

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

- 9.2020 – 08.2022 **Postdoctoral Research and Teaching**  
**Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany**  
Research: “*Non-Human, Trans-Human and Post-Human Notions Within Korean Confucian Heritage*” supervisor Prof. Marion Eggert
- 9.2014 – 12.2019 **Doctoral Degree**  
**University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK**  
PhD Thesis: “*Conceptual Framework of Late Joseon Social Mobility, Legal Systems and Confucian Heritage*” examiners Prof. James B. Lewis and Prof. Vladimir Tikhonov
- 9.2013 – 2.2014 **Visiting researcher**  
**Academy of Korean Studies, Seongnam, South Korea**  
Research: “*Confucian concepts of Participation and Alienation in Joseon society*”
- 9.2012 – 6.2013 **Visiting scholar**  
**University of Zurich, Switzerland**  
Research: “*The Influence of Confucian Values on Modern Hierarchies and Social Communication in China and Korea: A Comparative Outline*”
- 10.2006-09.2011 **Master’s Degree**  
**Korean Studies – Korean Philology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland**  
Master Thesis: “*Confucian concepts of authority, their evolution and influence on the modern reality of Korean Peninsula*” Prof. Kyong-Geun Oh and Prof. Piotr Wierzchon, Thesis Note: 5 (highest)
- 1-9.2010 **Master Thesis Research and Korean Language Course**  
**Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Republic of Korea**
- 10.2008 – 10.2009 **Studies in Law**  
**Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland**

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 10.2021 – 01.2022 Lecturer of a BA/MA-level course at Ruhr-University Bochum: “*Topics in the History of Korean Confucianism*”
- Since 04.2012 Straker Translations online service: Polish/English/Korean
- 9.2012 – 6.2013 Department of East Asian Studies of the University of Zurich, Switzerland:  
Researcher

1-4.2011	Eltech, Gorzow Wlkp., Poland: Translator of English and Korean technical documents / administrative work in a construction/infrastructure company
4-6.2010	Private tutoring: two Korean students in English for their summer school in UK, Seoul, South Korea
2-7.2010	Freelance translation work for a PhD candidate at the ETH Zürich, translation of Korean medical papers to English, Zürich, Switzerland
6-7.2010	Freelance online work for a German writer in Berlin, translating articles on Korean history from Korean newspapers to English and German, Berlin, Germany
11-12.2009	Translation   Korean-Polish for a Polish lawyer from Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak Legal Advisors, legal texts, Warsaw, Poland
10-11.2008	Tutoring a student in Korean language, Poznan, Poland

### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1-9.2010	Korean History club at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul; cultural research, helping in various events of the International Student Organization; participation in lectures at Seoul National University (social sciences, Korean history, international relations)
2006 - 2007	Playing Korean instrument Ching in "Keunsori" (Samulnori band), UAM Poznan, Poland
11.2006, 11.2007, 11.2008	Organization of Korean Days at UAM University, Poznan, Poland

### LANGUAGES:

<b>Polish:</b>	mother tongue
<b>English:</b>	fluent (CAE, TOEFL)
<b>Korean:</b>	fluent
<b>Classical Chinese:</b>	upper-intermediate
<b>German:</b>	intermediate
<b>Chinese:</b>	pre-intermediate

### OTHER SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES:

- Polish/English/Korean (all combinations) translations
- Fluent user of MS Office
- Advanced user of Corel Photo Paint, Microsoft PowerPoint.
- programming in HTML language
- quick reading, analytical skills, project-based work
- *University Teaching* – online course authorized by The University of Hong Kong and offered through Coursera
- *Introduction to Korean Philosophy* – online course authorized by the Sungkyunkwan University and offered through Future Learn

### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

09.2020-08.2022	Postdoctoral Fellowship grant of Korea Foundation (Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany)
04.2017	Travel Grant for library research at the Harvard-Yenching Institute (Boston, Massachusetts, US)
07.2016	Travel Grant for participation at the 2016 Hanmun Workshop at the Jangseogak Archives (Seongnam, South Korea)
2015-2018	Graduate Research Fellowship of Korea Foundation
09.2013-02.2014	Research Scholarship of the Academy of Korean Studies (Seongnam, South Korea)
09.2012-06.2013	ESKAS / Scholarship of the Swiss Government 2012/2013 at the University of Zurich
01.2010-08.2010	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul –2010 – Exchange Program Grant

## COURSES / CONFERENCES / PUBLICATIONS:

- 24.02.2023 Presentation “*Confucian and Neo-Confucian Concepts in Post-Human Studies*” in the series “The SOAS World Philosophies Lectures”
- 02.2023 Preliminary acceptance of the paper “*Non-Human Creatures in Joseon Wangjo Sillok: Pragmatics, Myth and Morality*” for publication in the Journal of Posthuman Studies
- 23.01.2023 Weekly Briefing publication for Oxford House Research:  
“*To Change the Body? How Culture Shapes Politics*”
- 27.11.2021 Weekly Briefing publication for Oxford House Research:  
“*COP, Confucius and the Rights of Animals*”
- 31.10.2021 AKSE Biennial Conference in La Rochelle, France: Presentation:  
“*Pragmatic Representation of Mythical Nonhumanism in Joseon’s Confucian Discourse – Focus on Joseon Wangjo Sillok*”
- 04.05.2021 Weekly Briefing publication for Oxford House Research:  
“*Korean Confucianism: Past History, Present Impacts and the Crisis in the Peninsula*”
- 19.01.2021 Faculty Presentation in Bochum Korean Studies Lecture Series:  
“*Class and Status in Socio-Historical Research of Joseon Korea: An Outline of Selected Themes*”
- 02.12.2020 Presentation in the Wednesday Discussion Forum of Ruhr-University Bochum’s East Asian Studies: “*The Junzi as a Potential Transhuman: A Methodological Outline*”
- 11.2020 Extended essay on Confucian posthumanities for the Global Posthuman Network:  
“*Animals, Sages, Death and Self-Cultivation: A Quick Look at Non-Human, Post-Human and Trans-Human Concepts in Chinese and Korean Confucianism*”
- 06-07.2020 Participation in the 14<sup>th</sup> Kyujanggak Korean Studies Summer Workshop (certificate)
- 12.2019 Biennial Korean Studies Association of Australasia 2019 Conference at the University of Western Australia (Perth); presenter and upcoming publication:  
“*Herding with Birds and Beasts: Social Stratification, Animal Treatment and the Measure of Humanity in Confucian Philosophical Heritage and South Korean Modernity*”
- 07.2018 Biennial Asian Studies Association of Australia 2018 Conference at the University of Sydney (Australia); presenter:  
“*The Crossroads of Private and Public Virtue: Genealogical Records as Early Mass Media in Joseon Korea and in Comparative Context*”
- 06.2018 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy (Cracow, Poland); presenter:  
“*Effective Soft Power or Unrealistic Expectations? The Goals and Results of Confucianism-Influenced Policies in Late Joseon Era*”
- 04.2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Baltic Alliance for Asian Studies - Dynamic Asia: Shaping the Future 2018 (Riga, Latvia); presenter and panel leader, published paper:  
“*Sages – Dead or Alive? Relevance of Confucianism in Studies of South Korean Modernity*”; presided panel title – “*Translations And Receptions II*”
- 03.2018 Exploring the Past 2018 Conference (Kyiv, Ukraine); presenter:  
“*Social Mobility in Cross-Cultural and Interdisciplinary Contexts: The Case of Late Pre-Modern Korea*”
- 03.2018 Rise of Asia Conference 2018 in Paris (Panthéon-Sorbonne) and Le Havre (Université Le Havre Normandie); presenter:  
“*Sages Now, Sages Then – Pinpointing Confucian Context in South Korean Development History*”
- 02.2018 Project 325 (Lake Konstanz, Switzerland) multidisciplinary retreat; workshop leader:  
“*Artificial Intelligence – Legal and Asian perspectives*”
- 07.2016 Hanmun Summer Workshop at the Jangseogak Archives (Academy of Korean Studies, Seongnam, South Korea), participant
- 04.2016 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Korea University Korean History Graduate Student Conference, Seoul,

- South Korea, presentation:  
*“Is Heaven’s Approval Required? Methodology of Rebellion and Unrest in Joseon Korea”*,
- 12.2014 Kritike – An Online Journal of Philosophy Volume Eighth Number Two (December 2014); publication:  
*“The Influence of Confucian Values on Modern Hierarchies and Social Communication in China and Korea: A Comparative Outline”*
- 9.2013 Publication in Rocznik Orientalistyczny (Annual of Oriental Studies) T. LXVI, Z.1, 2013, (s. 27-46):  
*“The Role of Confucianism in Contemporary South Korean Society”*
- 4.2013 IAFOR ACAH Conference in Osaka, Japan; presenter:  
*“Generational or Technological? The Gaps Within the Modern South Korean Society”*
- 11.2012 Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion; presenter:  
*“The Lowered Economic Potential and Administrative Efficiency as a Direct Result of the Prominence of Confucian Metaphysical Discourse During Joseon-Period Korea”*; Workshop of Wabash Center “Teaching Theology and Religion”
- 12.2006 Korean drums course by Mrs Park Eun-Ha from National Center for Korean Traditional Performing Arts; Poznan

## ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- **Association for Korean Studies in Europe:** member;
- **Oxford House Research:** associate.

## HOBBIES

- Cycling, swimming, animal care, reading sci-fi/trans-humanism/post-humanism novels, listening to neo-classical music.