

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Main Research Areas

- Analogies between Asian and European philosophies in the context of cooperation between the humanities and exact sciences
 - East–West intercultural intellectual history
 - Comparative studies of religions and spiritual traditions (East Asia – Europe)
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Mother tongue(s) Latvian

OTHER LANGUAGES

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY		Listening	Reading	Spoken	Spoken	Writing	
				Interaction	production		
	ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	
	GERMAN	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	
	RUSSIAN	C2	C2	C2	C2	B2	
	FRENCH	C1	C1	C1	C1	B1	
	ITALIAN		C1	C1	C1	C1	B1
	SPANISH	A2	B2	A2	A2	A1	
	POLISH		A1	C1	A1	A2	A1
	LATIN	C1					
	LITHUANIAN	A1	B2	A1	A1	A1	

ARABIC		C1	B2	B2	B2	B1
PERSIAN	B1	B1	B1	B1	A1	
KOREAN	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2	
CHINESE	A2	A1	A2	B1	B1	
HINDI	A1		A1			

Levels: A1 / A2 - basic user; B1 / B2 - independent user; C1 / C2 - proficient user.

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS (SELECTED)

Period	Position	Institution
2024–present	Visiting Professor	South China Normal University, PRC
2023–present	Head, Department of Asian Studies	University of Latvia
2022–present	Professor	University of Latvia
2019–2020	Visiting Professor	Pusan National University, South Korea
2012–2016	Professor of History and	Emirates College of Technology, UAE

Period	Position	Institution
	Cross-Cultural Management	
2011–2013	Research Associate	University of Reading, UK
2009–2019	Adjunct Research Associate	Monash University, Australia
2003–2004	Fulbright Guest Lecturer	Roosevelt University, USA

EDUCATION

Year	Degree	Institution
1995	Doctoral degree (Dr. hist.)	University of Latvia
1992	Diploma with Honours (BA+MA combined)	University of Latvia
1990–1991	Programme Studies	University of Munich, Germany
1989–1990	Programme Studies	University of Hamburg, Germany

EXCELLENCE & GLOBAL RECOGNITION

- **Acknowledgements from the Rector of the University of Latvia for nomination for excellence in science (2026)**
- **Recognition by the President of the Latvian Academy of Sciences** for scientific achievement (2024)
- **Baltic Assembly Medal No. 377 (2022)**

- **Fulbright Scholarship** (2003–2004)
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PUBLICATIONS — HIGHLIGHTS (SCOPUS Q1, BRILL, ETC.)

2026

Li, Lihua, Kļaviņš. K. The Many Faces of Daoism: Modern Reception and Scholarly Perspectives *Religions* (Q1) 17, no. 3: 361. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel17030361>

2025

- **Kļaviņš K., Šķestere I.** Introduction to “Protestant Christianity in South Korea: The Dynamic Relationship Between Church and State”. *Religions* (Q1). <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel16020177>
- **Kļaviņš, K.** *Modernization of Korean and Chinese Philosophy: Shared and Divergent Evolution of Concepts Future.*
Religious-Philosophical Articles (SCOPUS).

2024

- **Kļaviņš, K.** *Emptiness/Nothingness as Explained by Ryu Yongmo (Tasök) and Isaac Jacob Schmidt: A Cross-Cultural Study.*
Religions (Q1). <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15070871>
- **Kļaviņš, K.** *Challenges in Interpreting the Invention of Zero.*
In: **The Origin and Significance of Zero: An Interdisciplinary Perspective.**
Brill | Value Inquiry Book Series (SCOPUS).
2024 Outstanding Academic Titles Choice Award Winner (ACRL).

2021

- **Kļaviņš, K.** *The Spiritual Roots of Typical European (and Western) Evaluations of China.*
In: *European Perceptions of China and Perspectives on the Belt and Road Initiative.*
Brill, Leiden | Boston.

2020

- **Monograph:** *The “Other” and the “Self”:* Supplement to *East-West Cross-Cultural Studies.*
University of Latvia Press.

2018

- **Monograph:** *Savienotie trauki [Communicating Vessels]* — East-West intercultural relations.
University of Latvia Press.
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GRANTS & PROJECTS (SELECTED)

Period	Project	Role	Funding
2024–2025	<i>Support for the promotion of Korean language and culture</i>	Coordinator	Grant managed by the Embassy of South Korea in Latvia
2022–2024	<i>The Zero Project</i> (with Dr. Robert Lawrence Kuhn)	International Coordinator	The Hague
2020–2024	<i>Riga Literata: Neolatin Heritage</i> — Latvian Council of Science	Main Executor	LZP2019/52
2018–2021	<i>Establishment of a Korean Studies Center</i> — Korean Academy (AKS)	Lead Researcher & Manager	AKS-2018-INC-2230004
2011–2014	<i>Ecology of Crusading</i> — European Science Foundation	Board Member & Investigator	ESF

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP & EDITORIAL WORK

- **Editor**, Special Issue: *The Modern Reception and Interpretation of Daoism in East Asia and the West* — **Religions (Q1)**, MDPI
- **Editor**, Special Issue: *Protestant Christianity in South Korea: The Dynamic Relationship of Church and State* — **Religions (Q1)**, MDPI
- **President**, Baltic Association of Korean Studies (BAKS)
- **Member**, Scientific Council — International Institute of Indic Studies, University of Latvia
- **Coordinator**, *The Zero Project* (with Dr. Robert Lawrence Kuhn) — The Hague

SUPERVISION & TEACHING

- **PhD Dissertation Advisor** — 6 doctoral candidates (Islamic studies, Arabic literature, Old Believers, Rigveda, Latvian music, national identity)
- **MA Thesis Advisor** — 12 completed
- **BA Thesis Advisor** — 29 completed

- **Courses developed & delivered** — *Asian Literature and Culture, Korean Culture, Confucianism in Korea, Silk Road History, Western Civilization in Asia*, etc.
 - **Lectures abroad** — Fudan University (2026), South China Normal University (2024–2026), Pusan National University (2019–2020), Emirates College of Technology (2012–2016)
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ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- **2025** — *The Grammar of Time: Ontologies and Practices Across Cultures* — University of Latvia (**Chair**)
 - **2024** — *Azerbaijan as a crossroads of science and poetry* — University of Latvia (**Chair**)
 - **2024** — *Dialogue of Asian Civilizations in Accelerated Globalization* — University of Latvia (**Chair**)
 - **2023** — *China's New Development Philosophy* — University of Latvia (**Chair**)
 - **2021–2018** — Baltic Association of Korean Studies (BAKS) conferences (**Organising Committee Member**)
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LATVIAN COUNCIL OF SCIENCE EXPERT STATUS

- **Expert in Humanities and Arts / Linguistics and Literary Studies** (since 24.04.2019)

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