

Prof. HUANG joined the study group on “The Anthropology of Christianity” organized by Prof. Joel Robbins’ research team. The books they studied included outcomes about the anthropology of Christian studies such as *Moving by the Spirit: Pentecostal Social Life on the Zambian Copperbelt* (University of California, 2017), as well as some theological publications such as the Germany theologian Ingolf Dalferth’s new publication - *Creatures of Possibility: the theological basis of human freedom* (Baker Academic, 2016). During the visit,

Prof. HUANG finished one Chinese paper, one English paper, and collected some documents and information related to anthropology of Christianity.

In November, Prof. HUANG and our research fellow Prof. Milton WAN held a seminar at the University of Cambridge. The seminar was chaired by Prof. Joel Robbins, while Prof. WAN delivered a talk on “Sino-Christian Theology as Public Theology: An Appraisal of Christian Studies in China in the last Quarter of a Century”.

Academic Activities



The Visit of IASACT

The Institute for Advanced Study of Asian Cultures and Theologies (IASACT) is a four-week study program supported by the United Board for Christian Higher



Education in Asia. This program aims to strengthen the discussion on theological education, inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogues among participants from Asia. The institute was held at the Chinese University of Hong Kong during summer 2017. On 6 July a group of participants visited Tao Fong Shan. ISCS organized an academic exchange program for them. Research fellow Prof. Jason LAM introduced the development of Christianity and theology in Mainland China using Sino-Christianity as an example. Then our visiting scholar Prof. SHEN Hong from the School of Foreign Languages of Zhejiang University shared his experience of doing Christian studies in China.

The Visit of the 15th Summer School of Chung Chi Divinity School

On 14 August 2017, more than 40 teachers and students of the Summer School of Chung Chi Divinity School, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, visited ISCS.



Our Visiting Scholar

Prof. SHEN Hong from Zhejiang University and our director Daniel YEUNG jointly delivered a lecture on “Karl Reichelt and Sino-Christian Theology”. Another Visiting Scholar Prof. ZHU Donghua from Tsinghua University delivered a lecture on “Nestorian Studies and Chinese Academia”.

International Conference on “Religious Reformation and Social Development”



The international conference on “Religious Reformation and Social Development” was held in Beijing from 5 to 7 September, 2017 by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

with Beijing Christian Churches and the Chinese Association for the Study of Religions. The conference examined the history of religious reformation, modern religious thoughts, and the indigenization of religions from the viewpoints of Buddhism, Christianity and Islam. Participants included Prof. ZHUO Xinping (chairperson of the Chinese Association for the Study of Religion), Prof. WEI Daoru (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), CAI Kui (chairperson of the Beijing Churches), MU Kefa (Vice chairperson of the Islamic Association of China), Sangji Zhaxi (Vice General Secretary of the Buddhist Association of China), officials from the

Lecture on the “History and Prospect of the Architecture of Chinese Christian Church”



A lecture on the “History and Prospect of the Architecture of the Chinese Christian Church” was delivered by

the famous Chinese Christian artist Prof. HE Qi (ISCS Visiting Scholar) during the 15th Summer School of Chung Chi Divinity School, the Chinese University of Hong Kong on 28 June 2017. The response was by Rev. Dr. Andrew Wai-Man NG and a heated discussion followed.

Beijing Administration for Religious Affairs, and more than 60 experts and scholars from China and overseas. Our research fellow Prof. Jason LAM was also invited and presented a paper on “The Ambiguous Relationship between Modernity and the Reformation”.

Research Fellow’s Visit to Shanghai

During 9-13 November 2017, research fellow Prof. Jason LAM visited our partner institutes in Shanghai. He was invited by the Department of Philosophy, Shanghai Normal University to deliver a lecture on “Can Texts from Different Worlds be Read Comparatively?” The event was chaired by Prof. FAN Zhihui, and joined by faculties and students of the humanities departments. Prof. LAM, as an Adjunct Professor of Tongji University, also visited the department of religious studies of the school and supervised his doctoral students.

2017 Christian Studies Symposium

From 17 to 20 November 2017, Director Daniel YEUNG and Prof. Jason LAM attended the “2017 Christian Studies Symposium” organized by the



Christian Study Center of the Graduate School of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The co-organizers include the Institute of Religion and Culture of Peking University, the Institute for Ethics and Religious Studies of Tsinghua University, the School of Philosophy of Nankai University, the Institute of Biblical Literature of Henan University and the Centre for Religion and Culture of Anyang Normal College. The Symposium included five sections: Jingjiao (Nestorian) Studies, Catholic Studies, Eastern Orthodox Studies, Protestant Studies and Biblical Studies. Mr. YEUNG presented a paper “The Multiple Identities of the Nestorian Monk Mar Alopen: A Discussion on Diplomacy and Politics” in “Nestorian Studies Symposium: the life and religious practice of Nestorians in China”. In “Protestant Studies Symposium: Reformation and Sinicization of Christianity”, Prof. Lam presented a paper “Is Will really Free?: Theological and Social Problems from the Reformation Movement”. The symposium was one of the largest in Christian studies during

recent years in China, and more than one hundred scholars attended.

Research Fellow’s Visit to Shanxi University



During 20 - 22 November 2017, Prof. Jason LAM visited the School of

Philosophy and Sociology of Shanxi University after the “2017 Christian Studies Symposium” and was warmly received. In the first evening Prof. LAM held a talk on Karl Löwith’s *Weltgeschichte und Heilsgeschehen*. The next day he delivered a public lecture on “Heidegger’s Technology; Exploration and Struggle”, which brought heated discussion. The school welcomed the event and hoped to extend further cooperation.

The 14th International Conference of “Hermeneutics and the Interpretation of Chinese Classics”

From 16 to 18 December 2017, the 14th Conference of “Hermeneutics and the Interpretation of Chinese Classics” was held at Anhui



University. The theme this year is “Hermeneutics and Practical Philosophy”. The event included 12 sections and more than 80 papers were read by more than 100 participants. Our research fellow Prof. Jason LAM was invited and presented a paper on “Language as the Ground of the Universality of Hermeneutics: Why did Gadamer make use of Theology?”

Internal Seminar for Visiting Scholars and Students in Autumn 2017

From July to December 2017 a series of seminars were held for the visiting scholars and students to provide a chance for academic discussion and supervision. The topics of the presented papers are as follows:

Name	University	Position	Topic
HE Qi	Nanjing Union Theological Seminary	Emeritus Professor	An Exploration of Tao Fong Shan Architecture Style
SHEN Hong	Zhejiang University	Professor	Pierre Marie Heude's Illustration of Birds and the Orphanage of Tsuhanwan, Shanghai
XU Fenglin	Peking University	Professor	Three Themes of Palamas' Theology
YUAN Haicheng	Shanxi University	Lecturer	Kierkegaard's Thought on Contemporaneity
ZHU Donghua	Peking University	Associate Professor	The Nicene Creed and Jingjiao's Theology
XUE Lingmei	Sun Yat-Sen University	Doctoral Student	"The Western Learning of Governing Country": A Model of the Eastward Transmission of Western Political Ethics in Late Ming Dynasty

ZHANG Shuai	Wuhan University	Doctoral Student	A Study of Biblical Hermeneutic Principle and the Approach of Augustine's Caritas
TANG Mingfang	Zhejiang University	Doctoral Student	K.K. Yeo's Cross-cultural Rhetorical Hermeneutics: A Case Study of 1 Corinthians 10: 1-22
LIU Rixin	Shandong University	Master Student	The Transmission of Christianity in the Early Phase – The Case of Viking



Academic Exchange

Visit of Prof. HONG Xiuping

Prof. HONG Xiuping (Chinese Yangtse River Scholar) from Nanjing University visited ISCS and was well received by Director Daniel YEUNG on 20 October 2017. They talked about the relation of Karl Reichelt (founder of Tao Fong Shan) to Sino-Christian Theology.



Visit of Oxford Center for Missions Studies, OCMS

Director Daniel Yeung played host to Mr. Paul Bendor Samuel (Director of the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, OCMS) on 27 October 2017. Mr. YEUNG thanked OCMS for receiving ISCS Visiting Scholars at the University of Oxford and for help both with their research and practical matters. Both parties desired closer cooperation.

Visit of Prof. Thierry Meynard



Director Daniel YEUNG played host to Prof. Thierry Meynard (Professor of Guangzhou Sun Yat-sen University) on 28 November, 2017. Prof. Meynard had been concentrating on Chinese and Western Classics for many years and has guided several prominent students, who are already cooperating with ISCS in publishing and research programs.



Visit of Prof. Stelios Virvidakis



Director Daniel YEUNG played host to Prof. Stelios Virvidakis (ISCS Visiting Scholar) on 5 December, 2017. Prof. Virvidakis appreciated ISCS' "Guest Professor" program and praised the great development of the academic level in China. He looks forward to this program to enhance academic interaction between China and Greece.

Visit of Centre for Chinese Studies, Catholic University College for Education Graz

Director Daniel YEUNG played host to Dr. Markus Ladstatter (Professor at the Centre for Chinese Studies, the Catholic University College for Education Graz) on 19 December, 2017. The university planned to visit Beijing and Hong Kong to enhance cooperation between mainland China, Hong Kong and Austria.



Academic Research

Visiting Scholars

From July to December 2017, ISCS hosted 4 visiting scholars.



Prof. ZHU Donghua stayed at ISCS from July to August 2017. Prof. ZHU is currently Associate Professor at Tsinghua University. During his visit Prof. ZHU finished his book *A Comprehensive Study of Chinese Jingjiao* and finished a draft of

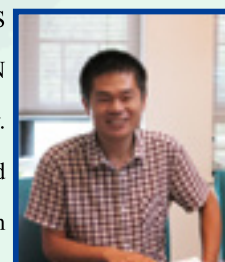
the article "A Comparative Study of Chinese and Syriac Version of St. George Story". At the same time, he made a translation plan for the book *The History of Yaballaha III and of His Vicar Bar Sauma*. He also delivered a lecture on "A Study of Jingjiao from the Perspective of Chinese Cultural Tradition" to the students of the Summer School of Chung Chi Divinity School, CUHK.

Prof. XU Fenglin stayed at ISCS from July to August 2017. Prof. XU is currently a professor at Peking University. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for translating the theological work Gregory Palamas' *Triads*.



Prof. HE Qi stayed at ISCS from July to August 2017. Prof. HE is currently emeritus professor at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for his research on "On the Art and Theology of Tao Fong Shan Architectural Complex". He delivered a lecture on "Christian Church Architecture in China" to the students of the Summer School of Chung Chi Divinity School, CUHK.

Dr. YUAN Haicheng stayed at ISCS from July to September 2017. Dr. YUAN is currently a lecturer at Shanxi University. During his visit Dr. YUAN collected materials on "Kierkegaard's Thought on Absolute Paradox in the Horizon of History and Faith". He also finished an article on "Kierkegaard's Thought on Contemporaneity".



Visiting Students



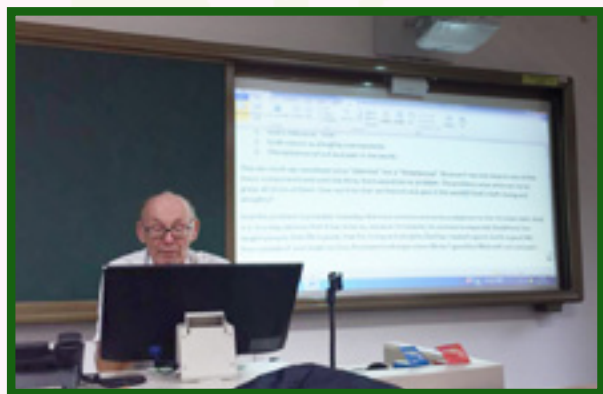
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XUE Lingmei Doctoral student of Sun Yat-sen University
Research Topic: A Study of Alphonse Vangnone's Personal Cultivation and Nation Management Theory
Courses Taken: Guide to Academic Study and Writing; Introduction to Christian Ethics

TANG Mingfang Doctoral student of Zhejiang University
Research Topic: Research on Cross-cultural Biblical Hermeneutics: A Case Study on the American Chinese Biblical Scholar, K. K. Yeo's Cross-cultural Reading of the Bible
Courses Taken: Theological Methodology
ZHANG Shuai Doctoral student of Wuhan University
Research Topic: On the Spiritual Connotation of Martin Luther's Theology
Courses Taken: Introduction to Christian Education; Theology of Spirituality; Reformation Church History
LIU Rixin Master student of Shandong University
Research Topic: The Transmission of the Early Church: A Case Study of Scandinavian Vikings
Courses Taken: Mission and Diakonia

Guest Professor

In the latter half of 2017, ISCS cooperated with universities in USA, UK, Norway, Greece, and Italy and arranged for 7 scholars to deliver 24 lectures at Tao Fong Scholarship universities as our guest professors. The details are as follows:



Kurt Christensen (University of Oslo, Norway)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
28 September, 2017	Nankai University	The Lutheran "Doctrine" of the Two Kingdoms in its Historical Context and Today
29 September, 2017	Minzu University of China	Evil and Pain from a Religious Perspective
29 September, 2017	Beijing Language and Culture University	Evil and Pain from a Religious Perspective



Oliver Davies (King's College London, UK)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
18 September, 2017	Tsinghua University	The Confucian "All Under Heaven" and Meister Eckhart's Ethical Universalism
19 September, 2017	Minzu University of China	The Confucian "All Under Heaven" and Meister Eckhart's Ethical Universalism
23 September, 2017	Zhejiang University	The Confucian "All Under Heaven" and Meister Eckhart's Ethical Universalism
25 September, 2017	Zhejiang University	What resources does Contemporary Science offer us for understanding Taoism, Confucianism, and Christianity?
9 October, 2017	Nanjing University	The Confucian "All Under Heaven" and Meister Eckhart's Ethical Universalism
10 October, 2017	Tongji University	The Confucian "All Under Heaven" and Meister Eckhart's Ethical Universalism
11 October, 2017	Fudan University	The Confucian "All Under Heaven" and Meister Eckhart's Ethical Universalism