

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL

APPOINTMENTS

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| 2023/09 – now | Assistant Professor of Buddhist Studies, Buddhist Seminary, Faculty of Religion and Theology, Vrije University Amsterdam |
| 2022/08 – 2023/08 | Assistant Chair, Religious Studies Department, University of the West. |
| 2021/08 – 2023/08 | Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of the West. |
| 2021/08 – 2023/08 | Director of the Institute for the Study of Humanistic Buddhism (ISHB) at University of the West. |
| 2020/09 – 2021/07 | Research Associate, Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany. |
| 2020/04 – 2020/08 | Lecturer/Research Associate (Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany. |
| 2016/03 – 2019/12 | Doctoral Research Fellow, Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 1199: “Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition,” Leipzig University, Germany. |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Buddhism in contemporary sinophone societies / Mahayana mobilities / Contemporary Buddhist social engagements / Buddhist spiritual care in East Asia / multiple modern Buddhist religiosities

EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Leipzig University, Sinology.
- 2014 M.A., National Chengchi University (NCCU),
Graduate Institute of Religious Studies, Taipei,
Taiwan; 台灣國立政治大學, 宗教學研究所.
- 2012 B.A., National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU),
Chinese Language and Culture for International
Students, Taipei, Taiwan; 台灣國立師範大學, 國
際華語與文化學系.

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

*Mapping Modern Mahayana: Chinese Buddhism
and Migration in the Age of Global Modernity.*
Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“One of Multiple Modern Buddhist Religiosities:
The Lay-Buddhism of the Buddha’s Light
International Association (BLIA).” *Religions*,
special issue: *Buddhism and Modernity in Asian
Societies*, edited by Hiroko Kawanami (under
review).

“The Buddha in Bronkhorstspuit: The Transnational
Spread of the Taiwanese Buddhist Order Fo Guang
Shan to South Africa.” *Contemporary Buddhism*,
special section: *Chinese Buddhism in Transnational
Contexts*, edited by Wei-Yi Cheng, 2020, vol. 21,
nos. 1–2.

“Sacred Secularities: Ritual and Social Engagement
in a Global Buddhist China.” *Religions*, special
issue: *Religiosity, Secularity and Pluralism in the
Global East*, edited by Yang Fenggang, 2018, vol. 9,
no. 11.

- Reprinted in *Religiosity, Secularity and Pluralism in the Global East*, edited by Yang Fenggang, Francis Jae-ryong Song, and Sakurai Yoshihide. Basel: MDPI 2019.
- Reprinted in *Humanistic Buddhism: Journal, Arts, and Culture* 23 (September 2019): 202-221 (English), 112-135 (Chinese translation).

“Migrating Buddhas and Global Confucianism: The Transnational Space Making of Taiwanese Religious Organizations.” Nikolas Broy / Jens Reinke / Philip Clart, SFB 1199 TP03 working paper, Leipzig University, 2017.

“Innovation and Continuity in the Pure Lands: Pure Land Discourses and Practices at the Taiwanese Buddhist Order Dharma Drum Mountain.” *Journal of Chinese Buddhist Studies*, 2017, vol. 30, New Taipei: Chung-Hwa Institute of Buddhist Studies.

RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Modern Chinese Buddhism.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, Oxford University Press (in progress).

“Religions and Education.” *The Encyclopedia of Taiwan Studies*. Edited by Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao and Robert P. Weller. Leiden: Brill (forthcoming).

“Overseas Religious Ties.” *The Encyclopedia of Taiwan Studies*. Edited by Hsin-Huang Michael Hsiao and Robert P. Weller. Leiden: Brill (forthcoming).

“Global Buddhism.” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, Oxford University Press. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. Article published February 24, 2022.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Buddha’s Light International Association Vest.” *Chinese Religious Culture in 100 Objects*. Edited volume by Adam Yuet Chau, Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

“Fo Guang Shans Globalisierung Reiner Länder: Zivilgesellschaftliches Engagement modernistischer Buddhisten in der ethnisch chinesischen Diaspora.” *Verräumlichungsprozesse unter Globalisierungsbedingungen*. Edited volume by Matthias Middell, Leipzig, Leipziger Univeristätsverlag, 2021.

“Generating Global Pure Lands: *Renjian* Buddhist Civic Engagement within and beyond Chinese Diaspora Communities Worldwide.” *Transnational Religious Spaces? Religious Organizations and their Interaction in Africa, East Asia, and beyond*. Edited volume by Philip Clart and Adam Jones, Berlin, De Gruyter 2020.

BOOK REVIEWS

“Scott A. Mitchell. *The Making of American Buddhism*.” Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023 for the *Journal of Global Buddhism* (in progress).

“Yu-shuang Yao, Richard Gombrich. *Chinese Buddhism Today: Conservatism, Modernism, Syncretism and Enjoying Life on the Buddha's Light Mountain*.” Sheffield: Equinox Publishing, 2022 for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion JAAR* September 2023 (forthcoming).

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Three hours English-language online course:
“Buddhist social engagement today: Tzu Chi, Soka Gakkai, Plum Village, Fo Guang Shan, and INEB.”
Online course on Buddhism as Change-maker in the World funded and produced by the Vivekananda Vedanta Society of Chicago (VVSC) and the Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation (in progress).

“Traduttore, traditore? Le dinamiche di traduzione e autorità nel contesto della diffusione globale dei format rituali del buddhismo Mahāyāna cinese.”
Article for special edition *Costellazioni: Culto e Pratiche* on the Italian language website <http://sinofere.com>. (forthcoming)

“Re-Orienting the Conversation on Western Buddhism.” Ongoing ISHB Zoom conversation series on the exclusion of Buddhists of Asian origin from the narrative of Western Buddhism, from 2021 – now.

“Ein wichtiger Vertreter des Reformbuddhismus ist gestorben.” Obituary on the passing of Fo Guang Shan founder Hsing Yun in the German language Buddhist magazine *Buddhismus aktuell* 2023 2, 2023/04.

“Die Große Vielfalt.” Article on global Buddhist diversity in an edition on living Buddhism in the German language Buddhist magazine *Ursache/Wirkung* no 120, 2022/06.

“Purifying the Multitude: Modernist Buddhist Communalism at Fo Guang Shan.” Lecture at the United Nations Interfaith Harmony Week 2022, 2022/02/19.

“Ethik als Weg: Wie sich die taiwanische Nonne Chao-Hwei für die Ehe für Alle einsetzt.” Article on global Buddhist diversity in an edition on queer Buddhism in the German language Buddhist magazine *Ursache/Wirkung*, special edition no 1, 2021 August.

Blog post for German language Buddhist magazine *Ursache/Wirkung* on May we Gather, a Buddhist memorial service in response to anti-Asian violence in Los Angeles, USA, published on 2021/04/28

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & GUEST LECTURES

- 2023/06/22 “Mapping Buddhism in the San Gabriel Valley, CA.” Paper presented with Song Wang at the APARRI conference 2023, Berkeley, USA.
- 2023/04/26 “Mapping Modern Mahayana: Chinese Buddhism and Migration in the Age of Global Modernity.” Online book talk at the Humanities Department, San José State University, USA.
- 2023/04/24 “Buddhism in Taiwan.” Guest lecture for the course “Buddhism in Modern China” at the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, and Numata Center for Buddhist Studies at UC Berkeley, USA.
- 2023/04/21 “Mapping Modern Mahayana: Chinese Buddhism and Migration in the Age of Global Modernity.” Online book talk at the Centre for the Study of Humanistic Buddhism, Chinese University of Hong Kong.
- 2023/03/18 Book appraisal on Brian Nichol’s book *Lotus Blossoms and Purple Clouds: Monastic Buddhism in Post Mao China* Society for the Study of Chinese Religions SSCR first book celebration at the AAS 2023 in Boston, USA.

- 2022/11/21 Panel organizer “Sonic Dharma: Chanting and Reciting in the Global Buddhist Landscape.” Panel at the AAR 2022, Buddhism Unit in Denver Colorado, USA.
- 2022/11/21 “Form is Emptiness and Emptiness is Form? Chinese Mahayana Chanting in Translation.” Paper presented at the AAR 2022, Buddhism Unit in Denver Colorado, USA.
- 2022/08/25 “The Buddha in the Ethnoburb: Humanistic Buddhism in the San Gabriel Valley.” Workshop on the globalization of the Buddhist charity Tzu Chi, Tzu Chi headquarters, Hualien, Taiwan.
- 2022/08/24 “Buddhist Bricolages in the Southern Sinosphere: The Southbound Transnationalism of Taiwanese Buddhists.” Taiwan Buddhist Studies Forum 2022, organized by the Graduate Institute of Religious Studies, NCCU, at Tzu Chi headquarters, Hualien, Taiwan.
- 2022/06/24 Keynote for the workshop “Engineering Buddhism: Infrastructure and Soft Power in Asia and Beyond.” Online paper presented at the Center of Contemporary Buddhist Studies (CCBS), University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 2022/03/27 “A Buddha with Four Faces: Phra Phrom Worship in Central Taiwan.” Paper presented at AAS 2022 in Honolulu, USA.
- 2021/11/21 “Spreading the ‘Dharma of Prosperity’: Buddhism, Class, and Ethnic Chinese Migration to South Africa.” Paper presented at AAR 2021 in San Antonio, USA.

- 2021/11/07 “Humanistic Buddhism under the Global Condition.” Online paper presented at the 8th Symposium on Humanistic Buddhism, Nan Ten Institute of Higher Education, Wollongong, Australia.
- 2021/09/09 “Mapping Modern Mahayana: Chinese Buddhism and Migration in the Age of Global Modernity.” Online book talk and inaugural lecture for the Institute for the Study of Humanistic Buddhism at University of the West, Los Angeles, USA.
- 2021/08/24 Panel organizer: “Modulating Mahāyāna: Encountering Theravāda and Contesting Chinese Buddhist Tradition and Orthodoxy in the Southern Sinosphere.” Panel at the EACS Conference 2021 at Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2021/08/24 “(Re)inventing the Past: Ven. Suifo 隨佛 and His Original Buddhism Society (Zhonghua yuanshi fojiao hui 中華原始佛教會).” Online paper presented at the EACS Conference 2021 at Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2020/03/17 “Navigating a Global Buddhist China: The Transnationalism of the Modernist Buddhist Order Fo Guang Shan.” Center for the Study of Chinese Religions 台灣國立政治大學, 華人宗教研究中心, NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2019/12/12 “Modernist Mahayana for the Masses: The Emergence of *Renjian* Buddhist Mass Organizations in Taiwan.” Guest lecture, research seminar: Buddhism in China between Innovation and Integration, Sinology, Department of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.

- 2019/11/02 “Shifting the Paradigm of Humanistic Buddhism: From Modern to Global Buddhism.” Paper presented at the 7th Symposium on Humanistic Buddhism, Fo Guang Shan Institute for Humanistic Buddhism, Kaohsiung, Taiwan.
- 2019/09/30 “Parochial Cosmopolitanism: Negotiating Chineseness in a Global Buddhist China.” Paper presented at the fourth annual conference of the SFB 1199 at Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2019/03/22 “Fringes of a Global Buddhist China: Negotiating Cross-Cultural Interactions in Overseas Fo Guang Shan Temples.” Paper presented at the AAS Conference 2019 in Denver, USA.
- 2018/12/13 “Generating Global Pure Lands: *Renjian* Buddhist Civic Engagement Within and Beyond Chinese Diaspora Communities Worldwide.” Paper presented at the Transnational Religious Spaces Workshop at Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2018/11/13 “Transnationalization of Religion.” Guest Lecture, Research Seminar: Migration and Diaspora in a Transnationalized World, Anthropology Department, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2018/07/04 “Global China, Local Buddhas: Transnational Buddhist Temple Spaces in Chinese Diaspora Communities around the Globe.” Paper presented at the EASSSR Inaugural Conference 2018, Singapore.
- 2018/07/06 “Back to the Future: The Development of Fo Guang Shan in the People’s Republic of China.” Paper presented at the joint research colloquium “Religions in China,” organized by Leipzig University & FU Berlin in Wittenberg Lutherstadt, Germany.

- 2018/06/11 “The Buddha in the Ethnoburb: The Chinese Buddhist Diaspora Temple as Transnational Religious Space.” Paper presented at the 16th Summer School of the Graduate School Global and Area Studies at Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2018/03/24 Panel Organizer: “Dharma Tourists, Diasporas and Buddhist Transnationalism: Spreading the Dharma under the Global Condition.” Panel at the AAS Conference 2018 in Washington, D.C., USA.
- 2018/03/24 “The Buddha in Bronkhorstspuit: The Transnational Spread of the Taiwanese Buddhist Order Fo Guang Shan to South Africa.” Paper presented at the AAS Conference 2018 in Washington, D.C., USA.
- 2017/12/15 “Transnational Buddhists and Global Pure Lands: Buddha’s Light Mountain’s Nan Hua Temple in Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa.” Paper presented at the joint research colloquium “Religion(s) in China,” organized by Leipzig University & FU Berlin in Berlin, Germany.
- 2017/09/14 “Buddhabilder in Bronkhorstspuit (Imaginations of the Buddha in Bronkhorstspuit).” Paper presented at the DVRW (German Association of Religious Studies) 2017 annual conference in Marburg, Germany.
- 2016/12/14 “Religion.” Guest Lecture, Research Seminar: People-based Globalization and China in the world, Sinology, Department of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2016/07/07 “Ven. Cihang and the Development of a Modern Taiwanese Buddhism.” Paper presented at the CESNUR Conference for Religious Studies Religious Movements in a Globalized World: Korea, Asia, and Beyond in Seoul, South-Korea.

- 2016/05/27 “Religion in Taiwan Today.” Guest Lecture, Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2016/06/17 “Study in Taiwan.” Guest Lecture, Sinology, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany.
- 2015/09/11 “Dharma Drum Mountain in the Context of Modern Chinese Buddhism.” Lecture as part of the Long Island University Global Studies Program at NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2015/08/24 “Constructing a Modern Pure land: Pure Land Practice at Dharma Drum Mountain.” Paper presented at the 2015 IAHR World Congress in Erfurt, Germany.
- 2014/11/20 “Dharma Drum Mountain in the Context of Modern Chinese Buddhism.” Lecture as part of the Long Island University Global Studies Program at NCCU, Taiwan.
- 2012/12/05 “Chinese Buddhism.” Introductory lecture, undergraduate General Education course “Religion in Taiwan 宗教在台灣” at NCCU, Taiwan.

WORKSHOPS

- 2023/16 – 19 “Researching Buddhist Mobilities: Terms and methodologies.” ISHB working group workshop at University of the West, USA (organizer).
- 2018/12/12 – 15 “Transnational Religious Spaces? Religious Organizations and their Interaction in Africa, East Asia, and Beyond.” Workshop, SFB 1199, Leipzig University, Germany (organizer).

- 2018/11/29 – 12/01 “Daoism and Local Cults: Rethinking the Paradigms.” Workshop, Society for the Study of Chinese Religions, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Institute of East Asian Studies, Leipzig University at Leipzig University, Germany (assistant).
- 2017/04/27 “Global Mission and Chinese Cultural Identity: Challenges and Prospects for the Religious Movement Yiguandao.” Workshop, Leipzig University, SFB 1199 (assistant organizer).
- 2016/10/01 “Ethnography and Qualitative Fieldwork at SFB 1199.” Workshop, Leipzig University, Germany (Participant).
- 2014/08/4 – 13 “Buddhism in China: Connecting with the Source.” Tiantai workshop with Professor Daniel B. Stevenson at Mt. Tiantai, PRC (Participant).

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- 2022 – now Researcher at collaborative research project on the globalization of the Taiwanese Buddhist organization Tzu Chi. Funded by the Tzu Chi Charity Foundation, Taiwan.
- 2022/08 – NOW Digital mapping project “Mapping Buddhism in the San Gabriel Valley in Southern California.” Funded by the Asian Pacific American Research Initiative (APARRI) – Henry Luce Foundation Grant. Principal researcher.
- 2020 – now Organizer of the scholarly working group “Modern and Contemporary Buddhist Encounters in the Southern Sinosphere.” Institute for the Study of Humanistic Buddhism (ISHB), University of the West.

FIELDWORK

- 2023/1 – now Digital ethnography on a current research project in Taiwan, “Queering the Tradition: the Dharma Rainbow Buddhist Social Club.”
- 2022/12 –
2023/01 08 Ethnographic fieldwork on a current research project in Taiwan, “Buddhist Bricolages in the Southern Sinosphere: The Southbound Transnationalism of Taiwanese Buddhists,” funded by the University of the West Faculty Research Award.
- 2022/07 – 08 Ethnographic fieldwork on a current research project in Taiwan, “Buddhist Bricolages in the Southern Sinosphere: The Southbound Transnationalism of Taiwanese Buddhists,” funded by the Sheng Yen Education Foundation Visiting Scholars from Abroad program.
- 2020/02/01 –
03/31 Ethnographic fieldwork on a current research project in Taiwan, “Buddhist Bricolages in the Southern Sinosphere: The Southbound Transnationalism of Taiwanese Buddhists,” funded by the Sheng Yen Education Foundation Visiting Scholars from Abroad program.
- 2018/04/05 –
06/05 Ph.D. ethnographic fieldwork at Fo Guang Shan facilities in the People’s Republic of China, funded by the DFG, Germany.
- 2018/01/09 –
03/22 Ph.D. ethnographic fieldwork at Fo Guang Shan facilities in the USA, including a six-week full-time stay at Hsi Lai Temple in Los Angeles, USA, funded by the DFG, Germany.

2017/09/26 –
11/28 Ph.D. ethnographic fieldwork and a full-time stay at
Fo Guang Shan Nan Hua Temple in
Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa, funded by the DFG,
Germany.

2016/12/28 –
2017/05/29 Ph.D. foundational research and ethnographic
fieldwork at Fo Guang Shan in Taiwan and Hong
Kong (Taipei, Yilan, Kaohsiung, Hong Kong),
funded by the DFG, Germany.

2012/03 – 2015/06 MA Research and part-time ethnographic fieldwork
at Dharma Drum Mountain facilities in Taiwan.

SERVICE

2023 – now Board member of Institutional Review Board IRB
at University of the West

2022/06 – now Editorial board member of *Yin-Cheng Journal of
Contemporary Buddhism*, Chinese Edition.

2019 – now Peer reviewer for
Journal for the Studies of Chinese Religions
Global Buddhism

2021 – now Development and coordination of the MA Religious
Studies concentration on Global Buddhism at
University of the West.

LANGUAGES

German	native
English	near native
Chinese	excellent command
Classical Chinese	Working Proficiency

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS
AND AWARDS

- 2022/23 “Mapping Buddhism in Southern California.”
Funded by the Asian Pacific American Research
Initiative (APARRI) – Henry Luce Foundation
Grant.
- 2022/08 Sheng Yen Education Foundation Visiting Scholars
from Abroad, grant for a two-month field work visit
to Taiwan 聖嚴漢傳佛教學術發展專案捐贈短期
訪問獎學金.
- 2022/03/26 *Mapping Modern Mahayana: Chinese Buddhism
and Migration* was selected by the SSCR for the
First Book Roundtable, celebrating new ground-
breaking work in the study of Chinese Religions,
at AAS 2022 in Honolulu, USA.
- 2021/11/20 Awarded as an Emerging Voice in the Study of
Chinese Religions by the SSCR at AAR 2021 in
San Antonio, USA.
- 2020/02 – 2020/03 Sheng Yen Education Foundation Visiting Scholars
from Abroad, grant for a two-month field work visit
to Taiwan 聖嚴漢傳佛教學術發展專案捐贈短期
訪問獎學金.
- 2015/09 – 2016/02 MOE Common Scholarship
教育部外國學生普通獎學金.
- 2014/09 – 2015/08 New International Students Scholarship
外國新生獎學金.
- 2012/09 – 2014/08 Sheng Yen Education Foundation Scholarship
聖嚴漢傳佛教博碩士獎學金
- 2007/09 – 2008/08 Mandarin Language Enrichment Scholarship
教育部華語文獎學金

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

AAS American Association for Asian Studies

AAR American Academy of Religion

SSCR Society for the Study of Chinese Religions

DVRW (German Association of Religious Studies)

IABS International Association of Buddhist Studies

NON-ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

Certified 200 hour yoga teacher, The Tree Yoga cooperative, Los Angeles, USA