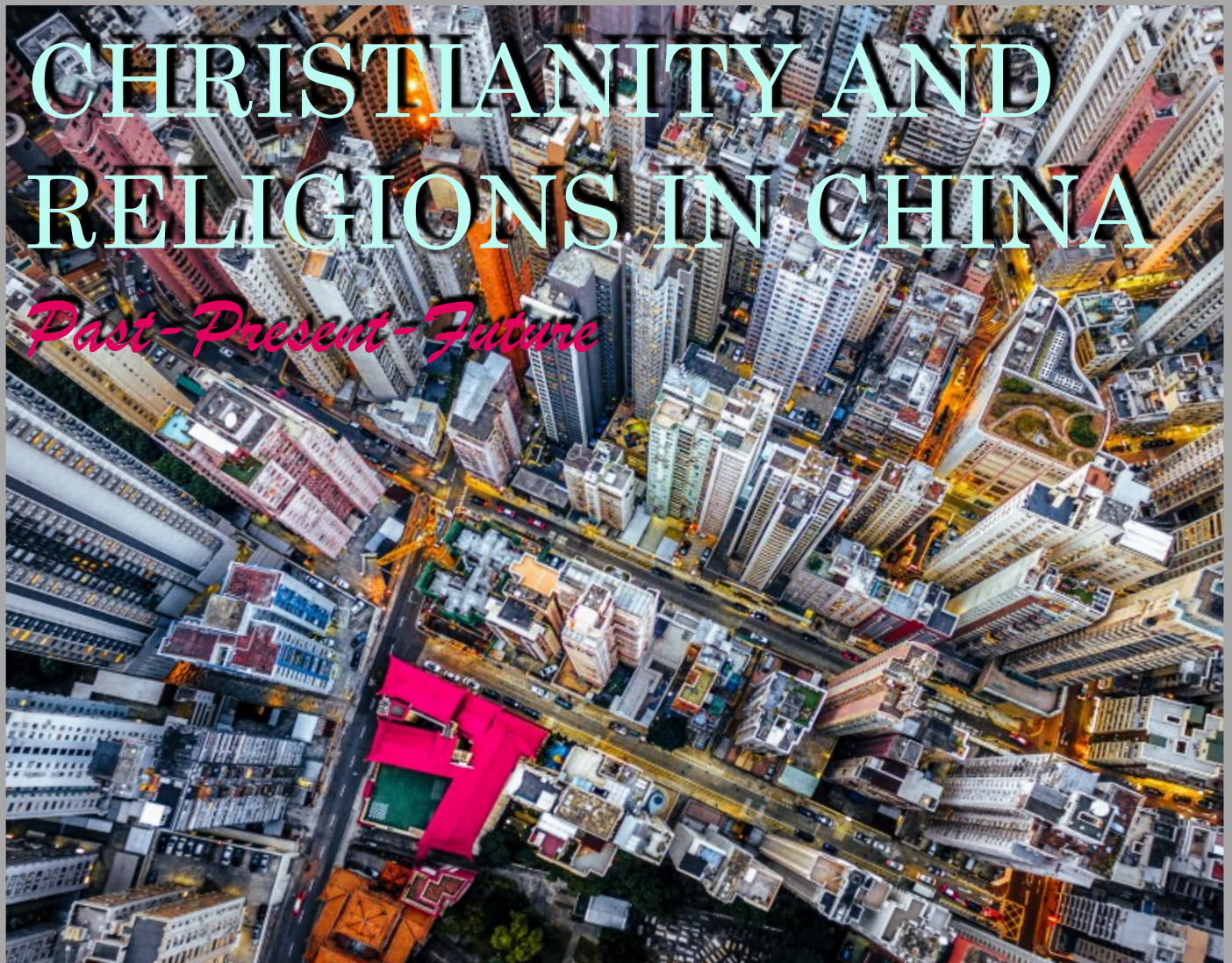


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ABSTRACTS



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PLENARY I: CHRISTIANITY AND RELIGIONS IN CHINA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH 16:00

VLADIMIR LATINOVIC SR/DE

Vladimir Latinovic is working as a research fellow on University of Tübingen. He graduated from the Faculty of Orthodox Theology - University of Belgrade and wrote his PhD dissertation at the University of Tübingen on the topic: "Christologie und Kommunion. Entstehung der homoousianischen Christologie und ihre Auswirkungen auf den Eucharistieempfang". In the past years Latinovic has played a very active role in the Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network and from 2013, he is member of its leadership team.

PLENARY II: REFLECTIONS FROM THE PAST: CHRISTIANITY IN LATE MING AND EARLY QING

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST, 9:00

CHAIR: THIERRY MEYNARD, S.J., SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY

CÉSAR GUILLÉN-NUÑEZ PA/MO

César Guillén-Nuñez, M. Phil. is a specialist in Colonial Spanish and Portuguese Art History. He is currently a Research Fellow at the Macao Ricci Institute, with special interest in Jesuit architecture. He has degrees from universities in the U.K. and the U.S. In the 1970s he worked at the Hong Kong Museum of Art and later at the Luis de Camões Museum, Macao, as curator of Historic Paintings.

THE EUCHARIST AND IBERIAN RELIGIOUS ART AND ARCHITECTURE AS A GLORIFICATION OF THE REAL PRESENCE

This paper will address the seldom discussed question of the Council of Trent's theological arguments on the real presence and the influence it had on the creation of altarpieces and religious buildings in Spanish and Portuguese overseas colonies, including Macao. It will look at artistic examples in Latin America and will also discuss the Jesuits' Church of St. Paul in Macao, relating these to the teachings on the Eucharist that appear in Matteo Ricci's version of the Dottrina Christiana in the 17th century, as a contrast to Henri de Lubac's Corpus Mysticum, which was published four hundred years later in our own century.

NIECAI WANG CN/CN

Niecai Wang has been a lecturer at the Anhui University since 2013.

"PHILOSOPHUS" OR "IMPRINTING": THE INTERPRETATIONS OF CONFUCIUS Sinarum PHILOSOPHUS AND TIAN RU YIN ON THE FOUR BOOKS

This presentation explores the differences between Jesuits and Franciscans' interpretations on The Four Books in Confucius Sinarum Philosophus and Tian ru yin, the former was written in Latin introduces the Chinese thoughts and translates the Confucian canon for the European readers but too rationalism, the latter was written in Chinese to find the evidence of God and some Christian doctrines in The Four Books by subjective understanding.

ZHIPENG HUANG CN/CN

Zhipeng Huang is a doctoral student at Sun Yat-sen University (Guangzhou, China); Major fields: the research of Christianity in Late Ming and Early Qing dynasties in China.

LINGHUN AND XING: AN EXAMINATION OF MATHIAS XIA'S XINGSHUO

This paper, based on Mathias Xia's work, *Xingshuo*, aims at investigating how Xia comprehended the Western theory of the soul; which Chinese editions of *De Anima* written by the Jesuits had influenced Xia mostly; and how Xia used the theory of *lingxing* to de-structure the philosophy of nature (*Xing*) in the Confucian idealist philosophy of the Song and Ming dynasties. This will enable us to understand how early Chinese Christian in Late Ming and Early Qing dynasties have understood the theory of the soul, and to reflect on the contemporary relevance of this theory in Chinese culture today.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS A:

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST, 11:15

CHRISTIANITY AND INCULTURATION IN CHINESE THOUGHT AND CULTURE

CHAIR: ROWENA RUIWEN CHEN, MING HUA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

WILLIAM ATKINS US/GB

William Atkins is currently reading for a Ph.D. of Systematic Theology at the University of Edinburgh working with Dr. Mark Harris and Dr. Alex Chow investigating the function of Qi in pulse diagnosis. His background includes an undergraduate honors degree of Chinese History from Indiana University, a Masters' of theological Studies from Anderson University School of Theology and an MSc in Science and Religion from the University of Edinburgh.

THE TOUCH OF GOD: ACTION AND IDENTITY IN THE QI AND HOLY SPIRIT COMPARISON

Qi and the Holy Spirit have been compared and contrasted by Western theologians since the days of the Jesuit missionaries. However, a primary difficulty which has not been sufficiently dealt with in the literature is that Qi is not regarded as a person while the Holy Spirit is. In order to present Qi with integrity and the Holy Spirit in an orthodox manner this contradiction must be addressed directly, not side stepped with philosophical theories and hermeneutic devices. This presentation will therefore present Qi in a TCM framework so that direct action may be discussed. Additionally, this presentation will offer an argument pointed to demonstrate the theological soundness of discussing action rather than identity with regard to the Holy Spirit.

ZHIXI WANG CN/HK

Zhixi Wang is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. His research interests include Christianity in twentieth-century China, religion and politics in modern China, and reception history of the Bible in China, and he has published 18 articles in journals such as *Logos & Pneuma*: Chinese Journal of Theology (Hong Kong), *Fu Jen Religious Studies* (Taiwan), and *New History* (Taiwan).

THE POLITICS OF JESUS' LOVE: K. H. TING, CONTEXTUAL INTERPRETATION OF THE GOSPELS AND IMAGES OF JESUS IN MODERN CHINA

The article investigates how K. H. Ting, one of the most important "Three-Self Church" leaders in China, constructs Jesus' love and its political implications through interpretation of the Gospels in the various political contexts. On the one hand, that Ting's hermeneutics is full of political considerations arises out of the Sino-Japanese War in 1930s and 1940s, and of the "New China" of socialism after 1950s. On the other, Ting, in order to make those considerations more persuasive and legitimate religiously, has to find biblical "proof-texts" for them. Ting's contextual interpretation of the Gospels and images of Jesus embody one kind of "the politics of Jesus' love

NATHAN FARIES US/US

Nathan Faries is a Lecturer in Chinese Studies at Bates College in the United States. He has taught at Peking University and Hong Kong Baptist University, and he received a Taiwan Fellowship in 2015. In 2010 Dr. Faries published *The Inscrutably Chinese Church: How Narratives and Nationalism Continue to Divide Christianity*. He has presented talks on Chinese Bible translation at Yale and on his current research at Tainan's National Cheng Kung University.

SU XUELIN AND THE FORMATION OF A LITERARY CHINESE CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Su Xuelin (1897-1999) is an important, but under-researched, Catholic May Fourth fiction writer and literary scholar. Because of her anti-Left politics and her religion, her voice was silenced for decades, and only now is she once again receiving some of the attention she deserves. This presentation will introduce Su Xuelin's Catholic thought by connecting two important moments in her career, one from her early mainland May Fourth period and one from her later literary scholarship in Taiwan.

Throughout both halves of her prolific career, Su Xuelin lived in a crucible where her nationalist and religious impulses were combined to create a new and complex synthesis of Chinese Catholicism.

NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTER

CHAIR: JONATHAN TAN, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

PASCAL BAZZELL CH/CH

Dr. Pascal D. Bazzell is Swiss National Science Postdoc Fellow in the Department of Religious Studies, Missiology and Ecumenism at Humboldt-University of Berlin, Germany. Previously, he served with OMF International in the Philippines from 1998 – 2014 in church planting and community development. From June 2010 to April 2014, he was also professor of intercultural theology and the Missiology and Religious Studies Department Head at Koinonia Theological Seminary Foundation, Inc.

INTERRELIGIOUS CHRISTOLOGY: A DIALOGUE WITH SOUTHEAST ASIAN MUSLIM BACKGROUND BELIEVERS

The purpose of this presentation is to explore the developing Christology of Southeast Asian Muslims Background Believers (SA'MBBs) in Asia who have expressed a devotion to follow Isa Almasi, Jesus Christ. The aim here lies in listening to the voices of the SA'MBBs who grew up with an Islamic worldview and today live in the gap between

Christianity and Islamic communities. Therefore, it is the hope of this project that through their theological reflections and practical experiences, they will provide a bridge on one of the key impasse between these two religious communities, Christology. The anticipated result is a philosophical and theologically theoretical construct of an interreligious Christology, which provides insights in a pluralistic epistemology of knowing Jesus Christ.

ROBERTO CATALANO IT/IT

Born in Turin, Italy, he holds a Doctorate in Missiology from Pontifical Urbanian University in Rome. After a long experience in India (from 1980 till 2008), at present he is the Director of the International Office for Interreligious Dialogue of the Focolare Movement in Rome and visiting professor at Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome (Italy), University Institute Sophia, Loppiano-Firenze (Italy) and Asus (Accademia di Scienze Umane e Sociali), Rome (Italy).

SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP AND INTERFAITH DIALOGUE: CHIARA LUBICH AND NIKKYO NIWANO. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE RISSHO KOSEI-KAI AND FOCOLARE MOVEMENT

In the years immediately before the Second Vatican Council and in those after the event there had been remarkable pioneer-like experiences of encounters between East and West, Christianity and Buddhism/Hinduism. Henry Le Saux, Bede Griffith and others explored new ways to discover Indian religiosity in order to build bridges of dialogue. Thomas Merton inaugurated the season of interfaith monastic dialogue with Buddhism. Since the early 80's of the last century, the friendship between two lay persons - Chiara Lubich and Nikkyo Niwano - represented an unexpected breakthrough in the East-West encounter and led to unforeseen developments. Lubich spoke in a big Buddhist.

DAVIDE TACCHINI IT/IT

Davide Tacchini is currently Cultore della Materia in Arabic and Islamic Studies at the Catholic University in Milan. He is a member of the scientific committee of the International Forum Democracy and Religion (www.fidr.it) and is responsible for Italy and the Vatican in the CMR900 Project (Christian-Muslim Relations, a Bibliographical History) of the University of Birmingham, UK.

CHINESE MUSLIM COMMUNITIES IN THE IMAGE OF WESTERN PRESS

This paper aims at analyzing the way in which some of the major newspapers, websites and TVs of the USA and Europe have depicted the Chinese Muslim population in the last five years. Although the situation of Chinese Muslims is not a major topic and there is not much material available, compared to the one available about other minorities in other areas of the world, the picture of Chinese Muslims is surprisingly multi-faced. It is difficult to orientate yourself in such highly politicized and ideologized topics. Activist Rabeya Kadeer is the most quoted Uyghur militant in Western press, but the situation of the Xinjiang Muslim people definitely needs more "independent" research."

NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR CHRISTIAN ECUMENISM

CHAIR: HO YAN AU, CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

RADU BORDEIANU RO/US

He is an Orthodox associate professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, USA. His research focuses on ecumenical ecclesiologies. He is the author of *Dumitru Staniloae: An Ecumenical Ecclesiology* (Continuum, 2011; softcover 2013). He served as President of the Orthodox Theological Society of America and is the Director of Duquesne's Holy Spirit Lecture. He is a co-convenor of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue in Pittsburgh and is involved in local ecumenical dialogues.

THE EUCHARIST MAKES THE CHURCH... BUT NOT ALWAYS

Asian Christianity calls into question de Lubac's, "the Eucharist makes the Church" and its corresponding Orthodox eucharistic ecclesiology (Afanasiev, Staniloae). Orthodoxy in China is primarily non-eucharistic. Longing for a eucharistic church, the Russian Orthodox Church has ordained the first government-sanctioned Chinese Orthodox priest in October 2015. This paper highlights the lessons that the West can learn from Asian (especially Chinese) contextual theologies. Should eucharistic ecclesiology expand in a way similar to baptismal ecclesiology, to include "Eucharist by blood" and "Eucharist of desire"? Or would that deny the full ecclesiality of contexts where Eucharist is impossible? Is the ideal Church eucharistic? As Asia speaks to the worldwide Church, it affects not only liturgical life and practice, but also major theological loci.

HENRY KUO CN/US

Henry Kuo, a Presbyterian, is a doctoral candidate in systematic and philosophical theology at the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, California. Born in Taiwan, he grew up in Singapore before moving with his family to the United States. His research interests include Reformed theology, ecclesiology, soteriology, theology and economics, theologies of forgiveness and reconciliation, and theological ethics, as well as the theologies of St. Augustine of Hippo and Johann Baptist Metz.

CATHOLICITY UNDER HEAVEN: REFORMED CATHOLICITY AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF TIANXIA

This study explores the Chinese concept of Tianxia as a way to deepen Reformed catholicity by advancing a 'catholicity under heaven'. Catholicity under heaven locates catholicity in the relationality churches have with each other as well as their relationality with God. Understood as such, inter-church relationality requires churches to develop a sense of solidarity to those on the peripheries of society throughout the world. Finally, this study suggests that the practice of churches receiving confessional statements is a powerful way to embody this relationality by mutually informing and instructing the church catholic what it means to embody a deep Reformed catholicity where churches engage in solidarity with those on the peripheries of society.

CLEMENT WEN US/GB

Clement Wen is pursuing a Ph.D in Systematic Theology at the University of Edinburgh on the subject of Wolfhart Pannenberg's eschatological and ecumenical ecclesiology. Having written about the theme of participation in Maximus the Confessor and John Calvin at the masters level, he has also worked within a church in Taiwan and in a Chinese American church within the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

THE CONTINUING RELEVANCE OF PANNENBERG TO CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSIONS OF ECUMENISM? A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT WITH REFERENCE TO ASIA

This presentation explores the question of whether Wolfhart Pannenberg's theological programme continues to be relevant to the contemporary ecumenical scene that has by-and-large been moving in the opposite direction of his proposals. After briefly summarising the current trajectory of ecumenism in general, with comment on how it has

been manifesting itself in Asia in particular, Pannenberg's critiques of the ecumenical movement as it unfolded during the latter half of his life will be explored before a preliminary evaluation of his continuing relevance is offered with especial reference to volumes one and three of his systematics. Whereas volume three is in many ways outmoded, volume one remains very much relevant for contemporary ecumenism in general and its multifaceted manifestations in Asia.

NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR CATHOLICISM IN CHINESE SOCIETY

CHAIR: DEBORA TONELLI, INSTITUTE FOR RELIGIOUS SCIENCES, BRUNO KESSLER FOUNDATION, TRENTO, ITALY

WENXI ZHANG CN/CN

Wenxi Zhang holds a Ph.D degree in Biblical Studies from CUA in Washington DC. His dissertation is on Paul among Jews in Acts. He publishes papers on Bible and ministry. He is diocesan administrator of Zhaoxian Diocese. He is a visiting professor of Hebei Catholic Major Seminary in Shijiazhuang and Zhejiang Protestant Seminary in Hangzhou. He lectures in different seminaries and leads retreat to priests and Sisters.

ENVISION THE CHRISTIANITY IN MAINLAND CHINA FROM A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE

This presentation explores the question of some new developments and phenomena of the Christianity in Mainland China. The author based on the new trends and tries to envision the Christianity in Mainland China. His research is based on his first hand of experiences of being an administrator, formator, teacher and biblical expert in different seminaries from different Christianity denominations. He focuses on the new trends of urbanization, new rules and regulations on religions especially on Christianity in China, the interaction between different Christianity denominations, especially between Catholic Church and Protestant Church, new requirement of Chinese Characteristic of religions, especially of Christianity, etc. The author tries to piece together a future picture of the Christianity in mainland China.

STEPHEN ROTHLIN CN/CN

Dr. Stephan Rothlin SJ was born in Zürich, Switzerland in 1959. Throughout his professional life, he has been a transformative force in the field of ethical thought and its application. His approach to ethics is holistic and collaborative, always aiming to synergize our world's cultural and wisdom traditions to discover common principles to work from. Dr. Rothlin SJ finished his academic studies in 1991 with a PhD in Moral Theology.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING TO VALUE CREATION IN CHINA

The Vocation of a Business Leader," issued by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the John A. Ryan Institute for Catholic Social Thought (Rome/St.Paul , November 2012), recently has been translated into Chinese and published jointly by Xu Guangqi Press, Shanghai, and Jinde Press, Shijiazhuang. The document offers a concise overview of key insights of Catholic Social Teaching emphasizing the importance of human dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity, justice and the orientation to the common good, highlighting especially their practical consequences for business managers, entrepreneurs, and administrators in all walks of life. For this reason, Rothlin Ltd, a management Corporate Social Responsibility consultancy firm based in Hong Kong and in Beijing as well as the Macau Ricci Institute last year organized and sponsored conferences exploring the implications of the

document for businesses in the Chinese context. Based on what was learned in those conferences, this paper argues that the themes outlined in “The Vocation of the Business Leader” provide guidance for the sustainable development of China, which now faces a day of reckoning over the government’s reliance on a model of development exclusively focused on economic growth. As China now is reexamining its developmental priorities, the argument here is meant to make a constructive contribution as China attempts to recover a proper sense of the spiritual and moral principles implicit in “a socialism with Chinese characteristics.”

DENNIS P. MCCANN US/US

Dennis P. McCann is a director of Research at Rothlin International Management Consulting, Ltd. (RIMAC, Beijing and Hong Kong); Faculty Fellow, Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Philippines; and Professor Emeritus of Agnes Scott College, Atlanta/Decatur, Georgia, USA. He taught business ethics in the United States for over 30 years (DePaul University and Agnes Scott College) and for the past 20 years in Hong Kong (CUHK and HKBU), China, and SE Asia

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN THE BUSINESS CULTURES OF CHINA: A CATHOLIC IN DIALOGUE WITH CHINESE EVANGELICALS

This presentation explores the question of what, if any, impact Christian faith has upon the ways Christians doing business in China perceive moral challenges and respond to them. Based on the book, *Christ and Business Culture* (CUHK Press, 2012), a collaboration among myself and coauthors Lee Kam Hon and Mary Ann Ching Yuen, this paper is meant to contribute to the development of Catholic social teaching (CST) in China, particularly in the area of business ethics, as evidenced by the Chinese translation of *The Vocation of the Business Leader* issued by the Vatican Justice and Peace Commission. The Catholic understanding of business as a vocation can be enriched and deepened by learning from the experiences of Chinese evangelical Christians

PLENARY III: PERSPECTIVES ON THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST, 14:45

CHAIR: MATTHEW JONES, MING HUA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, HONG KONG

PHILIP L. WICKERI US/HK

Philip Wickeri is Advisor to the Archbishop on Theological and Historical Studies, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican-Episcopal), and Provincial Archivist for the HKSKH. He teaches at Ming Hua Theological College and is Adjunct Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California (USA), and Visiting Professor in the Department of History, Shanghai University, China.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH? AN HISTORICAL CONSIDERATION OF PROTESTANT ECCLESIOLOGY IN CHINA

"Can there be an ecclesiology in China that moves beyond Western denominationalism, one that integrates and transforms both institutional and diffused expressions of religion in the Chinese context? There has been little theological reflection about Protestant (or non-Roman) ecclesiology in China until recent years. This paper begins with an analysis of the place of religion in Chinese society, as developed by C. K. Yang and others. On this basis, we analyze Chinese ecclesiology historically in order to consider what would be needed for a Chinese ecclesiology

of the future. After an historical overview, and in light of the social, cultural and political situation of religion in China today, we consider the prospects for ecclesiology and church structures of the future

PAN CHIU LAI HK/HK

is a professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong since 1996. He taught at Middlesex University during 1993-1996.

CHINESE CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO SINO-JAPANESE WAR: A CASE STUDY OF XU ZONGZE, S. J. (1886-1947)

This presentation examines how Xu Zongze, S. J. (1886-1947) responded to the Sino-Japanese war. Facing the invasion of the Japanese army, Xu articulated a theory of just war to support the military defend made by the Chinese people by retrieving the just war tradition in Catholic theology and integrating it with the Chinese ethical tradition. His position might not be entirely in line with the pacifist position adopted by the Roman Curia after World War I, but remained deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition and should be recognized as a good example of creative theological inculturation and/or contextualization as well as a Chinese contribution to the global theological development.

ROWENA RUIWEN CHEN CH/HK

Dr. Rowena Ruiwen CHEN, Lecturer in Chinese History at Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. Her research focuses on the history of Christianity in China and Chinese Christian music. Her books include *Fragrant Flowers Bloom*; T. C. Chao, Bliss Wiant and the Contextualization of Hymns in Twentieth Century China (2015); *All Generations Shall Call You Blessed: The History of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui St. Mary's Church* (2014).

T. C. CHAO'S CONTEXTUALIZED HYMN TRANSLATION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINESE CHRISTIANITY

This paper aims to investigate the development of Christianity in China during the 1930s through Chao's contextualized translations for hymns. Chao tends to use the terms with Buddhist and Taoist colour to translate the texts and emphasizes the importance of using Chinese grammar and words instead of those of the West to translate the hymns. By drawing on terms that were familiar and widespread in Chinese religious culture, Chao was attempting to introduce Christian ideas that had first been written in a foreign language and in a very different cultural context. This paper will focus on Chao's translation for the Holy Trinity and will explore the reasons for Chao's approach to contextualized translation. At the same time, we will discuss these hymns' implicit and explicit interaction and dialogue with Chinese traditional cultural values and the contemporary socio-cultural scene in broader scope.

PLENARY IV: THE HERMENEUTICS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION IN CHINA

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST, 16:45

CHAIR: PHILIP WICKERI, MING HUA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, HONG KONG

HO YAN AU HK/HK

Connie Au is a Research Associate of the Centre for Catholic Studies and a lecturer of the Divinity School of Chung Chi College. Both institutes belong to the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She received the doctoral degree in Theology from the University of Birmingham, UK and the thesis 'Grassroots Unity in the Charismatic Renewal' was published in 2011. Her recent research is about the ecumenical movement in Hong Kong.

THE APOLOGETIC MISSION OF CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES IN PRE-VATICAN II CHINA: A STUDY OF TWO CHINESE CATHOLIC TEXTS

The paper aims to explore the Catholic points of view of Protestantism in China in the early 20th century through studying two Catholic apologetic documents which were translated into Chinese. It will further discuss the missionary tasks of the Catholic Church in the early twentieth century: defending the Catholic teachings from the attacks of Protestant missionaries and bringing Chinese Protestants and non-Christians to the 'true' Catholic Church in the mission field of China. It will also investigate the role of translation in fulfilling these tasks and to what extent, it has complicated the ecumenical problem between the Catholics and Protestants in Chinese Christianity on top of the doctrinal issues originating from the West.

ALEXANDER CHOW US/GB

Dr Alexander Chow has been a Chancellor's Fellow in World Christianity at the University of Edinburgh since September 2013, and is an associate editor of the journal *Studies in World Christianity*. Prior to this, he completed his PhD in theology at the University of Birmingham and a postdoctoral fellowship at Renmin University of China. His first book is *Theosis, Sino-Christian Theology and the Second Chinese Enlightenment* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).

RETURN MISSION, JONATHAN CHAO, AND THE RESURGENCE OF CALVINISM IN CHINA

Studies on mission and migration have often focused on the propagation of Christianity from a home context to a foreign context. This paper proposes the alternative paradigm of 'return mission' in which Christians from the diaspora return to evangelise the lands of their origins. It will use the case study of Jonathan Chao (Zhao Tian'en), a return missionary who traveled in and out of China from the 1980s until near his death in 2004, and is considered an instrumental figure in the resurgence of Calvinism in China today. This paper argues that return mission provides a new means to understand the subjects of mission and migration, but also raises new challenges to questions about paternalism and contextualisation.

Mark Chapman is Reader in Modern Theology at the University of Oxford, Visiting Professor at Oxford Brookes University and Vice-Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford. His most recent books include *Theology and Society in Theology and Society in Three Cities: Berlin, Oxford and Chicago, 1800-1914* (Cambridge: James Clarke, 2014); *The Fantasy of Reunion: Anglicanism, Catholicism and Ecumenism, 1833-1882* (Oxford University Press, 2014); *Anglican Theology* (London: T & T Clark, 2012).

PLENARY V: ASIAN-CHRISTIAN INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTERS

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND, 10:00

CHAIR: PATRICIA MADIGAN CIMER, DOMINICAN CENTRE FOR INTERFAITH, MINISTRY, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, AUSTRALIA

OLIVER LARDINOIS, SJ BE/TW

A Jesuit priest who has worked for 20 years among the Tayal aborigines of Taiwan's northern mountain area while also teaching at Fujen St Bellarmine Faculty of Theology. He has also been involved in projects of service with Catholic communities among the Chinese minorities of the Yunnan province. He is now the director of the Taipei Ricci Institute as well running for a PHD in anthropology at National Taiwan University.

THE IMPACT OF MODERNITY AND NEOLIBERALISM ON THE RELIGION OF TAIWAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES: THE EVOLUTION OF THE RELIGIOUS PRACTICES OF THE BUNUN PEOPLE OF DONGPU COMMUNITY AS SEEN BY TAIWANESE ANTHROPOLOGIST HUANG YING-KUEI

Professor Huang Ying-Kuei has been spending most of his academic life studying the Bunun people which is one of the main Taiwanese indigenous tribal groups still living into the central mountain range of the island. In the year 2012 Huang published in Chinese a major work which consists of a three volumes study on the evolution of the life of the Bunun people of Dongpu community from 1895 to the present: "The Path towards 'Civilization' ". The present paper sums up and comments the original, detailed and instructive analysis of the evolution of the religious practices of the Bunun people during the last decades, which is well presented into the second volume of Huang's work "The Reinvention of Bunun Tradition under Modernization (1945-1999)" and the third volume "Local Society under the Neoliberal Order (1999 to the present)". One of the greatest originality of the major work of Huang is that it makes a clear division between a first influence of traditional "capitalism" on the life of the Bunun people and a later influence of "neo-liberalism", which may be a pertinent analysis model to study the evolution of the religion of other categories of people into the Chinese world along the last decades.

BENOÎT VERMANDER, S.J.

Benoît Vermander (魏明德), a French Jesuit of the Chinese Province, is Professor of religious studies in the School of Philosophy of Fudan University (Shanghai). He is also academic director of the Xu-Ricci Dialogue Institute in the same institution. He was Director of the Taipei Ricci Institute from 1996 till 2009. He has worked on Yi (彝族) religious classics and rituals in Sichuan Province, on religious transformations in Chinese cities, and on interreligious dialogue and Christian theology in Chinese context. His recent publications include "Corporate Social Responsibility in China" (World Scientific, 2014), "Cultures and Spirituality: A Reader" (in Chinese, Shanghai, Zhongxi shuju, 2016) and encyclopedia entries on "Jesuits and China" (Oxford Handbooks Online) and 'Wheat and Religions' (The World Wheat Book).

ISOLATION AND OUTREACH. CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN SHANGHAI, AND BEYOND

This presentation is based on three years research endeavour led by Liz Hingley, Zhang Liang and myself (the two first researchers associated with the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences) about 'sacred spaces' in Shanghai and what they may tell us about the 'religious fabric' of a Chinese Global city. I try to give an idea of the strange combination of 'isolation' and 'outreach' that somehow defines the engagement of Christian churches with society at large in Shanghai and other parts of China by making use of four dimensions we have called, in the course of our research, "landmarks", "compounds", "privacy", and "waterways." Rather than explaining what is meant by these terms I will provide a few vignettes that will both give glimpses on the Christian landscape of Shanghai and enlighten the four above quoted dimensions. When it comes specifically to Christianity, my conclusion will be as follows: Partly based on the various Churches' local and global traditions, partly triggered by the specificity of a Chinese megacity's environment, painstakingly and hesitantly a new orthopraxy is being fashioned. Though it may primarily concern the individuals and the community that are assessing and remodeling their practices, it does

impress upon the ethos of their larger environment in the long run. The social and spiritual impact of the Chinese Churches ultimately depends on the way Christians staying or entering into them understand and craft their presence and mission.

JONATHAN TAN MY/US

Jonathan Y. Tan is Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan Professor of Catholic Studies at Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, in the United States.

DIASPORIC CHINESE (HUAQIAO) OR MULTICULTURAL MALAYSIAN? THE CHALLENGES OF BEING CHINESE AND CHRISTIAN IN MALAYSIA TODAY

Malaysian Chinese Christians are confronted with the challenges and implications of hybridities, divided loyalties and multiple belongings, and multiple border crossings in their daily lives as they negotiate a socio-cultural and political landscape that is a minefield of language and religious restrictions, racial and religious tensions. Romanticized and essentialized categories of racial-ethnic, cultural, and religious identities within Malaysian Chinese Christian churches have to be re-envisioned to address the long-term implications of hybridities, border crossings, and the changing demographics of Malaysian Christianity. This paper explores what it means to be Malaysian, Chinese, and Christian today as the Malaysian Chinese community transitions from being a diasporic Chinese (huaqiao) community to a full-fledged Malaysian community.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS B:

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND, 14:00

HISTORY OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG (RESEARCH FROM THE CENTER FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES, CUHK)

CHAIR: REV. PO KAM-CHEONG 蒲錦昌 GENERAL SECRETARY, HONG KONG CHRISTIAN COUNCIL 香港基督教協進會總幹事

KAR-WAI TONG CN/CN

Kar-wai Tong was baptised and confirmed in March 2016 a Catholic. Dr. Tong has had multi-disciplinary exposure to the fields of law, health care, and education. In the legal sector, he holds a degree of Doctor of Juridical Science. He is a barrister and solicitor in New Zealand, an unregistered barrister in England and Wales, an accredited general mediator in Hong Kong, and also a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in the UK. In the healthcare industry, Dr. Tong has had more than 15-year experiences in hospital administration and management. He is a co-editor of the book entitled "Community Care in Hong Kong – Current Practices, Practice-research Studies and Future Directions" published in late 2014. Other book projects about ageing in community and medical law are in progress. As far as education is concerned, Dr. Tong has been teaching at universities on a part-time basis for years. He was awarded a scholarship and is pursuing another PhD in education in the UK. He is an editor and reviewer of international journals. His research interests include human rights, medico-legal liabilities, legal issues in the context of education, and happiness.

THE PAST, THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG: THE FIRST INTERIM REPORT

Christian unity is one of the sacred doctrines in the Bible, as evident by the fact that Lord Jesus Christ prays for unity among all believers as recorded in John 17:21-23. Christians are individual parts of Christ's body (1 Corinthians 12:27) who unite together to make each part function well to bring about the body's growth and builds itself up in love (Ephesians 4:16). The current research was a pilot study to review the historical development of the ecumenical movement in Hong Kong, to snapshot and compare how adult Christians of different denominations in the contemporary era perceive unity, and to examine any lessons learned for the future. The present study employed oral history methodology, face-to-face interviews, and structured questionnaires (n > 4,800) as research methods*, in addition to literature review, to inquire about the past and the present of the local ecumenical movement and to anticipate any future directions. Results of this pilot study will be used to plan for the next stage of research on the ecumenical movement in Hong Kong.

Remark: * As at the time of preparing this proposal, the survey is still ongoing.

DENIS CHI-WING KWONG CN/CN

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THE ANALYSIS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY ABOUT LOCAL CHRISTIANS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG

The Centre for Catholic Studies of Chinese University of Hong Kong (The Centre) has conducted a preliminary questionnaire survey in May 2016 to investigate local Christians' understanding of and viewpoints on the ecumenical movement in Hong Kong. According to Hong Kong Government's statistics (November 2015), there are about 379,000 Roman Catholic Christians and 480,000 are Protestant Christians. Orthodox Christian population is very small, but no official statistics is available. During the survey period, the Centre has distributed the questionnaires to different Christian churches and parishes, and provided online questionnaires so that the respondents may answer the questions through PCs or mobile devices. Besides, the Centre has published the questionnaires on three Chinese and one English Christian weekly newspapers in May 2016 in order to encourage more Christian communities to participate in this survey. By the survey deadline on May 27, 2016, the Centre has received more than 4,000 completed questionnaires, representing 0.5% of the Christian population in Hong Kong. The Centre is now processing and analysing the data collected, and will publish the survey results at the Conference Session scheduled for July 22, 2016.

FLORENCE WAI-MAN CHOI CN/CN

Having been nurtured by Catholic education, Ms. Choi converted and was baptized as a Catholic in 1994. As she has great passion of serving the Church, she has been continuously studying bible, biblical archaeology, theology and philosophy; moreover, she actively participates in youth pastoral works and parish liturgy that she has been appointing as the choir director of St. Alfred's Church in Hong Kong. Currently, Ms. Choi is the research assistant of Centre for Catholic Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and she is studying Master of Arts in Philosophy in The Chinese University of Hong Kong. She received a Master of Arts in Theology in Australian

Catholic University, a Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Studies and Biblical Archaeology) in University of South Africa and a Diploma in Biblical Studies in Hong Kong Catholic Biblical Institute.

PROSPECTS FOR THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT AMONG CHRISTIANS IN HONG KONG

Pope Francis has recently delivered the homily about the Christian unity in January 2016. He says, "We cannot cancel out what has happened, but we do not want to let the weight of past faults continue to contaminate our relationships. God's mercy will renew our relationships." In the light of the Word of God, Christianity in Hong Kong contributes enormous efforts in opening up the gate of dialogues after the Second Vatican Council. With the assistance of our research committee, the Centre has collected valuable information and carried out detailed analysis; besides, the committee members expect for the prosperous and harmonious future of the Christian dialogues. In this paper, I will deliver the sincere expectations of the committee towards the future of the ecumenical movement in Hong Kong.

TRAVERSING RELIGIOUS BOUNDARIES: SALVATION, POLITICS, ESCHATOLOGY

CHAIR: DAVIDE TACCHINI, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN MILAN

JOHN DADOSKY REGIS US/CA

John Dadosky, Ph.D., S.T.D. is associate professor of theology and philosophy at Regis College/University of Toronto. He is author of *The Structure of Religious Knowing* (SUNY Press, 2004). He has numerous articles published in systematic theology, philosophy, and religious studies including "Merton's Dialogue with Zen: Pioneering or Passé?" (*Fu Jen International Religious Studies*, 2008). His most recent book is *The Eclipse and Recovery of Beauty* (University of Toronto Press, 2014).

SALVATION AND NIRVANA: GIRARD, LONERGAN AND BUDDHISM

In this paper I present some comparative themes from a course I developed in the AAR/Luce Summer Seminars examining the anthropologies of René Girard, Bernard Lonergan, and the Tibetan lineage of Buddhism represented by Pema Chödrön (Canada) and John Makransky (Boston College). This presentation invokes the structure of John Thatamanil's *The Immanent Divine*: diagnosis, etiology, prognosis, prescription (solution) as an organizational structure. In this overview, I will highlight some of the themes that I present in the course: imitation, suffering, violence, transformation and grace, to name a few.

EASTEN LAW US/US

Easten Law is a PhD student at Georgetown University in Theological and Religious Studies. His current research interests focus on religious pluralism, intercultural relations, public theology, and civil society in the context of East Asia. He previously taught intercultural communication at American University in Washington D.C. and Anhui Normal University in Anhui Province, China.

POLITICAL REFORM, RELIGIOUS SENSIBILITY, AND INTERRELIGIOUS STUDY: THE LIFE AND THOUGHT OF LIANG SHUMING

Liang Shuming (1896-1988) was a philosopher and scholar who took on an active role in shaping 20th Century China's sociopolitical development, most notably in rural-education reform. Scholarship on Liang has traditionally

associated his political reform with a deep commitment Confucian principles and ethics. Yet Liang also carried a deep commitment to Buddhist beliefs and a rich interest in comparative religious study with Christianity. Together, Liang Shuming's life and thought provide a fascinating case study in how religious conviction and comparative religious study shape and inform sociopolitical action.

MATTHEW DEL NEVO GB/AU

During the 80s lived in Jerusalem where East meets West, and three world religions are centred. Based in Sydney since 1987. Written 5 books, Latest is *The Metaphysics of Night: Recovering Soul, Renewing Humanism*. Edited 4 books. Latest is a translation of Lou Andreas-Salome, *Sex and Religion: Two Texts of Early Feminist Psychoanalysis*.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY: MARX, TAO AND CHRISTIANITY

The objective of this paper will be to tie the Christian doctrine of the Resurrection of the Body to traditional Chinese thought (Taoism) and to Marxist political critique, thereby showing the connection between these three: Christianity at its most obscure and dogmatic; Taoism as quintessentially Chinese in feeling, and Marxist political theory. The paper will argue that these three (Christianity, Taoism, Marxism) overlap on the question of the Resurrection of the Body, and that this doctrine is central to all three in ways that are supplementary and complimentary.

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM: HISTORICAL, COMPARATIVE AND CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATIONS

CHAIR: PASCAL BAZZELL, FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, USA

VLADIMIR LATINOVIC SR/DE

Vladimir Latinovic is working as a research fellow on University of Tübingen. He graduated from the Faculty of Orthodox Theology - University of Belgrade and wrote his PhD dissertation at the University of Tübingen on the topic: "Christologie und Kommunion. Entstehung der homoousianischen Christologie und ihre Auswirkungen auf den Eucharistieempfang". In the past years Latinovic has played a very active role in the Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network and from 2013, he is member of its leadership team.

SOCIALISMS IN THE LATE ANTIQUITY? PELAGIUS' VIEWS OF HUMAN POVERTY AND NEED

This paper offers a brief sketch of Pelagius' views on human poverty and offers a comparison (and perhaps an alternative) to the Augustine's views on the same topic. The main focus is on Pelagius' letter "On Riches" but also on some of his other works in which he offers (even for our modern age) several quite radical statements such as "we need to get rid of the rich and the poverty will vanish" for which (among other reasons) Pelagius got rejected by the church. This paper also explores the question why church(es) rejected similar movements in our own time such as communism which goal was to bring more justice to the societies in which we live in.

MOKESH KANTILAL MORAR ZA/ZA

Chaplain to Holy Family College/Johannesburg and organiser to Young Christian Students, worked as Director to Sekwele Centre for Social Reflection in Bethlehem, South Africa and before as parish priest in the De Aar and

Aliwal North Diocese. He holds a Master's of Divinity obtained in Milwaukee and a M.A. from the University of the Free State, was active in social justice ministry in the different part of South Africa.

SOCIALISM AND CHRISTIANITY TODAY - POSSIBILITIES AND LESSONS FROM KERALA/INDIA

The cooperation found in Kerala/India between the Catholic Church and Communist Party is remarkably unique, where they eradicated poverty and inequality. Relatively unknown in the west, an alternative model for development to western/capitalism. Liberation theologians propose a socialist society to be achieved through dialogue. Kerala has valuable lessons for Asian and African countries, facing huge problems of inequality and poverty. The Communists of Kerala (CPM) were able to learn from the mistakes of Communist parties of Russia and China. Areas of cooperation examined: education, health, housing and land reforms. These two institutions are chosen since they are usually considered to be less flexible and more dogmatic than other Christian"

JAMES LAXA PH/PH

James Laxa is a campus minister from De La Salle University Manila with extensive pastoral experience as an educator and missionary in the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and China. He finished his Master's Degree in Applied Theology from same university where he now also serves as full time faculty-in-charge for Adult Faith Formation. His research interest is in the intersection of spirituality, and religion to contemporary lifestyle.

ASEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY: CHALLENGES FOR THE PHILIPPINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Despite all the rhetoric of economic success, inclusiveness, and shared prosperity of multi-lateral economic cooperation, such as the APEC and the ASEAN, what the world has seen is the devastating impact of free trade to the poor and weak members of the world. Studies and observations have pointed out that our current world order of unbridled capitalism, and irresponsible consumerism is causing extreme poverty and extreme weather conditions. This article intends to look at the critical role of the Catholic Church of ensuring justice, peace, and integrity of creation by utilizing the Catholic Social Teachings (CST) with special reference to Laudato Si. In addressing wealth imbalance and climate change, can it act with greater passion and effectiveness this time?

MISSIONARY AND INTELLECTUAL INTERACTION AND DEVELOPMENT: EAST AND WEST

CHAIR: ALEXANDER CHOW, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

ANDREW ONG US/US

Andrew Ong is pursuing a PhD in World Christianity at the University of Edinburgh on the subject of Chinese American evangelicals and their theological trajectories. Born and raised in Northern California, Andrew is a graduate of the University of California, Irvine (B.A., Psychology and Social Behavior, 2009) and of Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia (M.Div, 2015). Andrew's research interests include: American evangelical history, Asian American studies, contextual theology, and Dutch Neo-Calvinist theology.

CHINESE AMERICAN PROTESTANTS AND CONSERVATIVE THEOLOGY: A CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS

This paper investigates the question of why the majority of Chinese American Protestants since 1965 have leaned toward a conservative Christian theology. This assertion about the conservative theological orientation of Chinese Americans is common within the current literature, but only cursorily explained. The conservative theological convictions that this paper will focus on are male authority, homosexual behaviour as immoral, an emphasis on evangelism over activism, and convictions like inerrancy and an insistence on literalistic interpretation. The aim of this paper is to employ an interdisciplinary approach, which explores mission history, indigenous Chinese church history, neo-Confucian philosophy, Chinese and Western theologies, immigration patterns, and American racial ideology in order to illumine the context of Chinese American Protestant theology.

QINGXIN HU CN/HK

Qingxin Hu is a PhD student at the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

LIVING WITH THE GIANT: THE LIFE AND MISSION WORK OF THE PARSONS FAMILY

This presentation reviews the mission work and the life of the Bible Christian missionaries among the Big Flowery Miao group in Southwest China from the perspective of Harry and Annie Parsons, colleagues of Samuel Pollard. Though unnoticed to many and different from Pollard's, the mission strategy developed by the Parsons couple played a vital role in consolidating the fruit mass movement led by Pollard and developing it to its heyday. With achievement, hardship and struggles in relation to mission society, the mission field and colleagues, the Parson's work from generation to generation also witnessed the change of role of missionaries on the mission field through the passing of time.

VICTOR ZHU CN/GB

The author is a PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh, UK. His research is on Puritan studies, specifically the theological framework of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758). In this project, he is to explore Edwards's theology of redemptive history and eschatology by situating him in the Anglo-European intellectual and theological contexts in the eighteenth century.

CHINA CONTROVERSY IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY: JONATHAN EDWARDS VS. THE ENLIGHTENMENT THINKERS

It is widely accepted that eighteenth century Anglo-European cultures were significantly impacted by an influx of ideas from China. However, little work has been done to explore this issue. Therefore, this presentation will explore various Chinese influences on both the Enlightenment thinkers and the Puritans through high-level theological debates between Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) and the Deists. The author will engage the topic in three aspects: a brief historical overview of the popularity of China as aroused by the Jesuits; the favorable perspectives of China among the Deists; a discussion of Edwards's response to the Deists' attack on the essential doctrines. The paper will conclude with an evaluation on Edwards's defense of his particular Reformed position on divine revelation and redemption.

PLENARY VI: SPECIAL PANEL AND BOOK LAUNCH OF FESTCHRIFT IN HONOR OF PETER CHO PHAN - WORLD CHRISTIANITY: TRAJECTORIES AND PROSPECTS

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND, 16:00

CHAIR: LEO LEFEBURE, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

PLENARY VII: CATHOLICISM IN ASIAN CONTEXTS: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON INCULTURATION AND INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTER

SATURDAY, JULY 23RD, 9:15

CHAIR: DENNIS DOYLE, UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

LEO LEFEBURE US/US

Leo D. Lefebure is the Matteo Ricci, S.J., Professor of Theology at Georgetown University. He is the author of *True and Holy: Christian Scripture and Other Religions*, which received the 2015 Catholic Press Association first place award for best academic book on scripture. He is the co-author of *The Path of Wisdom: A Christian Commentary on the Dhammapada* and an Honorary Research Fellow of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME: CHRISTIANITY, CHINESE RELIGIONS, AND THE CHALLENGE OF ECOLOGY

In a world threatened by ecological catastrophe but dominated by a technocratic logic seeking unlimited expansion, Pope Francis has called for an integral ecological culture informed by religious and ethical principles that draw from many sources. No one religious tradition in isolation can solve this truly global crisis; and so Pope Francis has stressed the importance of renewed interreligious dialogue and cooperation in relation to this challenge. This presentation will explore the contribution that the Chinese traditions of Buddhism, Confucianism, and Daoism can make to Christians and the global community concerning ecological conversion.

PETER NEUNER DE/DE

Was born in Munich 1941, ordination 1966 Archdiocese of Munich. Study of Philosophy and Theology in Munich, Dr. theol. 1976, Dr. theol.habil. 1978. 1980 Professor for Fundamental Theology University of Passau, 1985 Professor for Dogmatics in Munich, cath.-theol. Faculty. Director of the Centre for Ecumenical Research, University of Munich. Was Retired 2016. Publications mainly on Catholic Modernism and ecumenical Questions. Since 1990 regular lectures in the National Catholic Seminary, Beijing.

EPISCOPACY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE RIGHT TO NOMINATE BISHOPS

The paper reflects on the fact, that since early Christianity the episcopal ministry is central to the Church, for it represents its synchronic and diachronic unity. Nevertheless throughout history we find different ways how bishops were nominated. Today the nomination is controversial in China. In 1957 it became possible to consecrate bishops in the Open Church, but one had to break connections to the Pope. In the meantime, most bishops of the Open Church are recognised also by Rome. Since 2010 the pressure has increased, some of the new ordained bishops lack the papal placet. A practical solution could be possible: candidates could be chosen by the congregations, presented to the supervising boards and recognised by the pope.

LUC M. FORESTIER (ICP) FR/FR

Luc Forestier is Director of the IER (Institut d'Études religieuses), a theological program for lay people and religious men and women, and teaches at the Theologicum, the Faculty of Theology of the Institut catholique de Paris (Catholic University of Paris). He teaches theology of the Church, theology of ministries, hermeneutics of Vatican II and methodology, and co-directs a doctoral seminar on liturgy and ecclesiology.

WHAT DOES CATHOLICITY MEAN? SYNODALITY AND CULTURES ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS, 50 YEARS AFTER VATICAN II.

This paper deals with "catholicity" according to Pope Francis, 50 years after Vatican II. In the Roman Catholic Church, "catholicity" has often meant "latinization", especially in the history of the Chinese Churches. During Vatican II, the Catholic Church elaborated another vision of catholicity, as a "sharing of gifts" (Lumen Gentium 13). Large parts of the Church were committed to new efforts at inculturation in different cultures.

This presentation shows how, with Pope Francis, the Church enters a new stage in the reception of the last Council, what he calls "synodality". In *Evangelii Gaudium* and *Laudato si'*, we find milestones for relations between the Roman See and local Churches, which could open up new paths for the Asian and Chinese Churches.

JOHN PAWLIKOWSKI US/US

John Pawlikowski, OSM, is Professor of Social Ethics at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago since 1968. He is a recognized and widely published expert on Christian-Jewish relations and serves on the Executive Committee of the Parliament of World Religions.

NOSTRA AETATE 50+: ITS RELEVANCE FOR ASIA

The presentation will explore the relevance of Vatican II's Declaration NOSTRA AETATE on non-Christian religions. Does this document have relevance for ecclesiological understanding in Asia. How might its appropriation by Asian Catholicism be somewhat different than in North America and Europe? How might it be similar?

PLENARY VIII: PHILANTHROPY AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL TEACHING IN CHINA

SATURDAY, JULY 23RD, 11:30

CHAIR: ROBERTO CATALANO, OFFICE FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE, FOCOLARE MOVEMENT/PONTIFICAL URBANIAN UNIVERSITY, ROME

STEPHAN ROTHLIN CH/CN

Dr. Stephan Rothlin SJ was born in Zürich, Switzerland in 1959. Throughout his professional life, he has been a transformative force in the field of ethical thought and its application. His approach to ethics is holistic and collaborative, always aiming to synergize our world's cultural and wisdom traditions to discover common principles to work from. Dr. Rothlin SJ finished his academic studies in 1991 with a PhD in Moral Theology.

PHILANTHROPY IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: A WAY FORWARD FOR VIRTUE ETHICS

This presentation will provide philosophical orientation to the way the new challenge of philanthropy in today's China can and ought to be addressed from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching. Dr. Rothlin will begin by sketching out recent developments as in Benedict XVI's *Caritas in Veritate* (2009), which makes new statements about the meaning of charity and its pitfalls for both donors and recipients. He will distinguish love and justice, as a basis for distinguishing philanthropy from CSR. From the Papal encyclicals, he will proceed directly to the recent document, "Vocation of the Business Leader" (2005), where CST is redescribed as a contribution to virtue ethics, using the traditional Catholic Action model of "See-Judge-Act". The vocation of business leaders requires the

cultivation of virtues that have a direct bearing on whether charity can be a genuine benefit, enabling progress toward the common good, or a pitfall increasing the mutual alienation of both donors and recipients. If philanthropy is to be effective in China, and in continuity with China's own traditions of morality, the way forward is through Catholic Social Teaching, understood as a form of virtue ethics more than a blueprint for public policy.

JINGJING LIU CN/MO

She is a Researcher at Macau Ricci Institute since 2009. She got her Ph.D from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her primary research fields are History of Christianity in China and Inter-religious Dialogue. Her academic interests also include the Studies of Catholic Social Teaching and on Ecology and Religions. She has published extensively on history of Chinese Christianity and Sino-Western intellectual communications.

DIALOGUE BETWEEN CONFUCIANISM AND CHRISTIANITY: FROM ECOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

The principal objective of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato si' could be described as the articulation of an integral vision of ecology, building on the concept of a 'human ecology'. Confucian cosmology sees the world and heavens as composed of li_(principle force) and chi_(material force). There is an embodied transcendence in the interaction of the three realms: Heaven, Earth and Humans. Both cosmology and interaction involve nature as a vital component of human and spiritual existence. There are lots of similarities between Confucianism and Pope's encyclical on ecology. So this paper tries to seek the dialogue between Confucianism and Christianity concerning the ecological issues.

YVES VENDE SUN FR/CN

Yves Vende Sun is Ph.D. candidate in the History of Chinese Thought at Sun Yat-sen University

ABOUT THE ROOTS OF CORPORATE PHILANTHROPY IN CHINA

It is often believed that philanthropy was developed in China by foreign missionaries during the nineteenth century. Now, if the missionaries' contribution was significant during the social crisis at the end of the Qing dynasty, a careful examination shows that the roots of philanthropic activities in China can actually be found earlier, at the end of the Ming dynasty. The dissemination of ideas common to the three major symbolic resources of China – Daoism, Buddhism and Confucianism – and their combination, as well as the growing social influence of merchants, allowed for the start of benevolent societies. Since the 1980s, a resurgence of philanthropic activities can be observed in China, as evidenced by growing regulations for corporate philanthropic activities. Interestingly, whether in the seventeenth century or in the twentieth, philanthropy in China seems to relate to virtue and to morality – to acting according to ideals – while in the West, it is much more linked with a general "interest" for humanity, a form of love and brotherhood. In this presentation, we hope to make explicit that the recent history of philanthropy in China and the different sets of values carried on by Ancient Western philosophy or Chinese classics (Analects and Great Learning) manifest different types of moral rationality. These cultural differences lead us to examine the two common criticisms made against philanthropy in China: lack of transparency and the central role of government. These criticisms often hail from Western areas where tenets about the organization of social life differ from Chinese tradition. Instead of rejecting them a priori, Chinese perspectives on philanthropy could positively dialog with Western views.

DENNIS P. MCCANN US/US

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Agnes Scott College, Atlanta/Decatur, Georgia, USA. He taught business ethics in the United States for over 30 years (DePaul University and Agnes Scott College) and for the past 20 years in Hong Kong (CUHK and HKBU), China, and SE Asia.

PHILANTHROPY IN CHINA TODAY: NEW RULES, NEW CHALLENGES

This presentation will focus on the results so far from the Rothlin Ltd China Philanthropy Project (CPP), what we have discovered through literature review, online research, and interviews from representatives of donor institutions (businesses), intermediating NGOs, and local organizations, regarding the problems of establishing mutual trust and cooperation, in achieving common goals, while also complying with the new regulatory framework governing Chinese charities and foreign NGOs operating in China. The overall message is meant to establish the context for addressing today's challenges, including the problem of green washing and other forms of corruption.

PLENARY IX: ASIAN CHRISTIANITY AND THEOLOGY IN CONTEXT

SATURDAY, JULY 23RD, 16:00

CHAIR: PETER PHAN, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Peter Phan (VN/US) is the inaugural holder of the Ignacio Ellacuría Chair of Catholic Social Thought at Georgetown University and is the founding Director of the Graduate Studies Program in Theology and Religious Studies. He began his teaching career in philosophy at Don Bosco College, Hong Kong. In the United States, he has taught at the University of Dallas, the Catholic University of America, Union Theological Seminary, Elms College, and St. Norbert College. He is the first non-white person to be elected President of Catholic Theological Society of America. In 2010 he was awarded the John Courtney Murray Award for outstanding achievements in theology.

PATRICIA MADIGAN O.P. AU/AU

Dr Patricia Madigan O.P. is an author and lecturer. Her books include *Iraqi Women of Three Generations* and she has published many journal articles. She is involved in a wide range of interfaith initiatives, including participation as a member of the Australian delegation in several inter-governmental Asia-Pacific Regional Dialogues on Interfaith Cooperation for Peace and Harmony. Website: www.cimer.org.au (Dominican Centre for Interfaith Ministry, Education and Research).

CHINESE FAITH IN AUSTRALIA

Chinese are among the oldest continuous immigrants to Australia, with their contact predating the arrival of Captain Cook in 1788. Large numbers arrived during the 1850s, drawn by the discovery of gold. Despite suffering episodes of social exclusion, discrimination and, at times, racial violence, the 2011 Australian census shows that currently there are 393,924 Chinese-born citizens of Australia (including those born in Hong Kong). About twelve percent profess Christianity, equally divided between Catholic and "other Christian". Over half of Australian Chinese (sixty percent) claim "no religion" and fifteen percent Buddhism. This paper will explore the faith experience the Chinese have brought with them and investigate ways in which Chinese faith has impacted on life in Australia.

DEBORA TONELLI IT/IT

Debora Tonelli is researcher at Bruno Kessler Foundation (Trent, Italy), Dept. of Religious Studies. Moving from her background in Political Philosophy (PhD 2005, in Rome and Frankfurt/M) and Theology (PhD 2012, Münster), her current research and teaching activities are focused on the interaction between those two main fields,

specifically inside the wider context of interreligious dialogue, with a key focus on the relationship between violence and biblical religion.

ASIAN CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGIES - ESPECIALLY IN ASIA, NORTH AMERICAN, EUROPE, OCEANIA

The paper explores the relationship between "religious" imagery (in particular images relating to the divine) and sociopolitical practices of individuals and groups. At least we have to consider two types of imagery: (i) doctrinal, theological and jurisprudential, and (ii) the practices and beliefs of religious traditions. Through the analysis of some textual interpretations, the paper shows the relationship between anthropological conceptions and social practices in the construction of identity situating them in the general paradigm of post-secularization.

JUDE LAL FERNANDO LK/IE

Jude Lal Fernando is originally from Sri Lanka, and now lives in the Republic of Ireland. He is Assistant Professor in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies at the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin (University of Dublin) and is the Director of Centre for Post-Conflict Justice in Trinity College Dublin. He teaches on the postgraduate programs of International Peace Studies, and Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies.

THEOLOGIES IN TIMES OF ETHNO-NATIONALIST CONFLICTS IN ASIA: A POSTCOLONIAL READING

Ethno-nationalism has operated both as a subaltern and hegemonic discourse in Asia where the existing model of nation-state has come under strain particularly in 'decolonised' countries. This paper critically examines the ways in which different Christian communities have become part of these ethno-nationalist discourses and engaged in an interpretative task concerning their Christian identity. Some of the Asian theologies, both liberationist and religiously pluralist, have not examined the colonial character of nation-state and thereby not recognised the subaltern ethno-nationalisms that arose as a resistance to the hegemonic state. Diverse critically reflective theological voices emerging from both the dominant and subdued ethno-nationalist communities will be identified as resources for a postcolonial reconstruction of deeply polarised ethno-nationalist communities in Asia.