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ACADEMIC POSITION

Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia

Austrian Academy of Sciences

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Vienna, Austria

- Project: The Dawn of Tibetan Buddhist Scholasticism
- Research Interests: Tibetan Buddhism in the Tangut State; Khara-Khoto manuscripts 11th–14th centuries; Tangut Studies; Tibetan Studies; Chinese history; Sino-Tibetan relations; Tibetan Buddhist philosophy; Tibeto-Burman linguistics.

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EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D. in Inner Asian and Altaic Studies (with M.A. in passing)

Cambridge, MA

- Major: Tibetan Studies
- Supervisor: Prof. Leonard van der Kuijp
- Dissertation: “An Inner Asian Buddhist Revolution: The Rise of Tibetan Buddhism in the Tangut Xia State.” ([available on ProQuest](#))
- Dissertation Committee: Prof. Leonard van der Kuijp; Prof. Janet Gyatso; Prof. Peter Bol; Prof. Kirill Solonin.

09/2016–05/2023

Columbia University

M.A. in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures (EALAC)

New York, NY

- Major: Tibetan Studies
- Thesis: “The Rise of the Monastic Power in Minyak and the Sino-Tibetan Relations.”
- Supervisor: Prof. Gray Tuttle

09/2014–05/2016

Renmin University of China

M.A. in the School of Chinese Classics

Beijing, China

- Thesis: “A Textual Critical Study of the Chinese and Tibetan Texts of *dBang po rab 'bring gsum dkri ba*.”
- Supervisor: Prof. Weirong Shen

09/2013–06/2015

Renmin University of China

B.A. in the School of Chinese Classics

Beijing, China

- Thesis: “A Study of the Early Transmission of Lam 'bras in Tibet, Focusing on the Life of 'Brog mi Lotsaba.”
- Supervisor: Prof. Weirong Shen

09/2009–06/2013

TEACHING

Arlington Community Education

Lecturer, Buddhist Philosophy of Mind

Spring 2023

Harvard University

Teaching Fellow, Classical Chinese Ethical and Political Theory (GENED 1091)

Fall 2021

Head Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Tibetan II (TIBET 102B)*

Spring 2020

Head Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Tibetan I (TIBET 102A)

Fall 2019

Head Teaching Fellow, Elementary Tibetan II (TIBET 101B)

Spring 2019

Head Teaching Fellow, Elementary Tibetan I (TIBET 101A)

Fall 2018

INVITED LECTURES

“The Tangut Version of the *Analysis of the Essence of Madhyamaka*.” Hamburg University, Germany, December 2022 (scheduled).

“The Significance of Tangut Buddhist Sources in the Study of Tibetan Intellectual History.” The Dawn of Tibetan Buddhist Scholasticism Lecture Series, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Austria, July 2022.

“The New Potential of Tangut-Tibetan Studies: The Cases of Newly Identified Tibetan Buddhist Epistemological Texts Translated Into Tangut.” Daji Young Tibetologists’ Lectures, Sichuan University, China, April 2022.

“*Introduction to Speculative Thinking: An Unidentified Work of Rma bya Byang chub brtson ’grus* (d. 1185)? in Tangut Translation.” BuddhistRoad Guest Lectures, Bochum University, Germany, June 2021.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Tibetan Pramāṇa Tradition in the Tangut Xia State.” Panel: *Session XV*. The Sixth International Dharmakīrti Conference, Dongguk University, Seoul, Korea, August 2022.

“Building for the Future: Khro phu lo tsā ba (1172–1236) and His Relevance to the Tibetan Renaissance.” The Sixth International Seminar of Young Tibetologists, The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, August 2022.

“A Tangut Key to the Lock of Tibetan Buddhist Epistemology: A Study of Khara-Khoto Manuscript Inv. 912.” Panel: *Sino-Tibetan Buddhist Philology and Historical Studies of Ancient Tibet*. International Symposium on Eurasian and Buddhist Philology in Memoriam of Professor Tschén Yin-Koh, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, October 2021.

“A Gsang phu Primer of Buddhist Epistemology in Tangut: A Preliminary Examination of the Tang. 231.” Panel: *Philology*. II Rencontres de Tangutologie, University of Artois, Arras, France, February 2021 (Virtual conference).

“From Supermundane to Mundane: A Glimpse into the Trends of Tibetan Studies in America in the Last Two Decades.” Panel: *III. Cross-Cultural Tibetan Studies*. Seminar on Cultural and Historical Identities of Tibetan Buddhism, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, January 2021 (Virtual conference).

“Pramāṇa Texts of Tibetan Buddhism in Tangut Translation.” Panel: *Session III*. The First Conference of Young Tangutologists, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China, November 2020 (Participated from the U.S. in virtual hybrid form).

* Taught online for the second half of the semester.

- “*The Treatise on Music Revisited: A Textual-Based Perspective.*” Panel: *Manuscript Studies in Eurasia*. Central Eurasian Studies Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, February 2020.
- “The Gsang phu ne’u thog Scholasticism of Tibetan Buddhism in the Tangut Xia.” Panel: *Literal– Cultural Transformations and Religious Communities*. Beyond Boundaries: Trans-Regional Movements of Texts, Ideas, and People, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, February 2020.
- “On the Crossroad of Chinese and Tibetan: The Tangut Way of Buddhist Translation.” Panel: *Sino-Tibetan Literary Cultures*. Literary Culture across Eurasia: East Asian International Literary History, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, October 2019.
- “Tibetan Language in the Sakya Tradition: Sakya Paṇḍita’s *Sgra la ’jug pa.*” Path and Fruit for the Enlightenment: Seminar on Tibetan Buddhist Texts, Doctrines and Histories of the Sakya School, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, May 2019.

PUBLICATIONS

Research Articles

- “Unveiling Gsang phu Madhyamaka Thought in Xixia: The Tangut Version of the *Analysis of the Essence of Madhyamaka.*” *Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae* 76, no. 2 (2023): 239–271. <https://doi.org/10.1556/062.2023.00292>.
- “Subhāṣākīrti’s *Sarvabhāṣāpravartana* and Its Relevance to the *Smra sgo,*” in *Histories of Tibet: Essays in Honor of Leonard W. J. van der Kuijp.*, edited by Kurtis R. Schaeffer, Jue Liang, and William A. McGrath, 387–402. New York: Wisdom Publications, 2023.
- “Facheng de ‘Qibu lianglun’ zai Xixia” 法称的“七部量论”在西夏 [The “Seven Treatises” of Dharmakīrti in Xixia]. *Xixia yanjiu/Tangut Research*, no. 1 (February 2023): 73–83.
- “Introduction to Speculative Thinking: A Hitherto Unknown Work of Maja Jangchup Tsöndrū (d. 1185, Tib. rMa bya Byang chub brtson ’grus) in Tangut Translation.” *BuddhistRoad Papers* 1.5. DOI: 10.46586/rub.br.244.221. <https://omp.ub.rub.de/index.php/BuddhistRoad/catalog/book/244>.
- “A Tangut Key to the Lock of Tibetan Buddhist Epistemology: A Study of Khara-Khoto Manuscript Inv. 912,” in Hou Haoran (ed.), *Jinian Tschen Yin-koh lunwenji: Xiyu he Fojiao Yuwenxue xin jinzhan* 纪念陈寅恪论文集：西域和佛教语文学新进展 [Collected Volume in Memory of Tschen Yin-koh: The New Developments of the Philological Studies of the Western Regions and Buddhism]. Forthcoming.
- “The *Nyāyabindu* in Tangut Translation.” *Journal of Indian Philosophy* 49, no. 5 (December 2021): 779–825. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10781-021-09479-w>.
- “Xixia yi Zhengli chu yi zhi an chu tan” 西夏译《正理除意之暗》初探 [A Preliminary Analysis of the Tangut Translation of *Tshad ma yid kyī mun sel*]. *Zhongguo zangxue/China Tibetology*, no. 3 (August 2021): 138–145.
- “A Study of the Early Transmission of Lam ’Bras in Tibet, Focusing on the Life of Brog mi Lotsaba,” in Shen Weirong (ed.), *Sino-Tibetan Buddhist Studies: Texts, Figures, Images and History*. Beijing: China Tibetology Publishing House. 2013.

Review Articles

- “From Supermundane to Mundane: A Glimpse Into the Trends of Tibetan Studies in America in the Past Two Decades,” *Zheda lishi shehuixue zazhi* 浙大历史社会学杂志. Forthcoming.
- “A Review of Several Tibetan Textbooks — and the Approaches to the Teaching of Classical Tibetan,” *Zangxue xuekan/ Journal of Tibetology* 24 (June 2021): 243–270.

Book Review

“Hao gushi yu jiu laba” [Good Story and Old Trumpt], review of *Huigui yuwenxue* [The Return to Philology], by Shen Weirong, Shanghai Review of Books, June 10, 2019, https://www.thepaper.cn/newsDetail_forward_3641113.

AWARDS & GRANTS

Joseph Fletcher Fund, IAAS, Harvard	2021
The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Dissertation Fellowships in Buddhist Studies	2020
Fairbank Center Conference Travel Grants	2019
GSC Conference Grants, Harvard	2019
GSAS Predissertation Summer Fellowship, Harvard	2019
Harvard Club of Beijing Scholarship	2017

LANGUAGES

Chinese (Classical & modern)	Native
Tibetan (Classical & modern)	Advanced
Sanskrit (Classical)	Advanced
Japanese (Modern)	Advanced
Tangut (Dead language)	Advanced
German (Modern)	Intermediate

CERTIFICATES

Bok Certificate in Teaching Language and Culture	2022
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard	2021