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## EDUCATION

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### DEGREE PROGRAM

- **University of Texas at Austin** **Austin, Texas**  
*Ph.D. student in Linguistics* *08/2024 – Present*
  - Advisors: Junyi Jessy Li, David I. Beaver
- **University of Edinburgh** **Edinburgh, Scotland**  
*Master of Science in Speech and Language Processing* *09/2022 – 08/2023*
  - Dissertation:  
*Anticipating the Future: Forward-Looking Discourse Based on Question Under Discussion (QUD)*
  - Supervisor: Catherine Lai
  - First Class *with distinction*
- **Hanyang University** **Seoul, South Korea**  
*Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature* *09/2020 – 08/2022*
  - Advisor: Ki Jeong Lee
  - GPA: 3.96/4.0, 99.5/100
  - Graduated with *summa cum laude* honors
- **Zhejiang Normal University** **Zhejiang, China**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Translation and Interpreting (resigned)* *09/2018 – 08/2020*
  - GPA: 3.95/5.0, 91/100

### NON-DEGREE PROGRAM

- 2024 The 8<sup>th</sup> NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies
- 2023 The 7<sup>th</sup> NYI Global Institute of Cultural, Cognitive, and Linguistic Studies
- 2021 Summer School in Languages and Linguistics, Leiden University  
32<sup>nd</sup> European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information  
Eastern Generative Grammar Summer School

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Broad* Syntax, Semantics, Pragmatics, Computational Linguistics
- Narrow* CP Selection, Cartography, Finiteness, Ellipsis, QUD, Factivity, Variation Modeling
- Languages* Mandarin, English, Korean, Japanese, Thai

## PUBLICATIONS

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### DISSERTATIONS

1. **Anshun, Zheng.** 2023. Anticipating the Future: Forward-Looking Discourse Based on Question Under Discussion (QUD), M.Sc. Thesis, *University of Edinburgh*, Edinburgh, Scotland. (*Distinction*)

### PROCEEDINGS

2. **Anshun, Zheng.** (in preparation). CP Selection at the Syntax-Semantics Interface: A Case Study in Mandarin *think* "xiang", 2024, *In Proceedings of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Texas Linguistics Society, TLS2024*
3. **Anshun, Zheng.** Dynamic Questions: Evidence from Mandarin *Think*–"Xiang", 2023, *In Proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Inquisitiveness Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary (InqBnB4), IWCS2023*, pages 40-49, Nancy, France. Association for Computational Linguistics.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023      **Anshun, Zheng.** Dynamic Questions: Evidence from Mandarin *Think*–"Xiang", 2023, *The 4th Workshop on Inquisitiveness Below and Beyond the Sentence Boundary (InqBnB4), IWCS2023*, Université de Lorraine, June 20.

### ABSTRACTS

- 2024      **Anshun, Zheng.** Anticipating the Future: Forward-Looking Discourse Based on Question Under Discussion (QUD), 2023. Submitted to *the 48<sup>th</sup> Penn Linguistics Conference* (Accepted)
- 2024      **Anshun, Zheng.** CP Selection at the Syntax-Semantics Interface: A Case Study in Mandarin *think* "xiang", 2023. Poster presentation at the *Texas Linguistics Society 2024 (TLS2024)*, The University of Texas at Austin, February 23.
- 2023      **Anshun, Zheng.** CP Selection at the Syntax-Semantics Interface: A Case Study in Mandarin *think* "xiang", 2023. Poster presentation at the 2023 LSK Young Scholar Symposium, Korea University, December 8.

## TEACHING

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### AT ZHEJIANG NORMAL UNIVERSITY

Basic English (Teaching assistant 2019-1,2)

Basic English Writing (Teaching assistant 2018-2)

## HONORS & AWARDS

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Hanyang International Excellence Awards (HIEA) ( $\approx$ \$12000), Hanyang University.	2021 – 2022
TOPIK Scholarship ( $\approx$ \$400), Hanyang University.	2020
Hanyang International Scholarship Program (HISP) ( $\approx$ \$1500), Hanyang University.	2020
The University Scholarship, Zhejiang Normal University ( $\approx$ \$300).	2018 – 2020
Outstanding Student Leader, Zhejiang Normal University.	2018 – 2020.

## SERVICES

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Member of Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW)	2023 – Present
Member of The Association for Logic, Language and Information	2021 – Present
Member of UoE Meaning and Grammar Research Group (MGRG)	2022 – 2023

## LANGUAGES & COMPUTING SKILLS

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<i>Natural</i>	Mandarin, Chinese Wu (Native), English, Korean, Archaic Chinese (Advanced), Japanese, French (Intermediate), Thai, Latin (Elementary).
<i>Programming</i>	Python, JavaScript, R, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Praat, Html, SQLite.
<i>Frameworks and Packages</i>	PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, Numpy, Pandas, Nltk, SpacCy, CHILDES, Penn Treebanks, JsPsych.

## REFERENCES

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