



Universiteit
Leiden

The Netherlands

Moving beyond identity: reading the Zhuangzi and Levinas as resources for comparative philosophy

Berenpas, M.

Citation

Berenpas, M. (2024, July 3). *Moving beyond identity: reading the Zhuangzi and Levinas as resources for comparative philosophy*. Retrieved from <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/3765943>

Version: Publisher's Version

License: [Licence agreement concerning inclusion of doctoral thesis in the Institutional Repository of the University of Leiden](#)

Downloaded from: <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/3765943>

Note: To cite this publication please use the final published version (if applicable).

Acknowledgments

I owe a debt of gratitude to a number of people for a variety of reasons, but who have all contributed to the completion of this dissertation. First, I would like to sincerely thank my supervisors Douglas Berger and Rozemund Uljée. Both of their conscientious readings of my drafts have provided me perspectives I had not considered before and have helped me to find my own voice. I would like to thank the Institute of Philosophy and especially the PhD population for welcoming me as an external PhD candidate and letting me participate in various social activities and conferences. Special thanks goes to Frank Chouraqui and Bruno Verbeek who gave me the opportunity to teach at the Institute of Philosophy and at LUC.

I would like to express my gratitude to all my family and friends who have emotionally supported me. Many thanks go to Imke, Linda, Mylène, Nelleke and Paula, who have provided friendship and support, and with whom I have shared laughter, frustration and companionship. To my parents and my brother, thank you for always being there for me and giving me the unconditional love and support to pursue my dreams. As for my husband Wouter, I find it difficult to express my appreciation in a few sentences. Without his firm optimism and his unconditional trust in my capabilities, this dissertation probably would not have been completed.

Finally, I am very grateful to my two children Nienke and Michiel who have become beautiful persons during the dissertation process; they have taught me more about unconditional responsibility and taking different perspectives into account than any philosophy book could ever have taught me. They were the inspiration for the completion of this dissertation and it is therefore that I dedicate this dissertation to them.

Curriculum Vitae

Martine Berenpas was born in Warnsveld the Netherlands, October 23rd, 1979. She obtained her MA health psychology in 2009 and her MA philosophy in 2010. Subsequently, she spent time in the United States where she studied for half a year at *De Paul University* in Chicago. After living in Singapore for two years, she returned to the Netherlands and enrolled as a PhD student at Leiden University Institute for Philosophy. Currently, she works as a teacher at Fontys University of Applied Science.