

Szymon Bogacz

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Research specialisation

Buddhist philosophy, logic and philosophy of logic, epistemology

Research competence

Indian philosophy, philosophy of mind, history of Buddhism

Employment

Associate Lecturer

2021 — School of Philosophy, Australian National University

- Course taught: Buddhist Philosophy
- Teacher Survey results: 4.86/5

2015 — Centre for the Comparative Studies of Civilisations, Jagiellonian University, Poland

- Buddhist Teaching about the Mind
- Teacher Survey results: 4.35/5

Tutor/Teaching Assistant

2020—ongoing — School of Philosophy, Australian National University

- Buddhist Philosophy (Teacher Survey results: 4.82/5), Philosophy of Mind (ongoing)

2013—2015 — Centre for the Comparative Studies of Civilisations

- Buddhist Epistemology (Teacher Survey results: 4.42/5), History of Buddhism II (Mahayana) (4.39/5)

Education

2018 — 2022 (expected) — PhD, School of Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University

- Thesis title: Buddhist epistemology and the liar paradox
- Supervisory panel: Koji Tanaka (primary supervisor), Bronwyn Finnigan, Alan Hájek, Tom Tillemans (external supervisor)

2013 — 2017 (withdrawn to attend Australian National University) — PhD, Institute of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Poland

- The concept of own-being (*svabhāva*) in the early Buddhist metaphysics
- Marta Kudelska (primary supervisor), Artur Przybysławski, Krzysztof Postajko

2011 — 2013 — MA, Institute of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University

- Buddhist Metaphysics: Mahāyāna Sūtras, Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma and Nāgārjuna's Madhyamaka (in Polish)
- Artur Przybysławski (primary supervisor), Marta Kudelska

2008 — 2011 — BA, Institute of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University

Publications

2015 — *Epistemology in the Aṣṭasāhasrikāprajñāpāramitā and in Nāgārjuna's middle way* (in Polish), *Contribution to Humanities* 3 (14): 7-16

2014 — *A critical approach to the dialectical interpretation of Nāgārjuna's philosophy* (in Polish), *Diametros* 42: 227-246

Under review

Buddhist epistemology and the liar paradox, 'revise and resubmit'

Dharmakīrtian inference (with Koji Tanaka), under review

The epistemological program, under review

Other

2021 — series of blog posts for *The Indian Philosophy Blog*, [link](#)

2014 — *Report on Madhyamaka Studies at the 17th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies in Vienna, The Polish Journal of the Arts and Culture. New Series*, 2:95–98

2013 — Review of "Nāgārjuna's Madhyamaka. A Philosophical Introduction" by Jan Westerhoff, Oxford University Press, New York, 2009 (in Polish). *Estetyka i Krytyka*, 28(1): 309-313

Awards and grants

2019 — Australasian Association of Philosophy, Postgraduate Presentation First Prize (with Ross Pain) (AU\$ 500)

2018 — Australian National University, University Research Scholarship (International) (AU\$ 114 388)

2016 — Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Graduate Essay Contest First Prize (US\$ 1000)

2013 — Best MA Thesis on Eastern Philosophy Prize, Jagiellonian University (PLN 1000)

Selected presentations

* *invited presentations*

The epistemological program

Graduate Students Conference, ANU, November 2021

Dharmakīrtian inference (with Koji Tanaka)

**1st International Workshop on Oriental Logic, Institute for Interdisciplinary Research in Fundamental Sciences (Iran), August 2021*

A Buddhist approach to the liar paradox

Graduate Students Conference, ANU, September 2019

**Learning from Buddhist Logic Workshop, ANU, August 2019*

Analyticity and easy ontology (with Ross Pain)

Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Wollongong July 2019

Graduate Students Conference, ANU, May 2019

Own-Being (svabhāva) in the Sarvāstivāda Abhidharma

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, Pedagogical University in Kraków, June 2018

*guest lecture, Ghent University, December 2017

The relation between two truths in Nāgārjuna's philosophy and Mahāyāna sūtras

*guest lecture, Leiden University, December 2017

International Association of Buddhist Studies Congress, University of Toronto, September 2017

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, University of Hawaii, June 2016

How do we know that numerical adverbial phrases are equivalent to phrases with numerical singular terms?

Cracow Workshops in Analytical Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, July 2017

Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy, University of Salzburg, September 2016

Philosophers' Rally, University of Białystok, June 2016

What does it mean that *pratītyasamutpanna* dharmas are like 'long and short'?

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, Peking University, June 2017

Buddhist Thought and Culture Conference, University of Poznań, September 2016

"There is nothing charming about harlots." Madhyamaka and the Coherence in Meaning

International Association of Buddhist Studies Congress, University of Vienna, August 2014

There is no truth beyond justification. Nāgārjuna's emptiness and anti-realism

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, SUNY Binghamton, June 2014

Service

Conference organisation

Learning from Buddhist Logic, ANU, August 2019

Kioloa Graduate Student Conference, ANU, May 2019

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, Pedagogical University in Kraków, June 2018 (100+ participants)

ANU School of Philosophy Honours mentoring program

Students mentored: *Timothy Kelly (2021-2022)*

Webmaster for the International Society for Buddhist Philosophy website (2017-2019)

Languages

Polish (native), English (fluent), German (research proficiency), Sanskrit (research proficiency)

References

Main references:

Koji Tanaka, primary PhD supervisor, ANU School of Philosophy

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Mark Strange, teaching references, ANU School of Culture, History & Language

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Alan Hájek, PhD supervisor, ANU School of Philosophy

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Additional references:

Bronwyn Finnigan, ANU School of Philosophy

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Tom Tillemans, Faculty of Oriental Languages and Civilizations, University of Lausanne

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Marta Kudelska, Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations, Jagiellonian University

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