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PERSONALITY

Nationality	Chinese
Date of birth	18.04.1996
Languages	Chinese (Native), English (C1), German (B1), Dutch (A1)

RESEARCH INTEREST

- ◊ Noncommutative geometry of topological insulators via groupoids and coarse geometry.
- ◊ Spectral truncation method in index pairing and bivariant K-theory.
- ◊ Unbounded Kasparov theory and its application to index theory.

EMPLOYMENT

Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik <i>Postdoctoral researcher</i>	Mar 2026 — Aug 2026 <i>Germany</i>
◊ Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Matthias Lesch.	
Universiteit Leiden <i>Postdoctoral researcher</i>	Mar 2026 — Aug 2026 <i>The Netherlands</i>
◊ Supervisor: Dr. Bram Mesland.	

EDUCATION

Universiteit Leiden <i>PhD candidate in mathematics</i>	Oct 2021 — Feb 2026 <i>The Netherlands</i>
◊ Supervisor: Dr. Bram Mesland.	
◊ Thesis: <i>Spectral localisers and aperiodic topological phases in noncommutative geometry.</i>	
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen <i>Master in mathematics, with minor in physics</i>	Oct 2018 — Aug 2021 <i>Germany</i>
◊ Thesis advisor: Prof. Dr. Ralf Meyer.	
◊ Thesis: <i>Invariants for topological insulators coming from decompositions of coarse spaces.</i>	
Peking University <i>Bachelor in physics, with minor in mathematics</i>	Sep 2013 — Jul 2018 <i>China</i>
◊ Thesis advisor: Prof. Dr. Limei Xu.	
◊ Thesis: <i>Phase transition and critical phenomena.</i>	

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in press

- [1] Y. Li and B. Mesland. *The odd spectral localiser via asymptotic morphisms and quasi-projections* (2025). [arXiv: 2506.17143](https://arxiv.org/abs/2506.17143). To appear in *Ann. K-Theory*.
- [2] Y. Li. *Robustness of topological phases on aperiodic lattices* (2025). [arXiv: 2504.04817](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.04817). To appear in *Math. Phys. Anal. Geom.*

In preparation

- [3] Y. Li and G. C. Thiang. *Symmetry-breaking topological phases* (2026). In preparation.

Thesis

- [4] Y. Li. *Spectral localisers and aperiodic topological phases in noncommutative geometry*. Doctoral thesis. Leiden University, 2025.
- [5] Y. Li. *Invariants of topological insulators from decomposition of coarse spaces*. Master thesis. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, 2021.

TALKS

Research talks

- ◊ DECEMBER 2025: *The spectral localiser via E-theory*.
NCG Colloquium II. Nijmegen, Netherlands.
- ◊ NOVEMBER 2025: *The spectral localiser via E-theory*.
Oberseminar Global Analysis and Operator Algebras. Max-Planck-Institut für Mathematik, Bonn, Germany.
- ◊ AUGUST 2025: *On topological phases of aperiodic matter*.
NCG Day. Leiden, Netherlands.
- ◊ JULY 2025: *The spectral localiser via E-theory*.
Oberseminar Analysis. Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany.
- ◊ JULY 2025: *The comparison maps between groupoid and Roe C*-algebras from aperiodic topological insulators*.
Oberseminar Noncommutative Geometry. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany.
- ◊ JUNE 2025: *The spectral localiser via E-theory*.
C*-algebras, Coarse Geometry and Physics. Greifswald, Germany.
- ◊ APRIL 2025: *On robustness of topological phases* (short talk).
Applications of Noncommutative Geometry to Gauge Theories, Field Theories, and Quantum Space-time. Marseille, France.
- ◊ MARCH 2025: *On robustness of topological phases of matter*.
Seminar in Analysis and Applications. Delft University of Technology, Netherlands.
- ◊ JANUARY 2025: *Understanding strong and weak topological phases*.
Forschungsseminar Algebra/Geometrie/Topologie. Universität Greifswald, Germany.
- ◊ SEPTEMBER 2024: *Index theory of spectral truncations and the localisation algebra*.
East China Normal University, Shanghai, China.
- ◊ OCTOBER 2023: *Models of aperiodic topological insulators* (short talk).
Autumn School on Large-scale Geometry. Göttingen, Germany.

Colloquium talks

- ◊ SEPTEMBER 2024: *Noncommutative geometry of integer quantum Hall effect*.
Sichuan University, Chengdu, China.
- ◊ MAY 2024: *A hitchhiker's guide to topological insulators in noncommutative geometry*.
Leiden-Birmingham meeting, Leiden, Netherlands.
- ◊ NOVEMBER 2023: *Noncommutative geometry in index theory and physics*.
Leiden-Luxembourg PhD Away Day. Leiden, Netherlands.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Participation

- ◊ AUGUST 2025: NCG Day. Leiden, Netherlands.
- ◊ JUNE 2025: C*-algebras, Coarse Geometry and Physics. Greifswald, Germany.

- ◊ APRIL 2025: Applications of Noncommutative Geometry to Gauge Theories, Field Theories, and Quantum Space-time. Marseille, France.
- ◊ OCTOBER 2024: Noncommutativity behind the Dunes. Delft, Netherlands.
- ◊ AUGUST 2024: OdenSeaG 2024. Odense, Denmark.
- ◊ MAY 2024: Leiden-Birmingham meeting. Leiden, Netherlands.
- ◊ APRIL 2024: Group Operator Algebras and Noncommutative Geometry. Marseille, France.
- ◊ NOVEMBER 2023: Leiden-Luxembourg PhD Away Day. Leiden, Netherlands.
- ◊ OCTOBER 2023: Autumn School on Large-scale Geometry. Göttingen, Germany.
- ◊ AUGUST 2023: YMC*A. Leuven, Belgium.
- ◊ MAY 2023: Noncommutative Geometry and Operator Algebras (NSeAG 2023). Bonn, Germany.
- ◊ MARCH 2023: Noncommutative Geometry and Representation Theory. Athens, Greece.
- ◊ MARCH 2022: Noncommutativity in the North. Gothenburg, Sweden.
- ◊ FEBRUARY 2022: Winter School on Foliations, Pseudodifferential Operators and Groupoids. Göttingen, Germany.

Organisation

- ◊ JANUARY 2023: [5th Conference of Settat on Operator Algebras and Applications](#).
Co-organiser, with Francesca Arici, Marcel de Jeu, Rachid El Harti and Dimitris Gerontogiannis.
- ◊ I organised several [Leiden local NCG seminars](#) and took [notes](#) for them.
 - SPRING 2022: KK-theory ([Notes](#)).
 - FALL 2022: Groupoid C*-algebras ([Notes](#)).
 - FALL 2023: Noncommutative geometry of foliations ([Notes](#)).

RESEARCH VISITS

- ◊ DECEMBER 2025: Oberwolfach, Germany. Hosted by Dr. Jialong Deng.
- ◊ NOVEMBER 2025: Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Germany. Hosted by Dr. Malte Leimbach.
- ◊ JULY 2025: Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany. Hosted by Dr. Eske Ewert.
- ◊ JULY 2025: Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany. Hosted by Prof. Dr. Ralf Meyer.
- ◊ JANUARY 2025: Universität Greifswald, Germany. Hosted by Prof. Dr. Matthias Ludewig.
- ◊ OCTOBER 2024: Peking University, China. Hosted by Dr. Guo Chuan Thiang.
- ◊ SEPTEMBER 2024: East China Normal University, China. Hosted by Prof. Dr. Hang Wang.
- ◊ SEPTEMBER 2024: Sichuan University, China. Hosted by Dr. Xingni Jiang and Dr. Yunfeng Shi.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ◊ FALL 2024: Functional analysis, teaching assistant.
- ◊ SPRING 2024: Operator algebras, teaching assistant.
- ◊ FALL 2023: Functional analysis, teaching assistant.
- ◊ SPRING 2023: Differentiable manifolds II, teaching assistant.
- ◊ FALL 2022: Functional analysis, teaching assistant.
- ◊ SPRING 2022: Differentiable manifolds II, teaching assistant.
- ◊ FALL 2021: Functional analysis, teaching assistant.