realisation: Heidegger and Zhuangzi on Belonging in the World" (presented at the Academie du Midi 2014 Symposium: Wisdom East and West, 8-14 June 2014, France)
- "Between Local and Global: The Place of Comparative Philosophy through Heidegger and Daoism" (presented at the 11th East-West Philosophers' Conference, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, USA, May 2016)
- "Is There Imagination in Daoism?: Kant, Heidegger, and Classical Daoism and the Rethinking of Imagination and Thinking in Images" (presented at the conference: Imagination East and West: the 2016 Meeting of the Academie du Midi, France, May 2016)
: (Amended version presented at the Annual meeting for the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Honolulu, June 2016)
- "Darkness and Light: East and West": (presented at the Singapore-Hong Kong-Macau Symposium on Chinese Philosophy 2017, University of Macau, April 21-22)
: (Amended version presented at the ATINER 12th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, 22-25 May 2017, Athens, Greece)

- "Subverting Institutions: Derrida and Zhuangzi on the Power of Political Institutions." (presented at the conference: Critique and Subversion: the 2018 Meeting of the Academie du Midi, France, 20-26 May 2018)
- "Power versus Creativity" (presented at the conference meeting of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 8-11 June 2018, Pedagogical University of Cracow, Krakow, Poland)
- "Forever Going in Circles: *Dao* and Derridean 'Trace'." (presented at the Annual Meeting of the Comparative and Continental Philosophy Circle (CCPC) in Leiden, 23-25 May 2019)
- "Does Understanding Need Language? Silence and Language in Heidegger and Classical Daoism." (presented at the 51th Annual Conference of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (SACP) in Bath, 18-21 June 2019)

To be Presented:

- "Perceptions of Comparative philosophy" (to be presented at the conference: Perception and Reality: the 2020 Meeting of the Academie du Midi, France, 1-5 June 2020) (postponed to June 2022)
- "Borders between Philosophy and its Other" (to be presented at the 12th East-West Philosophers' Conference, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, USA, May 2020) (postponed to May 2022)
- "Daoist Thought as Post-Modern Philosophy" (To be presented at the Symposium: Innovations into Contemporary Constructions of a Systematic Lao-Zhuang Philosophy: A Collaborative Symposium, by invitation, to be held second week of August 2020, Beijing) (postponed to August 2021)

Current Projects:

- Working on a book project about the theory, practice, and current state of the discipline of Comparative Philosophy, with the working title *Comparative Philosophy and Method: Contemporary Practices and Future Possibilities*, together with Dr. Ralph Weber from the University of Basel, Switzerland, and Dr. Robert Smid from Curry College, Massachusetts. Our proposal is now accepted and under contract by Bloomsbury Press. We expect the project to be finished and published by middle of 2021.
- Writing introduction and evaluative epilogue together with Ralph Weber and Robert Smid for *Comparative Philosophy and Method: Contemporary Practices and Future Possibilities*, after submissions have been finalized and peer reviewed. (Estimated Jan 2021)
- Writing an article in *Comparative Philosophy and Method: Contemporary Practices and Future Possibilities*, with a deadline of Jan 2021.

- Invited to contribute a chapter to a volume edited by David Chai of the Chinese University of Hong Kong on Heidegger and Daoism. (to be finalized end of 2020)
- Participating in a tier 2 MOE (Ministry of Education Singapore) Grant proposal on the effectiveness of giving student feedback, PI: Lieven Demeester (SMU).
- Writing a paper on "Gelassenheit and Ziran."
- Writing a paper on "Keeping the Self and/or Role Ethics."
- Putting in an application for a tier 2 Grant from MOE together with Dr. Jennifer Ang (who is in charge of Critical Thinking at SUSS college) on the topic of Critical Thinking in Singapore. This project will survey how and where critical thinking is currently taught in Singapore, and how programmes work and differ from each other. It will then identify the needs for critical thinking, the gaps between expectations of students and employers in this field, and between MOE and other stakeholders, and make recommendations to improve the teaching and dissemination of critical thinking in the educational field in Singapore in general. In the third stage it will seek to apply these recommendations and gather data from their implementation.
- Writing a textbook on Interdisciplinary research methods and philosophy/critical thinking. This textbook is to be used in the PLE programme at SMU.

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