

# HONGKONG 2016

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

# CHRISTIANITY AND RELIGIONS IN CHINA

*Past - Present - Future*



10th Annual Gathering  
of the Ecclesiological  
Investigations  
International Research  
Network

20-24 July 2016

## Welcome!

A very warm welcome to the tenth annual international conference of the ecumenical Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network. It is a delight and a privilege for our gathering to be hosted here in Hong Kong, in China and in Asia. Our gracious hosts for this gathering in dialogue are Ming Hua Theological College and the Centre for Catholic Studies of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. In the coming days we have a wonderful collection of speakers and papers exploring the overall multi-faceted theme of Christianity and Religions in China: Past - Present – Future.

While the primary focus is naturally very much on the Chinese context, presentations on Christianity and religions in Asia in general and in other Asian contexts are also a hugely significant part of our gathering. As always with EI conferences, the many presentations and conversations will focus upon inter-church issues, intra-church issues, interfaith issues and issues concerning interaction and dialogue between the wider world and societies in which faith communities live out their existence. Our gathering draws together so many voices from rich and varied communities and traditions from around the global community and especially from voices working in and upon Chinese and Asian contexts. Many of the most significant and enlightening conversations will go on beyond the confines of the formal addresses and presentations. Every single participant and attendee is an equally important and valued conversation partner: we are all here not just to talk about dialogue but genuinely to engage in deep dialogue that we hope will have lasting positive effects long beyond July 2016. We hope you enjoy these wonderful days together.

## About Ecclesiological Investigations

Ecclesiological Investigations brings together quality research and inspiring debates in ecclesiology worldwide from a network of international scholars, research centres and projects in the field. The Network seeks to promote studies, research, dialogue and collaboration in ecclesiology across the broad spectrum of the Christian tradition. An abiding principle of the foundation of EI is that the church must be inclusive if it is to be of continuing relevance in the world in a positive sense. Therefore, a further task of Ecclesiological Investigations is to foster and facilitate conversation and collaboration that is both open and pluralistic in character. We seek to serve as a hub for such, drawing together individuals, other groups and networks, initiating research ventures and providing leadership, guidance and administrative support as well as acting as a funding facilitator to support conversations, research and education in this field.

Thanks to the support and encouragement of many willing persons, we have achieved a great deal to date in terms of bringing together scholars and practitioners and students in the field, with active participation from a very wide variety of differing geographical, methodological and ecclesial backgrounds. The Ecclesiological Investigations Program Unit Group of the American academy of Religion (AAR) came into being in 2005, the year in which it was first proposed to and subsequently accepted by the American Academy of Religion Committee. The EI conversations carry on throughout the year being through the work of the international EI research network which has organised or helped to organise and support a large number of successful conferences, colloquia, symposia and study days in many different countries and on a diverse range of themes.

# Day 1: Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>

15:00-16:00  
Courtyard  
Ming Hua  
College

## ARRIVALS AND COLLECT CONFERENCE PACKS

16:00  
Mok Hing  
Yiu Lecture  
Hall  
Ming Hua  
College

## OPENING PLENARY SESSION I

### Christianity and Religions in China

Chair: **Vladimir Latinovic**, University of Tübingen

## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMES

**Mark Chapman**, Ripon College Cuddesdon and Oxford University

**Matthew Jones**, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

**Gerard Mannion**, Georgetown University

## OPENING ADDRESSES

Archbishop **Paul Kwong**, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Bishop **Michael Yeung**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong

Very Rev'd **Martyn Percy**, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford University

18:00

## OPENING RECEPTION

## Day 2: Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>

**PLENARY SESSION II**  
**Reflections from the Past: Christianity in Late Ming and Early Qing**  
Chair: **Thierry Meynard**, S.J., Sun Yat-sen University

**Cesar Guillen-Nuñez**, Macao Ricci Institute

**Wang Niecai**, Anhui University

**Huang Zhipeng**, Sun Yat-sen University

09:00  
Mok Hing  
Yiu Lecture  
Hall

10:45

Coffee

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS A

**CHRISTIANITY AND INCULTURATION IN CHINESE THOUGHT AND CULTURE**  
Chair: **Rowena Ruiwen Chen**, Ming Hua Theological College

**William Atkins**, University of Edinburgh

**The Touch of God: Action and Identity in the Qi and Holy Spirit – a Comparison**

**Zhixi Wang**, Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
**The Politics of Jesus' Love: K. H. Ting, Contextual Interpretation of the Gospels and Images of Jesus in Modern China**

**Nathan Faries**, Bates College

**Su Xuelin and the Formation of a Literary Chinese Catholic Identity**

11:15  
Lecture  
Room A

**NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTER**

Chair: **Jonathan Tan**, Case Western Reserve University

**Pascal Bazzell**, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA

**Interreligious Christology: a Dialogue with Southeast Asian Muslim Background Believers**

**Roberto Catalano**, Office for Interreligious Dialogue, Focolare Movement/  
Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome

**Spiritual Friendship and Interfaith Dialogue: Chiara Lubich and Nikkyo Niwano - The Experience of the Rissho Kosei-kai and Focolare Movement**

**Davide Tacchini**, Catholic University of Milan  
**Chinese Muslim Communities in the image of the Western Press**

11:15  
Chapel

## Day 2: Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>

### NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR CHRISTIAN ECUMENISM

Chair: **Ho Yan Au**, Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Radu Bordeianu**, Duquesne University

#### **The Eucharist Makes the Church ... But Not Always**

**Henry Kuo**, Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley

#### **Catholicity Under Heaven: Reformed Catholicity and the Philosophy of Tianxia**

**Clement Wen**, University of Edinburgh

#### **The Continuing Relevance of Pannenberg to Contemporary Expressions of Ecumenism? A Preliminary Assessment with Reference to Asia**

11:15  
Mok Hing  
Yiu Lecture  
Hall

### NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR CATHOLICISM IN CHINESE SOCIETY

Chair: **Debora Tonelli**, Institute for Religious Studies, Bruno Kessler Foundation, Trento, Italy

**Wenxi Zhang**, Catholic Diocese of Zhaoxian

#### **Envisioning Christianity in Mainland China from a Catholic Perspective**

**Stephan Rothlin**, Macau Ricci Institute

#### **The Contribution of Catholic Social Teaching to Value-Creation in China**

**Dennis McCann** Rothlin, Ltd (Beijing), Silliman University (Philippines), Agnes Scott College, Decatur, USA

#### **Encountering Christ in the Business Cultures of China: A Catholic in Dialogue with Chinese Evangelicals**

11:15  
Lecture  
Room B

12:45

Lunch at Your Leisure

### PLENARY SESSION III

#### **Perspectives on the History of Christianity in China**

Chair: **Matthew Jones**, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

**Philip Wickeri**, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

**Lai Pan-chiu**, Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Rowena Ruiwen Chen**, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

14:45  
Mok Hing  
Yiu Lecture  
Hall

## Day 2: Thursday July 21<sup>st</sup>

16:15	Break for Tea/Coffee
16:45-18:15 Mok Hing Yiu Lecture Hall	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION IV</b></p> <p><b>The Hermeneutics of Christian Mission in China</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Philip Wickeri</b>, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Ho Yan Au</b>, Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p><b>Alexander Chow</b>, University of Edinburgh</p> <p><b>Mark Chapman</b>, Ripon College Cuddesdon and Oxford University</p>
18:30	Sharing Our Faiths: Ecumenical and Interfaith Service at St Paul's Church
	Free Evening

## Day 3: Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

08:45 sharp	Gather at Meeting Point for bus to CUHK: Outside KFC shop at Admiralty Centre
09:00	Depart by bus for the Chinese University of Hong Kong
09:30	Arrival at Cheng Yu Tung Building- LT1, CUHK. 鄭裕彤樓一號演講廳
09:45	<p>Welcoming Words and Practical Instructions for the Day</p> <p>Fr. <b>Louis Ha</b>, Director, Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Rev. Fr. <b>Patrick Taveirne</b> and Dr. <b>Mary Yuen</b></p>
10:00  Cheng Yu Tung Building (CYT) LT1 CUHK 鄭裕彤樓一號演講廳	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION V</b></p> <p><b>Asian-Christian Intercultural Encounters</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Patricia Madigan</b> CIMER, Dominican Centre for Interfaith, Ministry, Education and Research, Australia</p> <p><b>Oliver Lardinois</b>, Taipei Ricci Institute</p> <p><b>Benoit Vermander SJ</b>, Fudan University, School of Philosophy, Xu-Ricci Dialogue Institute, China</p> <p><b>Jonathan Tan</b>, Case Western Reserve University</p>
11:15	Tour of the CU campus (including Confucian World-View, Road to Millions, Ecumenical Chapel)
12:45	Lunch at your Leisure in CUHK Canteen



# Day 3: Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS B

14:00  
CYT- LT1

### **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**, School of Continuing and Professional Education, City University of Hong Kong

#### **The Past, the Present, and the Future of the Ecumenical Movement in Hong Kong: The First Interim Report**

**Denis Chi-wing Kwong**, Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong

#### **The Analysis of the Questionnaire Survey about Local Christians' Understanding of the Ecumenical Movement in Hong Kong**

**Florence Wai-man Choi**, Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong

#### **Prospects for the Ecumenical Movement among Christians in Hong Kong**

14:00  
CYT- LT4

### **TRAVERSING RELIGIOUS BOUNDARIES: SALVATION, POLITICS, ESCHATOLOGY**

Chair: **Davide Tacchini**, Catholic University of Milan

**John Dadosky**, Regis College/University of Toronto

#### **Salvation and Nirvana: Girard, Lonergan and Buddhism**

**Easten Law**, Georgetown University

#### **Political Reform, Religious Sensibility, and Interreligious Study: The Life and Thought of Liang Shuming**

**Matthew Del Nevo**, Catholic Institute of Sydney

#### **The Resurrection of the Body: Marx, Tao and Christianity**

14:00  
CYT- 211

### **CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM: HISTORICAL, COMPARATIVE AND CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATIONS**

Chair: **Pascal Bazzell**, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA

**Vladimir Latinovic**, University of Tübingen

#### **Socialisms in the Late Antiquity? Pelagius' Views of Human Poverty and Need**

**Mokesh Kantilal Morar**, Holy Family College, South Africa

#### **Socialism and Christianity Today - Possibilities and Lessons from Kerala/India**

**James Laxa**, De La Salle University Manila

#### **ASEAN Economic Community: Challenges for the Philippine Catholic Church**

## Day 3: Friday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

### MISSIONARY AND INTELLECTUAL INTERACTION AND DEVELOPMENT: EAST AND WEST

Chair: **Alexander Chow**, University of Edinburgh

**Andrew Ong**, University of Edinburgh

#### **Chinese American Protestants and Conservative Theology: A Contextual Analysis**

**Qingxin Hu**, Chinese University of Hong Kong

#### **Living With the Giant: The Life and Mission Work of the Parsons Family**

**Victor Zhu**, University of Edinburgh

#### **China Controversy in the Eighteenth Century: Jonathan Edwards vs. the Enlightenment Thinkers**

14:00  
CYT- 212

15:30

Break for Tea/Coffee

### SPECIAL PANEL AND BOOK LAUNCH OF FESTCHRIFT IN HONOR OF PETER CHO PHAN (PLENARY VI)

#### **World Christianity: Trajectories and Prospects**

Chair: **Leo Lefebure**, Georgetown University

**Jonathan Tan**, Case Western Reserve University

**Lai Pan-chiu**, Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Dale Irvin**, New York Theological Seminary

**Gerard Mannion**, Georgetown University

Response: **Peter C. Phan**, Georgetown University

16:00  
Cheng Yu  
Tung  
Building-  
LT1

17:00-  
19:00

### RECEPTION IN HONOR OF PETER CHO PHAN

and to mark launch of '*World Christianity: Perspectives and Insights*' festschrift volume and the new EI series '*Pathways for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue*'

19:15

Assemble outside CYT Building for Return by bus to Ming Hua College

### PLENARY SESSION VII

#### **Catholicism in Asian Contexts: Comparative Perspectives on Inculturation and Interreligious Encounter**

Chair: **Dennis Doyle**, University of Dayton

**Leo Lefebure**, Georgetown University, USA

**Peter Neuner**, University of Munich, Germany

**Luc Forestier**, Institut d'Études religieuses, Catholic University of Paris

**John Pawlikowski**, Catholic Theological Union

9:15  
Mok  
Hing  
Yiu  
Lecture  
Hall



## Day 4: Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup>

11:00

Break for Tea/Coffee

11:30

Mok  
Hing  
Yiu  
Lecture  
Hall

### PLENARY SESSION VIII

#### Philanthropy and Christian Social Teaching in China

Chair: **Roberto Catalano**, Office for Interreligious Dialogue, Focolare Movement/  
Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome

**Stephan Rothlin S.J.**, Macau Ricci Institute

**Jingjing Liu**, Macau Ricci Institute

**Yves Vendé**, Sun Yat-sen University

**Dennis McCann**, Rothlin Ltd (Beijing, China)/ Silliman University

13.:15

Lunch at your Leisure

Followed by Free afternoon

16:00

Mok  
Hing  
Yiu  
Lecture  
Hall

### FINAL PLENARY (IX)

#### Asian Christianity and Theology in Context

Chair: **Peter Phan**, Georgetown University

**Patricia Madigan**, CIMER, Dominican Centre for Interfaith, Ministry, Education and  
Research, Australia

**Debora Tonelli**, Institute for Religious Studies, Bruno Kessler Foundation, Trento, Italy

**Jude Lal Fernando**, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

17:30

Mok  
Hing  
Yiu  
Lecture  
Hall

### CLOSING WORDS

**Mark Chapman**, Ripon College Cuddesdon and Oxford University

**Gerard Mannion**, Georgetown University

18:00

Depart for Closing Banquet at Mariners' Club in Kowloon

19.30

Closing Banquet / Grace / After Dinner Speeches

Return to Ming Hua College

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We are also especially indebted to Fr Louis Ha and the Center for Catholic Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong for the very generous and gracious sponsorship of Friday's evening's reception in honor of Peter Cho Phan.

We are equally indebted to Archbishop Paul Kwong and Anglican Province for the very generous and gracious sponsorship of our closing banquet on Saturday evening.

At Georgetown University, deep gratitude for wonderful support and advice is also due to Drew Christiansen, Leo Lefebure and Peter C. Phan. We also owe a great deal of thanks to Fr Thierry Meynard, S.J. - Sun Yat-sen University, Fr Oliver Lardinois SJ - Taipei Ricci Institute, Fr Stephen Rothlin SJ, Macau Ricci Institute, and Fr Benoit Vermander SJ - Fudan University, School of Philosophy, Xu-Ricci Dialogue Institute, China who were all extremely helpful with much advice and ideas throughout the planning of the conference.

We thank from the bottom of our hearts every participant and especially our speakers, many of whom have traversed multiple continents to be here. Equally, each of our session chairs and the many unseen folk who helped behind the scenes – especially all of those who helped before and on the ground in Hong Kong – particularly Pascal Bazzell of Fuller Theological Seminary, Easten Law of Georgetown University and Davide Tacchini of the Catholic University of Milan. Equally as ever, Anne Maxfield and Ripon College have been absolutely indispensable in helping everything run smoothly. We are also enormously grateful to the Mini Hotel, Butterfly Hotel and Marriott Hotel in Hong Kong for hosting our delegates (with a special mention of thanks to Cy West for organizing the possibility of our participants using the Marriott), as well as those religious houses and other institutions in Hong Kong who have housed people too.

Thank you one and all!

See you next summer in Jena, Germany for our 2017 gathering which takes as its theme 'The Reformation and Global Reconciliation' (May 28th-June 2nd).

Gerard Mannion

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Georgetown University

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- The main venue Ming Hua College is located in the Central District of Hong Kong Island. It is opposite the Foreign Correspondent's Club.
- Please contact Mrs. Funny Ng at College Reception for any general inquiries. College main phone number is: 2521 7708. (9am - 6pm)
- Emergency services (police, fire, ambulance) number is 999

**MAP LOCATIONS:**

1. Central Station
2. Mini Hotel Central
3. The Foreign Correspondents' Club
4. **Ming Hua Theological College (Main Conference Venue)**
5. Butterfly on Wellington Hotel
6. Courtyard By Marriott Hotel