**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2008 - 2012 **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): *Nande hutu* 难得糊涂 and ‘The art of being muddled’.**

 *Ghent University – Eastern Languages and Cultures*

Supervisor: Prof. Bart Dessein

1998 - 1999 **Certificate Specialization Year ‘Modern Chinese’**

 *Sichuan University, Chengdu*

1996 – 1998 **Master Eastern Languages and Cultures – Sinology**

 Thesis: *Li-shih A-p’i-t’an Lun*: annotated translation of Chapters 20 and 21 of the Taishō Volume 32 (No. 1644) (Buddhist cosmology)

 *Ghent University – Eastern Languages and Cultures*

1994 – 1996 **Bachelor Eastern Languages and Cultures – Sinology**

 *Ghent University – Eastern Languages and Cultures*

1991 – 1994 **Bachelor Social Work – Specialization: Social Policy**

 *University College for Social Work – Ghent*

1984 – 1990 **Secondary School**: Latin-Greek and Latin-Maths

 *Sint-Jan Berchmanscollege, Malle, Belgium*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2005 - now **Ghent University: Department of Eastern Languages and Cultures**

#  **Teaching and research assistant; member of the master thesis assessment committee; coordinator of and interviewer for the Belgian section of the ‘Oral Histories of Chinese Studies’ project (sponsored by the Taiwan National University and the National Science Council of Taiwan); logistic and administrative support for Chinese guest professors and visiting scholars; expert advice for radio and newspapers; co-organizer China-Euro Forum at Ghent University (2007) and Zhejiang University (2010)**

2006 – 2011 **Policy Advisor** **China Platform - International Relations Office (Ghent University)**

**Organize and assist in delegations; establish Chinese alumni network; contacts with Chinese partners, Ministries, Embassies and the Chinese Student Association; information dissemination; administrative assistance professors, researchers and Chinese students**

2004 - 2005 **Bayer Antwerp**

Relocation assistance, interpreter and cross-cultural advice for Chinese training groups

# 2001 - 2004 **Chief Representative Netherlands Business Support Office – Shenyang, China**

# (Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs)

**Final responsibility for regional market-scans, year plan and budget, representation at fairs and network events, organizing delegations, facilitating networking and negotiations, maintaining and expanding local network**

2000 - 2001 **Centre for Adults Education - Languages (Antwerp)**

 Teacher evening courses Modern Chinese (advanced level)

PUBLICATIONS

2014 “Zheng Banqiao’s *Nande hutu* and ‘The art of being muddled’ in contemporary China: a selection of philosophical, socio-historical and popular interpretations.” *Contemporary Chinese Thought*. (Accepted for publication)

#  “Imprécision et ambiguïté dans la communication: tradition chinoise au service d’une ‘société harmonieuse?”, published May 2014 in Réseau Asie (online version ; see http://www.reseau-asie.com/)

 “Self-assurance and self-denial: Repositioning the individual in contemporary Chinese society.” Co-authorship with Bart Dessein. *Synthesis Philosophica.* (Accepted for publication)

2013 “Scholars should be considered the last of the four classes: the case of scholar–official Zheng Banqiao.” *Journal of Asian History* 47. 2: 219-244.

“*Nande hutu* 难得糊涂 or 'The art of being muddled': from ancient philosophical wisdom to pragmatic philosophy of life in contemporary China.” In Sergey Pakhomov (Ed.) Proceedings of the [7th International Conference on Oriental Studies (Torchinov Readings): Metamorphoses (21-25 June 2011, St. Petersburg), Part II: 76-82](https://biblio.ugent.be/publication?q=parent+exact+%227th+International+Conference+on+Oriental+Studies+(Torchinov+Readings)+%3A+Metamorphoses%2C+Proceedings%22).

2007 “Ensemble dans un pays étranger: présence Chinoise en Belgique et aux Pays-Bas.” *Septentrion* (Rekkem) 36. 2: 9-14.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES, LECTURES and WORKSHOPS

2014 **Académie du Midi.** Theme: Wisdom East and West - Alet-les-Bains, June 2014

**University of Iceland**, Dept. of Chinese Studies – Reykjavik, April 2014

**University of Oxford,** Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology - Oxford, January 2014

2013 **Charles University,** Institute of East Asian Studies - Prague, April 2014

2012 **XIXth European Association for Chinese Studies Conference -** Paris, September 2012

2011 **International Conference on Specific Topics in Chinese Studies (STCS**): 100 Hundred Years of Modern China - University of Ljubljana, October 2011

**Conference: Metamorphose** **- Torchinov Readings -** University of St. Petersburg, June 2011

2010 **China-Europe Forum 2010** - Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, July 2010

Workshop: Chinese and European Views of the Individuals and Society: a Comparative Evolution of Chinese and European Socio-cultures’

2009 **American Association of Anthropology** (AAA) – Toronto, December 2009

Panel: “Untying Thought Knots: Politics, Culture and Mental Health in East Asia”

(Paper was presented and discussed by the panel but I could not attend due to pregnancy)

**Ruprecht-Karls-Universität,** Institute of Chinese Studies - Heidelberg, April 2009

**Dept. of Oriental Languages and Cultures -** Ghent University, March 2009

**Belgische Oriëntalistendag** – Ghent, March 2009

2008 **XVIIth European Association for Chinese Studies Conference** - Lund University, August 2008

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2014 Sinologist Research Program jointly organized by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) (3 weeks in Beijing)

2011 Doctoral School Ghent University - Course ‘Advanced Academic Writing Skills’

2010 Doctoral School Ghent University - Course ‘Discourse analysis’

2008 China Research Workshop - Cambridge Graduate Workshop

2007 Certificate Interpreting in the Social Sector (training organized by Kruispunt Migratie-Integratie

2001 Certificate ‘Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language’ – Summer course (Beijing Normal University)

MEMBERSHIP SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS

* European Association for Asian Studies (EACS)
* Association for Asian Studies (AAS)

GRANTS

2014 Sinologist Research Program organized by the Chinese Ministry of Culture and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

2008-2011 Research grant from Ghent University (research project)

2001 Grant from Chinese Ministry of Education for a summer course on ‘Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language’ (Beijing Normal University)

LANGUAGES

Fluency in speech and writing in Dutch (mother tongue), French, English.

Fluency in (Mandarin) Chinese speech and reading.

Good in understanding and reading German.

Reading proficiency in Classical Chinese.