Johan Chung

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AOS philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology
AOC early modern philosophy, metaphysics, philosophy of AI

Education

2022–2026 **PhD, Philosophy**
King's College London
Reason, Representation, and the Science of Consciousness
Viva panel Naomi Eilan, Guy Longworth *(passed without corrections, awaiting ratification)*
Primary supervisor Bill Brewer
Acting supervisors Adrian Alsmith, David Papineau, James Stazicker, Mark Textor

2020–2023 **MPhSt, Philosophy**
King's College London
Spinoza and Commonsense Realism
Viva panel Beth Lord, Keith Allen *(passed without corrections)*
Primary supervisor Bill Brewer

2016–2020 **BA, Philosophy**
Brandeis University
Minor in English and Anthropology
Humanities Fellow
Magna Cum Laude
Year abroad: University of Oxford (Hertford College)

Awards and Scholarships

2016 **Humanities Fellowship**
Brandeis University
$96,000 merit scholarship awarded to incoming students of distinction.

2018 **JV Cunningham Essay Prize**
Brandeis University

2020 **Magna Cum Laude**
Brandeis University

2023 **POLIS Conference Prize**
Awarded to top speakers.

Research

Papers in Progress

"Rigor, Reduction, and Singular Psychological Explanation"
Folk-psychological reduction should take into account two classes of theories: singular (Campbell 2022), and general (Wu 2014, 2026). The two classes of theories admit of distinct attitudes towards their respective reduction.

"The Normativity of Non-Intentional Feeling"
I argue that the dominant doxastic account of the normativity of emotion necessarily fails to account for the normativity of non-intentional feeling. I then evaluate alternative frameworks.

"How to Stop Talking Past Each Other"
I argue that first-personal experience has an indispensable role in the science of consciousness, in making purported disagreements between competing theories of consciousness assessable as disagreements at all.

Presentations

Jul 2026 — **"Revisiting Conscious Access"**
European Society of Philosophy and Psychology (ESPP)

Jul 2026 — **"How to Stop Talking Past Each Other"**
100th Aristotelian Society and Mind Association Joint Session

Feb 2026 — **"The Metaphysics of Representational States"**
Rationality Action and Mind Research Cluster
King's College London

Oct 2025 — **"Constitutive Interpretationism – A Defense of Davidson"**
ARS
King's College London

Feb 2025 — **"Do LLMs Introspect?"**
Rationality Action and Mind Research Cluster
King's College London

Mar 2024 — **"Do You See What Your Brain Sees?"** (Invited)
KRUK Spring Seminar
Imperial College London

Jan 2024 — **"Naïve Realism and the Predictive Mind"**
ARS
King's College London

Mar 2023 — **"The Metaphysics of the Metaverse"**
POLIS Conference
London

Jan 2024 — **"Diaphaneity"**
FYRS
King's College London

Research Groups/Clusters

Normativity and Cognitive Science Reading Group
King's College London
I founded and currently run this reading group: dedicated to readings and discussions on the relation of the mind sciences to epistemology and ethics.

Rationality, Action and Mind (RAM) Research Cluster
King's College London
Research group focused on up-to-date issues in philosophy of mind, action, and cognitive science.

Metaphysics and Science Cluster
King's College London
Research group exploring metaphysics of science, as well as metaphysics more broadly.

Philosophy of AI Reading Group
King's College London
Regular discussions on philosophy of AI and AI research.

Aristotle Physics Reading Group
King's College London
Weekly reading group discussing Aristotle's *Physics* and *Metaphysics*.

Mostly Metaphysics Reading Group
King's College London
Bi-weekly reading group discussing contemporary debates in metaphysics, meta-metaphysics, and epistemology.

Teaching

King's College London

GTA, Department of Philosophy

First-year courses

- Metaphysics I
- Modern Philosophy I
- Political Philosophy I
- Epistemology I
- Epistemology (Introduction to Philosophy)
- Ethics (Introduction to Philosophy)

Advanced courses

- Neuroscience and the Mind (5AAN5001)

GTA, Department of Psychology

Advanced courses

- Philosophy of Psychology (5PAHMND)
- Topics in the Interdisciplinary Study of Consciousness (6PAHPTOP)

GTA, Faculty of Life Sciences and Medicine

First-year courses

- Philosophy of Medicine (4MBBS101)

Academic Service

2025–2026 **Faculty Education Representative**
Faculty of Arts and Humanities, King's College London
Faculty PGR rep for 11 departments, conveying student perspectives in Education and PGR Committees.

2025–2026 **Postgraduate Research (PGR) Representative**
Department of Philosophy, King's College London
Liaised with students and faculty, conveying feedback and shaping policy/PGR experience improvements. Won highly commended PGR rep of the year.

2024–2025 **Division Chair**
Korean Researchers in the UK (KRUK)
Led a UK-wide Korean scholars' network, coordinating events, collaboration, and researcher advocacy.