

Education

2025–2028 (expected)	Ph.D. in Cognitive Science Specialisation: Linguistics. Supervisor: Benjamin Spector. Funded by the <i>Fondation CFM pour la Recherche</i> .	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i>
Jan.–June 2026	Fellow of the Department of Linguistics Faculty sponsor: Gennaro Chierchia.	<i>Harvard University</i>
2023–2025	M.S. in Cognitive Science (Cogmaster) Major: Linguistics. With distinction (graduation GPA 17.5/20, rank 5/65). Thesis: “Plurals under quantification: new experimental perspectives”. [lingbuzz] Student representative on the Pedagogical Council.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i>
2023–2024	1st year of M.A. in Chinese Studies Thesis: “Plurality in Mandarin Chinese”, graded 18/20. [link] Supervisor: Benjamin Spector.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Lyon</i>
2022–2026	Diploma of École Normale Supérieure de Lyon	
2022–2023	B.A. in Chinese Studies Graduated top of my cohort. First student of the institution to complete two bachelor’s degrees in the same year.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Lyon</i>
2022–2023	B.S. in Mathematics Final thesis: “Optimal lexicalization”, graded 19/20. [link]	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Lyon</i>
2019–2022	Classes préparatoires (MPSI, MP*) Mathematics, physics, computer science. Sophomore research project: “The N-gram model and Shannon entropy applied to natural languages”.	<i>Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris</i>
2016–2019	Baccalauréat scientifique Graduation GPA 19.4/20. European section (enhanced instruction in English).	<i>Lycée Louis le Grand, Paris</i>

Publications

Manuscripts

2026	Plurals under quantification: disentangling readings and gradient effects [lingbuzz] Rong, C. and Benjamin Spector.	<i>under review</i>
2026	Less is more: a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity Rong, C. and Shiyun Dong.	<i>under review</i>

Conference proceedings

2025	Less is more: a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity [link] Rong, C. and Shiyun Dong. <i>Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2025 Student Session</i> .
2025	Plurals under quantification: a comparison of English and Mandarin [link] Rong, C. <i>Proceedings of the ESSLLI 2025 Student Session</i> .

Talks & Presentations

Peer-reviewed conferences

2026	Plurals under universal quantification: disentangling readings from gradient effects Rong, C. and Benjamin Spector. 31 st Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB), Nantes Université. [poster]
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- 2026** **An impossibility theorem of aggregating semantic rankings under non-monotonic quantification**
 • Student Session, 37th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (**ESSLLI**), Charles University, Prague. [talk]
 • 33rd Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (**ESPP**), Utrecht University. [talk]
- 2026** **Definiteness in Cantonese vs Mandarin: bare nouns, classifiers, and demonstratives**
 • 9th Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (**FoCaL**), Hong Kong Polytechnic University. [talk, online]
 • 26th Workshop on Cantonese (**WOC**), City University of Hong Kong. [talk, online]
- 2025** **Less is more: a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity**
Rong C. and Shiyun Dong, based on joint work with Benjamin Spector.
 Honourable mention for Best Talk Award.
 Student Session, 36th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (**ESSLLI**), Ruhr Universität Bochum. [slides]
- 2025** **Plurals under quantification: a comparison of English and Mandarin**
 • 11th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (**XPrag**), University of Cambridge. [poster]
 • 32nd Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (**ESPP**), Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw. [slides]
 • Student Session, 36th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (**ESSLLI**), Ruhr Universität Bochum. [poster]
- 2024, 2025** **Strong and weak plurality in Mandarin Chinese and typicality effects**
 • 8th Forum on Cantonese Linguistics (**FoCaL**), University of Hong Kong. [talk, online]
 • 33rd Conference of the Student Organization of Linguistics in Europe (**ConSOLE**), University of Göttingen. [poster]
 • 9th Asian Junior Linguists Conference (**AJL**), International Christian University, Tokyo. [talk, online]

Invited talks

- 2026** **Plurals under quantification: new experimental perspectives**
 • Nihil seminar, Institute for Logic, Language and Computation (ILLC), Amsterdam.
 • LINGUAE seminar, Institut Jean Nicod, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

Other talks

- 2026** **An impossibility theorem of aggregating semantic rankings under non-monotonic quantification**
 4th Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Linguistics, Harvard University.
- 2024** **Sémantique du pluriel en chinois mandarin** [in French]
 Cross-disciplinary seminar *Visages de la Chine*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.

Internships & Summer Schools

Summer 2025	ESSLLI 2025 36 th European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information.	<i>Ruhr Universität Bochum</i>
Sept. 2024 – June 2025	Research internship in linguistics Plurality under quantification, advised by Benjamin Spector.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i>
Summer 2024	Research internship in linguistics Inquisitive semantics and psychology of reasoning, advised by Salvador Mascarenhas.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i>
Sept. 2023 – June 2024	Research internship in linguistics Plurality in Mandarin, advised by Benjamin Spector.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i>
Summer 2023	Research internship in math applied to linguistics Optimal lexicalization, advised by Benjamin Spector and Emmanuel Chemla.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i>

Teaching & Volunteer Experience

May 2026	Volunteer and performer – Arts Fest Annual four-day arts festival (music, dance, theater, poetry readings, comedy, fashion...).	<i>Harvard University</i>
2022–2025	Chinese and French tutor Individual tutoring: Chinese for French students, French for Chinese students. Teaching assistant for advanced classes in Chinese.	<i>“Top Chinois” language school</i>
March 2025	Volunteer – 2025 Cognitive Science Forum Annual one-day public event dedicated to promoting cognitive science.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i>
Fall 2023	Volunteer – Teaching the Student’s Math Club Designed and taught high school- and undergraduate-level calculus courses to cognitive science students with limited mathematics experience since high school.	<i>École Normale Supérieure, Paris</i>

Awards

2025	Excellence Scholarship 3000€ scholarship awarded to an outstanding early-career laureate of the Concours Général.	<i>Association des Lauréats du Concours Général & Rotary Club</i>
2025	Jean-Pierre Aguilar Fellowship Full Ph.D. fellowship (3 years) awarded on a competitive basis to outstanding scientific research projects in France.	<i>Fondation CFM pour la Recherche</i>
2025	Honourable Mention for Best Student Talk 2 nd best student talk, for the presentation “Less is more: a non-verbal approach to anti-exhaustivity”, with Shiyun Dong.	<i>ESSLLI</i>
2025	ESSLLI Full Fellowship Merit-based fellowship to attend ESSLLI 2025.	<i>ESSLLI & Ruhr Universität Bochum</i>
2023	3rd Place in Ancient Greek Translation A national classics translation competition in France.	<i>CICERO Competition</i>
2020	1st Place in Group Project “Autonomous Intelligence beyond Data Science”, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.	<i>Shanghai International Summer School</i>
2019	5th Place in Latin Translation	<i>CICERO Competition</i>
2019	1st Place in Chinese Composition France’s most competitive national academic competitions for high school students. First and only recipient of Concours Général awards in both Chinese and another language; only science-track student to receive multiple awards in consecutive years (2018-2019).	<i>Concours Général des Lycées</i>
2018	2nd Place in Ancient Greek Translation	<i>Concours Général des Lycées</i>
2018	8th Place in Latin Translation	<i>Concours Général des Lycées</i>
2017	1st Place	<i>Franco-Chinese Mathematics Competition</i>

Skills

Languages

Native	Mandarin, French	Reading	Latin, Ancient Greek, Classical Chinese
Fluent	English (TOEFL 112/120), Cantonese	Basics	Portuguese, Russian, Standard Arabic, Yiddish
Intermediate	German		

Technical

Programming	Python, R, OCaml, JavaScript, HTML, CSS
Tools	L ^A T _E X, Labvanced, Qualtrics, PsychoPy, EyeLink, ELAN, XML/TEI

Music

Violin	Played for 15 years, with ongoing regular performances. Advanced amateur violinist, with highest conservatory-level orchestra experience (DEM level in the French system), including concertmaster positions. • Harvard Bach Society Orchestra • Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra • Viva l'Orchestra (amateur orchestra affiliated with and trained by the French National Orchestra) • Orchestre des amateurs de la Philharmonie de Paris • Orchestre les Déconcertants • Orchestre du Bal des Parisiennes 2024 • Orchestre Symphonique des Grandes Écoles de Lyon • Orchestre et Chœur des Universités de Paris
Piano	Played for over 10 years, with ongoing occasional performances.
Choir	Participated for over 10 years.