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EDUCATION:

2016-date

PhD Philosophy (sponsored by China Scholarship Council), School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, **University of Edinburgh**

- Project Topic: The Concept of Gradable Knowledge
- Supervisors: Professor Duncan Pritchard
Dr. Martin Smith
- Estimated Graduate Date: Before September 2019

2015-2016

Master by Research Philosophy, School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences, **University of Edinburgh**

- Result: Awarded with distinction
- Project Topic: Scepticism and the Self-Hollowing Problem: A Dichotomous Solution to Sceptical Paradox
- Principal Supervisor: Professor Duncan Pritchard
- Course taken:
Advanced Topics in Epistemology
Themes in Epistemology

2011-2015

Bachelor of Philosophy, Philosophy, School of Philosophy, **Renmin University of China**

- Overall GPA: 3.90 (out of 4.0); average score: 91.8 (out of 100)
- GPA ranking: 1st out of 52 students in the school
- Tutor: Associate Professor Chang Liu

2013-2014

International Exchange Student (sponsored by China Scholarship Council), Philosophy, College of Humanities and Social Science, **University of Edinburgh**

- Average score: 71.33, 1st Honours Class
- Courses taken:
1st semester: Philosophy of Science 1
Morality and Value

Mind, Matter and Language
2nd semester: Knowledge and Reality
Logic 1
Greats: From Plato to the Enlightenment

- Tutor: Dr. Julian Ward
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2017 – 2019 Logic 1 Tutor at the University of Edinburgh
 - 2015 - date Logic teaching & training as the coach of the mandarin debating team of the University of Edinburgh
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ACADEMIC WORKING EXPERIENCE:

- 2019 – date Reviewer of *American Philosophical Quarterly*
 - 2018 – date Reviewer of *The International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*
 - 2017 – 2018 Organizer of The 8th Annual Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference
 - 2015 – 2016 Reviewer of the 5th and the 6th Annual Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference
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RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Scepticism
 - Epistemic gradualism
 - Formal Logic
 - Virtue Epistemology
 - Wittgenstein
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AWARDS:

- June 2019 The First Prize of the 8th East China Normal University Philosophy Graduate Conference
 - August 2016 to August 2019 Full PhD Scholarship of China Scholarship Council
 - October 2016 PPLS Highly Commended Dissertation Award at University of Edinburgh
 - June 2015 Excellent Graduation Thesis Award in Renmin University of China
Outstanding Graduates of Beijing in 2015
 - January 2015 & January 2014 National Scholarship for undergraduates in Renmin University of China
 - May 2013 First Prize in the 15th "Innovation Cup" Academic Work Competition
 - April 2013 National Scholarship of China Scholarship Council
 - January 2013 First Class Scholarship in Renmin University of China
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PUBLICATIONS:

- Lai, Changsheng (forthcoming). 'My Ordinary Anti-Sceptical Beliefs are not insensitive'. *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*
- Lai, Changsheng (2018). 'The Self-Hollowing Problem of the Radical Sceptical Paradox'. *Erkenntnis*:1-20.
- Lai, Changsheng (2016). 'Debasing Scepticism Revisited' online published on *Missing Shade of Blue* at <https://missingshadeofblue.org/2016/10/24/debasing-scepticism-revisited/>

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

- June 2019 'Epistemic Gradualism and Scepticism', presented at the 8th East China Normal University Philosophy Graduate Conference, Shanghai
- March 2019 'Faultless Disagreement and Gradualism', presented at WiP Postgraduate Seminar, University of Edinburgh
- March 2019 'Epistemic Entitlement, Environmental Luck, and Gradualism', presented at PPLS Sanford Goldberg Workshop, University of Edinburgh
- August 2018 'The Self-Hollowing Problem of the Radical Sceptical Paradox', presented at the 24th World Congress of Philosophy
- May 2018 'Scepticism and the Self-Hollowing Problem', presented at Taiwan University Philosophy Graduate Conference
- July 2016 'A dichotomic solution to sceptical paradox', presented at WiP Postgraduate Seminar, University of Edinburgh
- May 2016 'Curing Epistemic Vertigo with Epistemic Gradualism', presented at the 2nd East-West Philosophy Forum, University of Edinburgh

LANGUAGE:

- Fluent in English, overall IELTS 7.5
- Native Mandarin Speaker, reading and writing in both traditional and simplified Chinese

PRINCIPAL SUPERVISOR:

- Prof. Duncan Pritchard
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