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## Employment

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| Dec. 2021 – | **Associate Professor (without tenure)** <br> Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Tsinghua University. |
| Feb. 2018 – Nov. 2021 | **Assistant Professor** <br> Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Tsinghua University. |
| Aug. 2016 – Jan. 2018 | **Assistant Professor** <br> School of Foreign Languages, Hunan University. |

## Education

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| 2010 – 2016 | Ph.D. in Linguistics, Rutgers University. <br><br> Dissertation: ***Varieties of Alternatives*** <br> Committee: Veneeta Dayal (chair), Simon Charlow, Mark Baker, Gennaro Chierchia (external). |
| 2007 – 2010 | M.A. in Chinese Language & Literature, Peking University. |
| 2003 – 2007 | B.A. in Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language & French (minor), East China Normal University. |

## Areas of specialization

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| Broad | Semantics and pragmatics |
| Narrow | Cross-linguistic variation, Focus particles, *Wh*-quantification, Polarity items, Information structure, Conversational implicatures, Conditionals |

## Grants, honors & awards

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| 2017 – 2023 | National Social Science Foundation of China <br> PI, *Alternative semantics and Mandarin functional adverbs: a systematic perspective* <br> (¥ 200, 000 RMB) |

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| 2019 – 2021 | Tsinghua University *&* Cyrus Tang Foundation<br>Cyrus Tang Young Scholar |
| 2018 – 2020 | Tsinghua University<br>Start-Up Research Fund ( ￥ 120, 000 RMB) |
| 2017 – 2018 | Hunan University<br>Yuelu Scholar |
| 2017 | Peking University Press *&* The Hong Kong Polytechnic University-Peking University Research Centre on Chinese Linguistics<br>Shortlist for "Frontiers in Chinese Linguistics (FiCL) Thesis of the Year" |
| 2016 | *Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*, University of Texas at Austin<br>*SALT* 26 Scholarship |
| 2015 – 2016 | Rutgers University and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation<br>Mellon Dissertation Fellowship |
| 2014 – 2015,<br>2010 – 2013 | Rutgers University<br>Excellence Fellowship |
| 2012 | Rutgers University and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation<br>Mellon Summer Research Grant |

## Publications

### Monographs

[1] Liu, Mingming. 2023. *A Bidirectional Systematic Study of Multifunctional Adverbs and Related Grammatical Phenomena.* Peking University Press.　　　(in Chinese)
《汉语多功能副词及相关语法现象的双向系统性研究 − 以 "都、也" 为例看现代汉语的全称量化、任指等现象》，北京大学出版社。

[2] Liu, Mingming. 2018. *Varieties of alternatives: focus particles and wh-expressions in Mandarin.* Springer Singapore and Peking University Press (Frontiers in Chinese Linguistics Series).

### Journal Articles in English

[3] Liu, Mingming. 2023. Additivity, scalarity and Mandarin Universal *wh*'s. *Natural Language Semantics* 31: 179–218.

[4] Liu, Mingming. 2021. A pragmatic explanation of the *mei-dou* co-occurrence in Mandarin. *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* 30(3): 277–316.

[5] Li, Yurong, Peng Zhou *&* Mingming Liu. 2021. Donkey pronouns in child Mandarin: Insights into the $\exists/\forall$ dichotomy. *Glossa: a journal of general linguistics* 6(1): 1–32.

[6] Liu, Mingming *&* Yanyan Cui. 2019. Situating Mandarin wh-indefinites in the Typology of Modal Indefinites. *Journal of Foreign Languages* 42(3): 26–37.

[7] Liu, Mingming. 2017. Varieties of alternatives: Mandarin focus particles. *Linguistics & Philosophy* 40(1): 61–95.

[8] Liu, Mingming. 2017. Mandarin conditional conjunctions and *only*. *Studies in Logic* 10(2): 45–61.

## Journal Articles in Chinese

[9] Liu, Mingming. 2023. On *wh-dou* and free choice *wh*-items. *Chinese Teaching in the World* 30(2): 222–235.
从 "wh-都" 看疑问代词的任指用法，《世界汉语教学》。

[10] Liu, Mingming. 2023. On the felicity conditions of *dou*. *Contemporary Linguistics* 25(1): 29–55.
从 "都" 的语境适用条件看什么是总括，《当代语言学》。

## Manuscripts

[11] Liu, Mingming. Universal *wh*'s and *wh*-quantification in Mandarin. Minor revision at *Journal of Semantics*.

[12] Liu, Mingming. Focus adverbs in Chinese. Invited submission to *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Linguistics*.

## Conference proceedings

[13] Liu, Mingming & Yu'an Yang. 2021. Modal *wh*-indefinites in Mandarin. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 25*: 581–599.

[14] Liu, Mingming. 2020. Universal Quantification in Mandarin. In *Dynamics in Logic and Language* (TLLM 2022, LNCS 13524): 81–106. Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

[15] Liu, Mingming. 2019. Explaining the Exceptive-Additive Ambiguity in Mandarin. *Proceedings of Amsterdam Colloquium 20*: 475–483.

[16] Liu, Mingming. 2019. Unifying Universal and Existential *wh*'s in Mandarin. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29*: 257–278.

[17] Liu, Mingming. 2019. Universal *wh*'s in Mandarin. *Proceedings of the 49th North East Linguistics Society*, Vol 2: 221–230.

[18] Liu, Mingming. 2018. Short answers to questions in Mandarin *wh*-conditionals. *Proceedings of the 48th North East Linguistics Society*.

[19] Liu, Mingming. 2018. Mandarin *dou*: the common core of distributivity, maximality, and EVEN. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*, no. 2: 819–826.

[20] Liu, Mingming. 2017. Dou-quantification, distributivity, and alternative semantics. *Proceedings of GLOW in Asia XI,* Vol. 1: 157–167.

[21] Liu, Mingming. 2016. Mandarin *wh*-conditionals as interrogative conditionals. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26*: 814–835.

[22] Liu, Mingming. 2016. Exclusive (dis)harmonies in Mandarin Chinese. *U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* 22(1): 207–213.

[23] Liu, Mingming. 2016. Non-exclusive 'only' in Mandarin Chinese. *Proceedings of the 50th Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society*: 335–348.

[24] Liu, Mingming. 2015. Participant Sharing in Chinese Resultatives. *U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* 21(1): 1–7.

[25] Liu, Mingming. 2014. Mandarin Resultative Verb Compound Involves VP Complementation. *U. Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* 20(1): 1–9.

**EDITED VOLUMES**

[26] Deng, Dun, Mingming Liu, Dag Westerståhl & Kaibo Xie. 2022. *Dynamics in Logic and Language* (TLLM 2022, LNCS 13524). Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

[27] Deng, Dun, Fenrong Liu, Mingming Liu & Dag Westerståhl. 2020. *Monotonicity in Logic and Language* (TLLM 2020, LNCS 12564). Springer Berlin Heidelberg.

# PRESENTATIONS

INVITED COLLOQUIA & CONFERENCE KEYNOTES

Jun. 21 2023 Mandarin *dou*: from *even* to *all*.
*The 2nd International Symposium on Formal Approaches to Meaning in Chinese*, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Dec. 9 2022 Free choice *wh*'s and focus particles.
Seminar talk at the School of Philosophy, Beijing Normal University.

Oct. 30 2022 Formal Semantics, pragmatics and multi-functional particles in Mandarin.
*The 16th National Conference on Modern Logic*, Shandong University.

Oct. 10 2021 On the felicity conditions of *dou*.
Tsinghua Logic Salon, Tsinghua University.

Dec. 1 2020 Universal Quantification in Mandarin.
Seminar talk at the Center for Logic, Language and Cognition, Peking University.

Oct. 16 2020 Implicature, free choice and *wh*-quantification in Mandarin.
School of Philosophy, Beijing Normal University.

May. 29 2020 Pragmatics and meanings of function words: *wh*-phrases and universal quantification in Mandarin.
Invited panel session speaker at *The 21st Chinese Lexical Semantics Workshop*. City University of Hong Kong.

Nov. 29 2019 Why is *dou* needed for universal quantification in Mandarin?
Center for Chinese Linguistics, Peking University.

Nov. 22 2019 Why is *dou* needed for universal quantification in Mandarin?
Dept. of English Language and Culture, Guangdong University of Foreign Studies.

Jun. 15 2019 Semantics and Pragmatics of Mandarin Subtractives.
*Workshop on Semantic Theories and Chinese Semantic Studies*, Zhejiang University.

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| Oct. 27 2018 | Existential *wh*'s in Mandarin. *International Workshop on Formal Semantics and Its Interface*, Zhejiang University. |
| Jun. 16 2017 | On *wh*-conditionals and its implications for theories of conditionals and questions. Institute of Logic and Cognition, Sun Yat-sen University. |
| Jun. 17 2017 | Alternatives in linguistics and philosophy. Institute of Logic and Cognition, Sun Yat-sen University. |

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

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| 2021 | Unconditionals in Mandarin. *Workshop on Chinese Conditionals*, Beijing Normal University. |
| 2020 | Universal quantification in Mandarin. *Tsinghua Interdisciplinary Workshop on Logic, Language, and Meaning: Monotonicity in Logic and Language*, Tsinghua University. |
| 2020 | Modal *wh*-indefinites in Mandarin (with Yu'an Yang). *Sinn und Bedeutung 25*, University College London and Queen Mary University of London (online). |
| 2019 | Explaining the Exceptive-Additive Ambiguity in Mandarin (poster). *The 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*, University of Amsterdam. |
| 2019 | Unifying Universal and Existential wh's in Mandarin. *The 12th International Workshop on Theoretical East Asian Linguistics*, University of Macau. |
| 2019 | Unifying Universal and Existential wh's in Mandarin (poster). *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 29*, University of California Los Angeles. |
| 2018 | Universal *wh*'s in Mandarin (poster). *The 49th North East Linguistics Society*, Cornell University. |
| 2018 | Universal *wh*'s in Mandarin. *The 8th International Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Zhejiang University. |
| 2018 | Donkey Pronouns: from Weak to Strong (with Yurong Li). *The 8th International Conference on Formal Linguistics*, Zhejiang University. |
| 2017 | *Dou*-quantification, distributivity and alternative semantics. *Glow in Asia XI*, National University of Singapore. |
| 2016 | Mandarin *dou*: The common core of distributivity, maximality, and EVEN. *Sinn und Bedeutung 21*, University of Edinburgh. |
| 2016 | Mandarin *wh*-conditionals as interrogative conditionals. *Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 26*, University of Texas at Austin. |
| 2016 | Exclusive and non-exclusive ONLY in Chinese and English (poster). *The West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics 34*, University of Utah. |
| 2015 | Exclusive (dis)harmonies in Mandarin Chinese. *The 39th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania. |
| 2014 | Non-exclusive 'only' in Mandarin Chinese. *Chicago Linguistics Society (CLS) 53*, University of Chicago. |

2014 Participant Sharing in Chinese Resultatives.
*The 38th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania.

2013 Mandarin Resultative Verb Compound Involves VP Complementation.
*The 37th Annual Penn Linguistics Conference*, University of Pennsylvania.

## Teaching

### Tsinghua University

Undergrad *Introduction to Formal Semantics*
2018–2023, Fall

Undergrad *Introduction to Formal Pragmatics*
2019–2023, Spring

Graduate *Semantics*
2018–2023, Fall

Graduate *Analyzing Natural Language Phenomena in a Formal Way*
2019, 2021–2023, Spring

### Hunan University

Undergrad *Syntax*
2017, Spring

Undergrad *Introduction to Linguistics*
2017, Spring

### Rutgers University

Undergrad *Introduction to Linguistics*
2013, Spring (as instructor), 2012, Fall (as TA)

## Mentoring

### Ph.D. level

Defense
Sep 2023 Jialiang Yan, *Monotonicity in Intensional Contexts* (Dissertation committee), Tsinghua University and University of Amsterdam.

Defense
May 2023 Jiawei Shi, *Knowledge and Processing in Child Language Acquisition: Insights from Mandarin DE Constructions* (Dissertation committee), Tsinghua University.

Defense
May 2023 Jing Li, *Mandarin-Speaking Children's Use of Syntactic and Prosodic Cues in Structural Ambiguity Resolution*, (Dissertation committee), Tsinghua University.

Defense
May 2023 Shijia Mei, *On the Syntactic Nature of the Malay Particle yang and its Comparison with the Mandarin Particle de* (Dissertation committee), Tsinghua University.

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| Defense May 2022 | Anna Gurevich, *Early Reading Development in Chinese among Chinese-as-a- Second-Language Kindergarteners* (Dissertation committee), Tsinghua University. |
| Defense May 2022 | Jin Qi, *The Syntax and Semantics of Time- interval Phrases in Chinese* (Dissertation committee), Tsinghua University. |
| Defense May 2021 | Ying Gong, *Mandarin jiu: exclusive, scalar, and minimal sufficiency* (Qualifying Paper committee), Bostan University. |

### Master's level

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| Ongoing | Rong he (Thesis advisor), Tsinghua University. |
| Defense May 2022 | Jieying Zhu, *A comparative study of two kinds of generic subjects in Chinese and English* (Thesis advisor), Tsinghua University. |

### Undergraduate level

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| 2023 | Haoyue Liu | Tsinghua University (undergraduate senior thesis) |
| 2022 | Jiaxing Qiu, Liwen Zhang | Tsinghua University (undergraduate senior thesis) |
| 2021 | Yulin Chen, Jingxin Xiao | Tsinghua University (undergraduate senior thesis) |
| 2021 | Jingwen Xing, Wenbo Yang | Tsinghua University (undergraduate senior thesis) |
| 2020 | Jieying Zhu, Jiwei Yang | Tsinghua University (undergraduate senior thesis) |

# Service

### Abstract and paper refereeing

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| Journals & edited volumes | *Linguistics & Philosophy* (2017, 2020 × 3, 2021, 2022, 2023); *Natural Language Semantics* (2021, 2023); *Journal of Semantics* (2017×2, 2018×2); *Language* (2018); *Journal of East Asian Linguistics* (2022); *Journal of Linguistics* (2020, 2022); *The Linguistic Review* (2022); *Natural Language and Linguistic Theory* (2020); *Syntax* (2021); *Studia Linguistica* (2014); *Language & Linguistics* (since 2017); *Proceedings of LENLS* (2019); *Proceedings of Tsinghua Interdisciplinary Workshop on Logic, Language, and Meaning* (Since 2020); *Proceedings of the ESSLLI Student Sessions* (2022), etc. |
| Conferences | *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (SALT); *Sinn und Bedeutung* (SuB); *Generative Linguistics in the Old World* (GLOW); *Generative Linguistics in the Old World in Asia*; *Annual Conferences of the International Association of Chinese Linguistics* (IACL); *Annual Meeting of the North East Linguistics Society* (NELS); etc. |
| Publisher | *Routledge* (2018, 2020); *Peking University Press* (2019). |
| Grant proposals | Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong (2018, 2020, 2023) |

### Administrative committees

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| Since 2019 | Graduate Admissions Committee (for M.A. Program), Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Tsinghua University. |

Since 2019   Organizer, Tsinghua Interdisciplinary Workshop on Logic, Language, and Meaning (*TLLM*), Tsinghua University.

## SKILLS

Languages    Mandarin Chinese (native speaker), English (fluent), French (reading ability).

Technical    Haskell, LATEX, HTML.