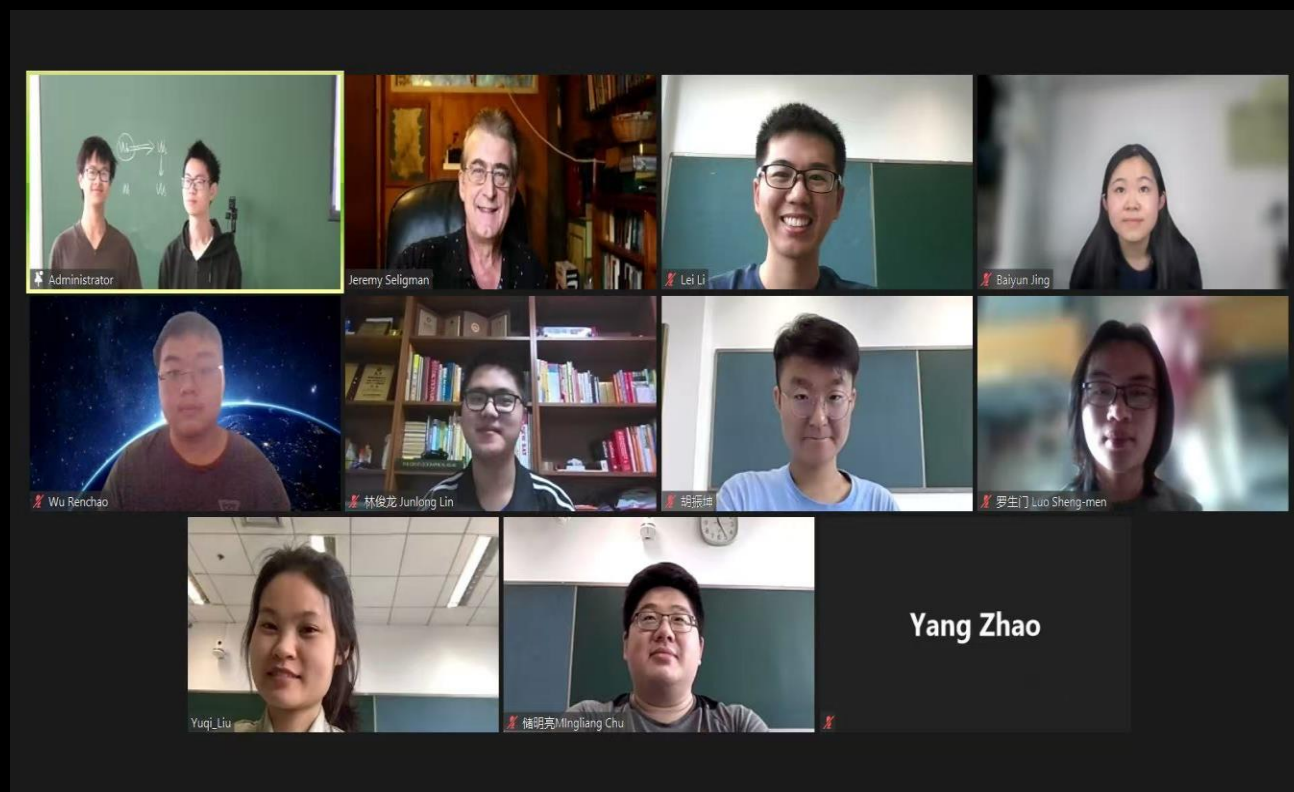


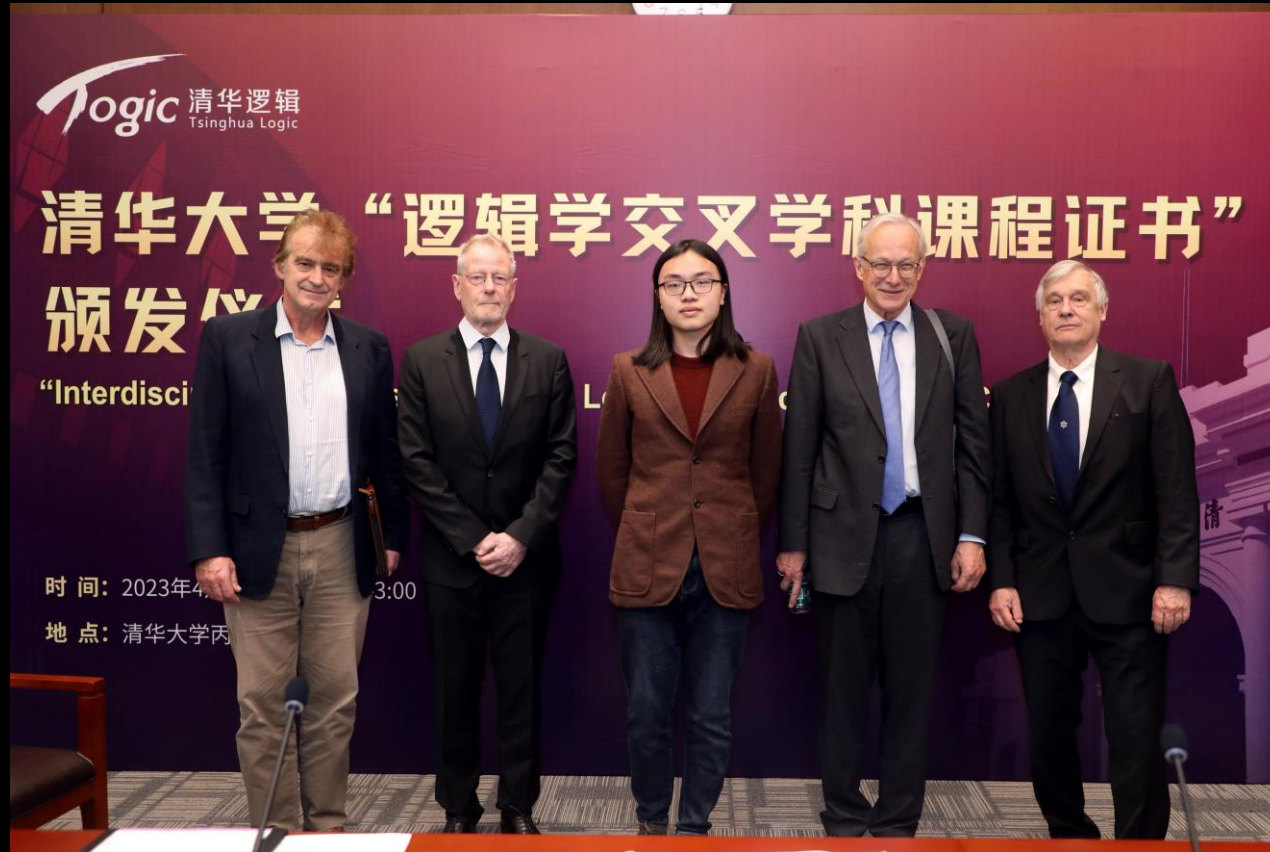
In Memory of a Curious Mind and a Musical Soul

Memorial for LUO Shengmen
ILLC, Amsterdam. April 7, 2025

An unusually curious student

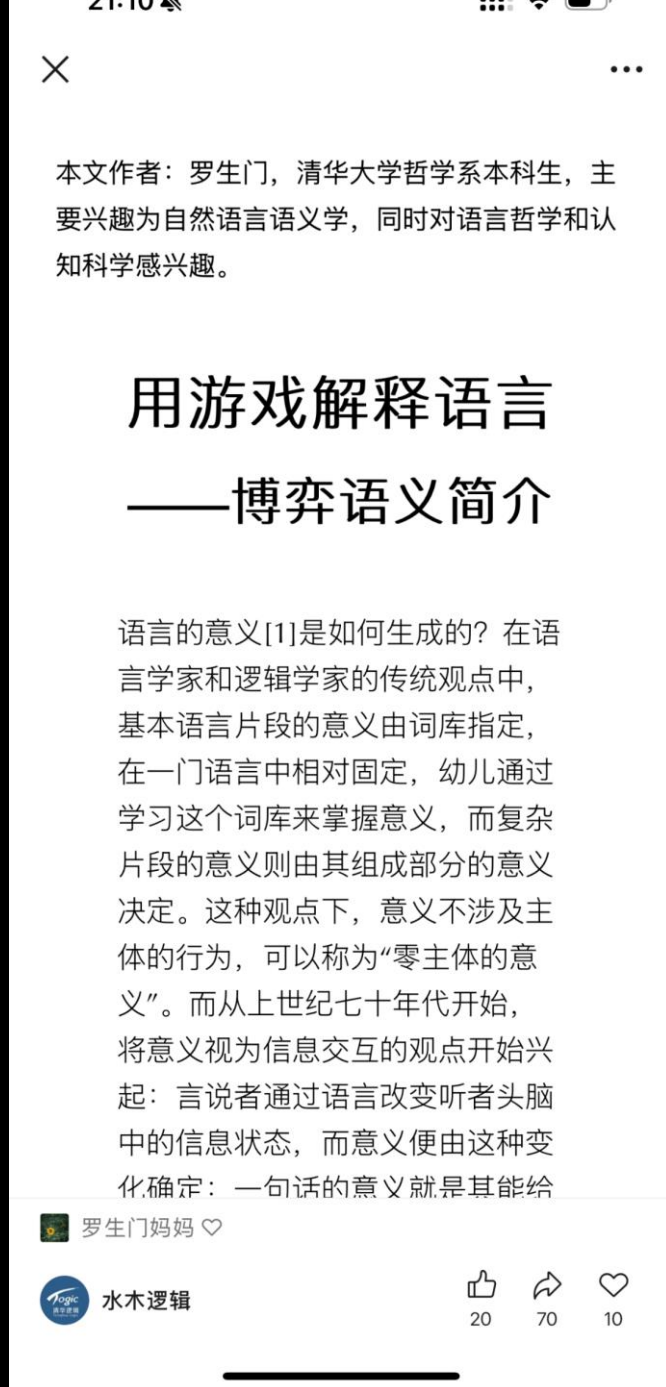


April 27, 2023: certificate ceremony



April 27, 2023: dialogue with Martin





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- “现在主要的兴趣从自然语言转向更形式语言和数学的内容了，寒假小学期和下学期的选课也都比较偏数学”。
- *"Now my main interest has shifted from natural language to more formal languages and mathematics. The courses I chose for the winter term and next semester are also more math-oriented."*

Tsinghua University - University of Amsterdam Logic Research Centre 10th Anniversary Celebration

Time: 2:30-5:30 Afternoon Nov 4, 2023

Location: Center for faculty development

Chair: Liu Fenrong

1. Li Luming Vice President of Tsinghua University
2. Joost van Deutekom First Secretary Political Affairs Department, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in China
3. Robert van Rooij Director of the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam
4. Johan van Benthem 10 years of JRC and the road ahead

Musical performance by Luo Shengmen (Tsinghua undergraduate)

J. S. Bach, Goldberg Variations, BWV 988 (Excerpts)

June 15, 2024



Shengmen left us too soon, but his curiosity and his music remain with us.