

Frank Qifan YANG

Areas of Interest: Moral and Political Philosophy

Education

University of California, Santa Barbara	09/2026 – 09/ 203x
<i>Ph.D. Philosophy</i>	Santa Barbara, California, US

University College London	09/2024 – 09/ 2025
<i>M.A. Philosophy,</i>	
<i>with Distinction (the highest overall mark in the 2024/25 MA Philosophy cohort)</i>	London, UK
Dissertation: ‘Institutionalise the Just Exclusionary Power: A Relational Egalitarian Challenge to States’ Right to Exclude’ (Mark: 74)	
Dissertation Supervisor: Prof. James Wilson	
Dissertation Reviewer: Dr. Han van Wietmarschen	

King’s College London	09/2021 – 09/2024
<i>B.A. Philosophy, Politics and Economics, with Upper Second Class Honours</i>	London, UK
Dissertation: ‘A Hybrid Theory of Political Legitimacy’ (Mark: 65)	
Dissertation Supervisor: Dr. Jonas Haeg	

Undergraduate Exchange Semester

Sciences Po Paris	01/2023 – 07/2023
<i>Exchange Semester, Politics, overall 16.6/20 (equivalent to UK First Honours)</i>	Paris, France

Selected Presentations/ Conferences/ Talks (*: refereed; †: invited)

[3] “A Relational Egalitarian Challenge to States’ Right to Exclude Prospective Immigrants”
2026 PPE Society London Meeting at King’s College London*

[2] “Hierarchical Injustice and Immigration”
[forthcoming] PPE Society Tenth Annual Meeting in New Orleans*

2026 Joint Session at University of Reading*

[1] “The Terms of Consent: When does Deception Undermine Consent to Sex?”

2026 PPE Society London Meeting at King’s College London*

Service/ Experience

[1] *Chair and Convener*: “Justice and Migration” Panel Discussion (w/ Mollie Gerver, Deena Sharuk and Rufaida Al Hashmi) 2026 PPE Society London Meeting at King’s College London

[2] *Participant*: ‘Philosophy Bench’ (an academic research study at Stanford University that aims to evaluate the philosophical capabilities of AI models)

Honours, Grants & Awards

2026-27 UCSB Philosophy Department Student Aid Fellowship \$32,500 + Fees

2026-27 UCSB Philosophy Department Additional Student Aid Fellowship \$5,000

2027-31 UCSB Academic Quarter Employment \$141,440 + Fees

Philosophy Modules/ Coursework

Modules taken in Philosophy departments unless stated otherwise.

Group 1: Theoretical Philosophy

<i>PHIL217: Philosophy of Computing and AI</i> , Prof. Colin Allen, UCSB	Fall, 2026
<i>PHIL0201: Topics in Epistemology</i> , Dr. Sam Carter, UCL	Spring, 2025
<i>4AANA103: Introduction to Philosophy II: Epistemology and Metaphysics</i> , Prof. Clayton Littlejohn and Dr. Jessica Leech, KCL	Spring, 2021
<i>4AANA102: Introduction to Philosophy I: Logic and Ethics</i> , Dr. Julien Dutant and Dr. Winnie Ma, KCL	Fall, 2021

Group 2: Practical Philosophy

<i>PHIL228G: Feminist Philosophy</i> , Prof. Elinor Mason, UCSB	Fall, 2026
<i>PHIL0052: Regulation of Intimacy</i> , Prof. Véronique Munoz-Dardé, UCL	Spring, 2025
<i>PHIL0079: Advanced Topics on Moral Philosophy: Responsibility, Luck and Excuses</i> ,	

Dr. Ulrike Heuer, UCL	Spring, 2025
<i>PHIL0143: Research Preparation in Philosophy 2</i> , Dr. Ulrike Heuer, UCL	Spring, 2025
<i>PHIL0142: Research Preparation in Philosophy 1</i> , Dr. Rory Phillips, UCL	Fall, 2024
<i>PHIL0177: Recent Work in Moral Philosophy</i> , Dr. Joe Horton, UCL	Fall, 2024
<i>PHIL0189: Culture, Heritage and Critique</i> , Prof. James Wilson, UCL	Fall, 2024
<i>PHIL0059: Philosophy, Justice and Health</i> , Prof. James Wilson, UCL	Fall, 2024
<i>6AANA034: Philosophy of Art</i> , Prof. Sacha Golob, KCL	Spring, 2024
<i>6AANA046: Topics in Political Philosophy A</i> , Dr. Ruairi Maguire, KCL	Fall, 2023
<i>DSPO 25A40: Justice in Theory and in Practice</i> , Dr. Ronan Sharkey, Sciences Po (in the Department of Political Science)	Spring, 2023
<i>DSPO 25A17: Nation and Nationalism: Several Approaches to Basic Concepts</i> , Prof. Gil Delannoi, Sciences Po (in the Department of Political Science)	Spring, 2023
<i>DSPO 25A41: Integrity in Politics: The Case of Democracies</i> , Dr. Corinne Mellul, Sciences Po (in the Department of Political Science)	Spring, 2023
<i>5SSPP219: Key Concepts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics</i> , Dr. Roberto Fumagalli and Dr. Marta Wojciechowska, KCL	Fall, 2022
<i>5AANB007: Political Philosophy IIA</i> , Dr. Thomas Rowe, KCL	Fall, 2022
<i>4SSPP110: Political and Economic Philosophy</i> , Dr. Thomas Rowe, KCL	Fall, 2021

Group 3: History of Philosophy

<i>6AANA018: Kant's Philosophy A</i> , Dr. Mélanie Salvi, KCL	Spring, 2024
<i>6SSPP369: Advanced Texts in Political Theory</i> , Prof. Robin Douglass, KCL (in the Department of Political Economy)	Spring, 2024
<i>6SSPP314: Eighteenth-Century Political Thought</i> , Prof. Robin Douglass, KCL (in the Department of Political Economy)	Spring, 2024
<i>5SSPP202: History of Western Political Thought</i> , Dr. Paul Sagar, KCL (in the Department of Political Economy)	Fall, 2022
<i>5AANA001: Greek Philosophy IIA: Plato</i> , Dr. Joachim Aufderheide, KCL	Fall, 2022