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Research Interests

- Philosophy of perception in the classical and early medieval periods of South Asian intellectual history
- The development of ideas throughout South Asian Buddhist Abhidharma, Yogācāra, and epistemological literature as well as connected debates and discussions in Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika works

Education

University of Vienna,

Institute for South Asian, Tibetan, and Buddhist Studies (ISTB)

Vienna, Austria

October 2020 – Present

DOCTORAL STUDENT IN TIBETAN AND BUDDHIST STUDIES

- Dissertation: Conflicting Accounts of Perception in the South Asian Buddhist Epistemological Tradition: The Case of Dharmakīrti's *Pramāṇavārttika* – supervised by Prof. Dr. Birgit Kellner

Naropa University

Boulder, Colorado

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES WITH LANGUAGE

August 2017 – May 2020

- Concentration in South Asian and Tibetan Buddhism; GPA: 3.98/4
- Honor's Thesis: Toward a New Reading of Dignāga's *Pramāṇasamuccaya*(*vṛtti*) 1.8cd–10 – supervised by Dr. Ben Williams

Wesleyan University

Middletown, Connecticut

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ECONOMICS

August 2011 – May 2015

Employment

Austrian Academy of Sciences,

Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (IKGA)

Vienna, Austria

August 2022 – Present

DOCTORAL STUDENT POSITION

- Working on dissertation and assisting the IKGA's *Epistemology and Argumentation in South Asia and Tibet* project

Languages

Sanskrit	Five and a half years of classical Sanskrit Primary research language
Tibetan	Six years of classical Tibetan Primary research language
Chinese	Elementary knowledge of classical Chinese Primary research language
German	Reading of scholarship Secondary research language
Russian	Conversational speaking; Reading
English	Native language; Two years experience teaching English as a foreign language

Conferences, Workshops, and Extracurriculars

The Second International Workshop on the Religious Philosophy of Prajñākaragupta and Yamāri

Vienna, Austria

September 16–19, 2023

ORGANIZED BY SHINYA MORIYAMA, ELI FRANCO, AND PATRICK McALLISTER

- Presentation: Seeing the Noble Truths, in Theory and in Practice, according to Dharmakīrti, His Followers, and His Forerunners

Second Vienna Summer School on Epistemology in Premodern South Asia

Vienna, Austria

HOSTED BY THE ISTB & THE IKGA

July 2023

- Presentation: Truth and Reality in Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma
- Led reading on Vasubandhu's *Abhidharmakośa*(*bhāṣya*) 6.4 with Yaśomitra's commentary

First Vienna Summer School on Epistemology in Premodern South Asia

HOSTED BY THE ISTB & THE IKGA

- Read from Rāmānuja, Vātsyāyana, Bhartṛhari, Dharmakīrti, Pūjyapāda Devanandin, Kṛṣṇadāsa Sārvabhauma, and Jayatīrtha

Vienna, Austria

July 2022

Intermediate Sanskrit Summer Intensive

RANGJUNG YESHE INSTITUTE

- Final Project: Translation of Vātsyāyana's *Nyāyabhāṣya* on *Nyāyasūtra* 1.1.3

Kathmandu, Nepal

June 2019 – August 2019