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### EDUCATION

- June 2002:** Ph.D. in Child Development and Learning  
University College London (UCL), Institute of Education (IOE), United Kingdom  
Thesis: "How children's use of knowledge about the structure of Chinese characters help them learn novel character"  
Award: Short-listed as Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award 2003 by International Reading Association
- November 1996:** Master of Arts (MA) in Education in Child Development  
University College London (UCL), Institute of Education (IOE), United Kingdom  
Dissertation: "The Linguistic information of stroke-patterns for young Chinese readers"
- August 1995** Advanced Diploma in Education  
University College London (UCL), Institute of Education (IOE), United Kingdom
- June 1994:** Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Chinese Literature (Major); Foreign Languages and Literature (Minor)  
Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

### AREA OF EXPERTISE

- Child Development** Cognitive and Developmental Psychology, Literacy and Numeracy Development
- Childhood Education** Learning to read, Working memory and arithmetic achievement, Bilingualism, Children's literature
- Mandarin Teaching** Mandarin teaching and learning to foreign students

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE (selected list)

- 2021-Present** **Lecturer at Dhurakij Pundit University**  
Post-graduate Learning and Cognition  
Research Methods in Education  
Journal Paper Writing and Review
- 2019-2021** **Assistant Teacher at Harrow International School, Bangkok**
- 2011-2018** **Head of Mandarin at Gresham's School, UK**
- 2005-2009** **Teacher at Harrow International School, Beijing**
- 2002-2005** **Assistant Professor at Tzu-Chi University, Taiwan**

Undergraduate      Child Development  
Psychology  
Human Development  
Children's Literature  
English for Children  
Children's Play

**PUBLICATION / PROCEEDING (selected list)**

- Tsai, K.-C., Nunes, T., & Barros, R. (in press). The effectiveness of an intervention programme on working memory plus arithmetic knowledge. *DPU International Conference on Business Innovation and Social Sciences, Dhurakij Pundit University, Bangkok, Thailand.*
- Tsai, K.-C. (2020). The role of structure awareness in learning Chinese script. *The 2nd China-ASEAN International Conference 2020 & The 2nd International Conference on Tourism, Business, & Social Sciences 2020 - Insight to China and ASEAN's Wellness, Tourism, & Innovation*, 629-636.