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PERSONALITY

Nationality	Chinese
Date of birth	18.04.1996
Languages	Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), German (Intermediate), Dutch (Beginner)

EDUCATION

Universiteit Leiden <i>PhD candidate in mathematics</i>	Oct 2021 — Sep 2025 Netherlands
◊ Thesis: Spectral localisers and aperiodic topological phases in noncommutative geometry. ◊ Supervisor: Dr. Bram Mesland.	
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen <i>Master in mathematics, with minor in physics</i>	Oct 2018 — Aug 2021 Germany
◊ Thesis: Invariants for topological insulators coming from decompositions of coarse spaces. ◊ Thesis advisor: Prof. Dr. Ralf Meyer.	
Peking University <i>Bachelor in physics, with minor in mathematics</i>	Sep 2013 — Jul 2018 China
◊ Thesis: Phase transition and critical phenomena. ◊ Thesis advisor: Prof. Dr. Limei Xu.	

RESEARCH

Research interest

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

Preprints

- [1] Y. Li. *Robustness of topological phases on aperiodic lattices* (2025). [arXiv: 2504.04817](https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.04817).
- [2] 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).

In preparation

- [3] Y. Li and G. C. Thiang. *Symmetry-breaking topological phases* (2025). In preparation.

Thesis

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

TEACHING

- ◊ FALL 2025: Functional analysis, teaching assistant.
- ◊ SPRING 2024: Operator algebras, teaching assistant.
- ◊ FALL 2024: Functional analysis, teaching assistant.
- ◊ SPRING 2023: Differentiable manifolds II, teaching assistant.
- ◊ FALL 2023: Functional analysis, teaching assistant.
- ◊ SPRING 2022: Differentiable manifolds II, teaching assistant.
- ◊ FALL 2021: Functional analysis, teaching assistant.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Participation

- ◊ AUGUST 2025: NCG Day, Leiden, Netherlands.
TALK: *On topological phases of aperiodic matter*.
- ◊ JUNE 2025: C*-algebras, coarse geometry and physics, Greifswald, Germany.
TALK: *The spectral localiser via E-theory*.
- ◊ APRIL 2025: Applications of noncommutative geometry to gauge theories, field theories, and quantum space-time, Marseille, France.
SHORT TALK: *On robustness of topological phases*.
- ◊ OCTOBER 2024: Noncommutativity behind the dunes, Delft, Netherlands.
- ◊ AUGUST 2024: OdenSeaG 2024, Odense, Denmark.
- ◊ MAY 2024: Leiden-Birmingham meeting, Leiden, Netherlands.
TALK: *A hitchhiker's guide to topological insulators in noncommutative geometry*.
- ◊ APRIL 2024: Group operator algebras and noncommutative geometry, Marseille, France.
- ◊ NOVEMBER 2023: Leiden-Luxembourg PhD Away Day, Leiden, Netherlands.
TALK: *Noncommutative geometry in index theory and physics*.
- ◊ OCTOBER 2023: Autumn school on large-scale geometry, Göttingen, Germany.
SHORT TALK: *Models of aperiodic topological insulators*.
- ◊ MAY 2023: Noncommutative Geometry and Operator Algebras, NSeG 2023, Bonn, Germany.
Assisted with note-taking of lectures on *Unbounded KK-theory* and *Baum–Connes conjecture*.

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.
 - 2022 SPRING: KK-theory ([Notes](#)).
 - 2022 FALL: Groupoid C*-algebras ([Notes](#)).
 - 2023 FALL: Noncommutative geometry of foliations ([Notes](#)).

RESEARCH VISITS

- ◊ NOVEMBER 2025: Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Germany. Hosted by Dr. Malte Leimbach.
- ◊ JULY 2025: Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany. Hosted by Dr. Eske Ewert.
TALK: *The spectral localiser via E-theory*.
- ◊ JANUARY 2025: Universität Greifswald, Germany. Hosted by Prof. Dr. Matthias Ludewig.
TALK: *Understanding strong and weak topological phases*.
- ◊ OCTOBER 2024: BICMR, China. Hosted by Dr. Guo Chuan Thiang.
- ◊ SEPTEMBER 2024: East China Normal University, China. Hosted by Prof. Dr. Hang Wang.
TALK: Index theory of spectral truncations and the localisation algebra.
- ◊ SEPTEMBER 2024: Sichuan University, China. Hosted by Dr. Xingni Jiang and Dr. Yunfeng Shi.