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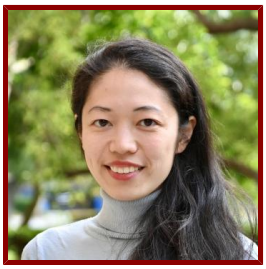

Ariel Yingqi Tang

Postdoctoral Scholar, Political Science

Bio

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Ariel Yingqi Tang's research is broadly concerned with the interactions between culture and nature in the history of political thought and contemporary political theory. Her ongoing projects investigate the realization of nature by means of culture via education, the limits of culture's claim over nature, as well as the dichotomy between the two categories.

Ariel's book manuscript, "Another Humanism: Remaking Liberal Education and Liberalism after the Enlightenment", reconstructs the entangled history of the Enlightenment and the idea of Bildung, the foundational principle of the modern research university. Tracing the genealogies of key notions underlying modern educational institutions, including aesthetic education, academic freedom, and the global curriculum in the European context and beyond, the book seeks to resuscitate the humanistic strand of Enlightenment political thought and prompts us to reconsider the promise of liberal education in modern academies.

Besides research, Ariel is committed to translation both as a scholarly activity and a vehicle for self-understanding. Her book-length translation has appeared with the Commercial Press in Shanghai. She also maintains research and teaching interests in the history of knowledge, philosophy and literature, and environmental humanities.

Ariel's research has been supported by the Max Kade Foundation, the Yale Macmillan Center, the Karl Jaspers Center at the University of Heidelberg, and the Polonsky Academy for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences. She completed her doctoral training at Yale University and holds a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science from Barnard College, Columbia University.

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, Yale University (2024)
- Master of Philosophy, Yale University (2020)
- Master of Arts, Yale University (2018)
- Bachelor of Arts, Barnard College Columbia University (2016)

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- Josiah Ober, Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Research & Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Higher Education
- History of Education
- Philosophy

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Enlightenment political thought, contemporary political theory, history of universities, history of knowledge, philosophical anthropology, philosophy and literature.

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Philosophical Encounters: Europe and East Asia: CIVIC 231H, POLISCI 231H, POLISCI 331H (Win)
- Themes in Political Philosophy: Nature: CIVIC 231R, POLISCI 231R (Spr)
- What Was the University?: CIVIC 233G, HISTORY 233U, POLISCI 233G (Spr)

2025-26

- The Politics of Nature: POLISCI 231R (Win)
- Workshop in Political Theory: POLISCI 433 (Aut, Spr)

2024-25

- Classical Seminar: Origins of Political Thought: CLASSICS 181, CLASSICS 381, ETHICSOC 130A, PHIL 176A, PHIL 276A, POLISCI 230A, POLISCI 330A (Win)
- The Politics of Nature: POLISCI 231R (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **What Remains: the collected poems of Hannah Arendt** *Contemporary Political Theory*
  Tang, A.
  2025
- **##### The Shipwrecked Mind**
  Lilla, M.
  edited by Tang, Y.
  ##### Commercial Press.2019