



Stelios Virvidakis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
1-21 November, 2017	Wuhan University	Wittgenstein and the Contemporary Philosophy of Religion (one-month course)
23 November, 2017	Southwest University	The Puzzle of Greek identity
27 November, 2017	Fudan University	Kantian, Hegelian and Wittgensteinian Elements in the Philosophy of John McDowell
28 November, 2017	Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences	Virtue Ethics in Perspective
1 December, 2017	Nanjing University	Wittgenstein and the Contemporary Philosophy of Religion
5 December, 2017	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	The Relations between Moral and Epistemic Virtues



Cyril Hovorun (Loyola Marymount University, USA)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
12 December, 2017	Shaanxi Normal University	Russian Literatures and Orthodox Church
14 December, 2017	Sichuan University	Russian Literatures and Orthodox Church



Jason Lam (ISCS, Hong Kong)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
10 November, 2017	Shanghai Normal University	Can Texts from Different Worlds be Read Comparatively?
21 November, 2017	Shanxi University	Heidegger's Exploration and Struggle on Technology



Paola Moretti (University of Milan, Italy)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
4 December, 2017	East China Normal University	Through Augustine's eyes
5 December, 2017	Shanxi University	Through Augustine's eyes
7 December, 2017	Zhejiang University	Ambrose and Cicero's <i>De officiis</i> (On Duty)
8 December, 2017	Zhejiang University	Through Augustine's eyes



Diane Obenchain (Fuller Theological Seminary, USA)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
27 November, 2017	Lutheran Theological Seminary	Mission and Diakonia

Academic Staff Members

Prof. Milton WAN (Dr. Mok Hing Yiu Distinguished Professor)

Academic Activities:

- From 20 to 23 November 2017, visited the University of Cambridge as our visiting scholar and presented “Sino-Christian Theology as Public Theology: An Appraisal of Christian Studies in China in the last Quarter of a Century” in a seminar.



Prof. Jason LAM (Academic Officer & Research Fellow)

Academic Activities:

- On 6 July 2017, shared the development of Christianity and theology in Mainland China by means of Sino-Christianity as an example to the participants of IASACT organized by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.
- From 18 to 20 August 2017, attended the 13th Summer Institute of “Theology and Humanities” in Kaifeng organized by Renmin University of China and delivered a speech on “Language as the Ground of the Universality of Hermeneutics: Why did Gadamer make use of Theology?”.
- From 5 to 7 September 2017, attended the international conference on “Religious Reformation and Social Development” in Beijing organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and delivered a speech on “The Ambiguous Relationship between Modernity and the Reformation”.
- From 9 to 13 November 2017, visited Tongji University in Shanghai and delivered a lecture at Shanghai Normal University on “Can Texts from Different Worlds be Read Comparatively?”.
- From 17 to 20 November 2017, attended the “2017 Christian Studies Symposium” organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and presented a paper on “Is Will Really Free?: Theological and Social Problems from the Reformation Movement”.



- From 20 to 22 November 2017, visited Shanxi University for holding a talk on Karl Löwith’s *Weltsgeschichte und Heilsgeschehen*, and delivered a public lecture on “Heidegger’s Exploration and Struggle on Technology”.
- From 30 November to 1 December 2017, participated in the international conference “Dignity, Morality and Rights: An Integration of Christian Theology and Interdisciplinary Program” organized by ISCS and chaired a section.
- On 9 Dec 2017, participated in the meeting of Koinonia of Chinese Theologians at the Bible Seminary of Hong Kong and chaired some sections of the seminar on “500th Anniversary of the Reformation” as the secretary.
- From 16 to 18 Dec 2017, participated in the 14th Conference of “Hermeneutics and the Interpretation of Chinese Classics” held at Anhui University and presented a paper on “Language as the Ground of the Universality of Hermeneutics: Why did Gadamer make use of Theology?”.

Research & Publication:

- Article: “Can Texts from Different Worlds be Read Comparatively?”, *Social Sciences Weekly* no. 1569 (2017), p. 5.
- Article: “Language as the Ground of the Universality of Hermeneutics: Why did Gadamer make use of Theology?”, forthcoming in *Chinese Hermeneutics* vol. 16.

Dr. YUAN Hao (Honourary Research Associate)

Academic Activities:

- From 11 to 13 July, 2017, attended the Changing Religious Landscape in Contemporary East Asia Conference organized by Hong Kong Baptist University, and presented the paper “The Transformation of Migrant Workers’ Church in the Process of Contemporary China’s Urbanization: Case Study of ‘Mount of Olive Church’ in Beijing”.



Research & Publication:

- The History of Christianity in Modern China, Sociology of Religion, Religious Theory.

Prof. XIE Zhibin (Guest Research Fellow in Mainland China)

Academic Activities:

- September to December 2017, participated in ISCS' program "Dignity, Morality and Rights: An Integration of Christian Theology and Interdisciplinary Program" with a project on "God and Human Being: A Study in the Notion of Rights in Reformed Theology."



Research & Publication:

- Article: "Christianity and the Theory of Social Pluralism: An Ontological Interpretation," *Regent Review of Christian Thought* 22 (2017), pp. 99-107.
- Guest editor (with LAI Pan-chiu), Special Issue: "Public Theology in the Chinese Context," *International Journal of Public Theology* 11:4 (2017), and wrote an article: "Why Public and Theological? The Problem of Public Theology in the Chinese Context", pp. 381-404.

Prof. QU Xutong (Guest Research Fellow in Mainland China)

Academic Activities:

- From 10 to 14 July 2017, participated in scholarly consultation: Theology in Dialogue, China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong.
- In 31 August 2017, became Visiting scholar at Center for Barth Studies, Princeton.
- From 17 to 20 November 2017, attended the Annual Meetings 2017 of AAR and SBL, Boston.



Research & Publication:

- Why and How to Remember the 500th Anniversary of Reformation, *Exploration and Free Views*, Nr. 7 (2017), pp. 86-91.

Prof. XIAO Qinghe (Guest Research Fellow in Mainland China)

Academic Activities:

- From 30 July to 11 August 2017, participated as moderator and tutor at Christian Studies Ph.D. Candidates Summer School in Los Angeles.
- On 7 October 2017, participated as moderator and gave a presentation at "Religious Studies and Database Development Symposium", organized by Shanghai University.
- On 23 October 2017, participated as moderator and gave response at the "Excellent Graduate Students Forum on Christian Studies in 2017", co-organized by Shanghai University and the Study of Christianity and China Center, Los Angeles.
- From 24 to 26 October 2017, participated as moderator and gave response in the "Christianity and Medicine in Modern China Conference", co-organized by Shanghai University and the Study of Christianity and China Center, Los Angeles.
- On 3 November 2017, gave a presentation and participated as moderator in "The fourth forum on Catholic Studies since Ming and Qing", organized by Shanghai University.
- From 17 to 20 November 2017, gave presentation and response at "Catholic Studies Forum in 2017", co-organized by the Institute of Study of World Religions, China Social Science Academy, and Anyang Normal University.
- From 25 to 27 November 2017, gave a presentation at "Matteo Ricci and Sino-Western Cultural Exchange Symposium", organized by Xijiang Institute of History and Culture, Zhaoqing University.



Courses:

- Taught an undergraduate course on the History of Western Christianity, taught a postgraduate course on Selected Readings of the History of Christianity in China at Shanghai University.

Research & Publication:

- Executive editor, *Religion and History*, volume 8 (Beijing: Social Science Academic Press December, 2017).

- Book review on Nicolas Standaert, *The Intercultural Weaving of Historical Texts: Chinese and European Stories about Emperor Ku and His Concubines*, *Journal of Research for Christianity in China* 9 (2017), pp. 304-319.
- “Defending and Separation: Johann Adam von Bell and Origin of Catholic (Zhujiào Yuanqi)”, *World Religion Studies* 5 (2017), pp 131-150.
- “The Great Dao is for the Universal World since the Original Time: New Research on Confucian Christian LI Zubai (?-1665) in Early Qing”, *Sino-Christian Studies*, 23(2017), pp 135-176.

Prof. Håkan Granberg (Guest Research Fellow in Mainland China)

Academic Activities:

- Hunan Bible Institute Guest Lecture: Reformation 500: Celebrate or Commemorate?



Courses:

- Central South University: Happiness, and Reformation 500

Research & Publication:

- Research on Global Justice

PD Dr. Habil Christian Meyer (Guest Research Fellow in Germany)

Academic Activities:

- On 12 December 2017, gave a public talk “Human rights and religion in Communist China” at the Forum Dialog at Berlin



Courses:

- “Die Jesuiten in China” (The Jesuits in China”) (seminar, BA program)

- “Religions in China” (research colloquium, together with Philip Clart, Sinology, University of Leipzig) at Freie Universität Berlin, Institute of East Asian Studies, Sinology.

Prof. Chloë Starr (Guest Research Fellow in USA)

Academic Activities:

- 9-11 June 2017, attended conference at Freie Universität Berlin “From Trustworthiness to Secular Beliefs – Changing Concepts of xin 信 from Traditional to Modern Chinese” and presented paper “信 in the Nascent Chinese Protestant Church”.
- 15-17 November 2017, attended Overseas Mission Study Center symposium: “One World? Wrestling with Theological Dualism and Fallibilism in Intercultural Contexts of Modernity”.
- 18-21 November 2017, attended American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting at Boston.



Courses:

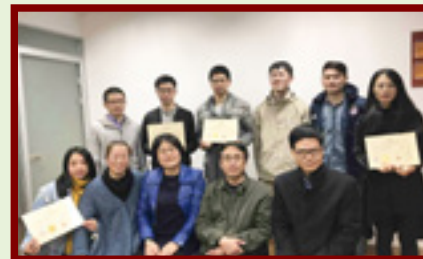
- Doctoral seminar in Theology (co-taught with Kathryn Tanner)
- Introduction to East Asian Theologies

Research & Publication:

- “Maintaining Faith in the Chinese World,” in Joel Cabrita, David Maxwell and Emma Wild-Wood, eds., *Relocating World Christianity: Interdisciplinary Studies in Universal and Local Expressions of the Christian Faith* (Leiden: Brill, 2017), pp 213-237.



Working Report of ISCS Tongji Centre



The following lists the works of Tongji Centre from July to December 2017:

Course Offered	LENG Xin: Philosophy and Religion of Eros and Agape ZHOU Pingping: Introduction to Religious Studies
Academic Publication	ZHOU Pingping: Article: "Characteristics and Influence of Modern Chinese Catholic Newspaper", in <i>Christianity in Contemporary World</i> (Beijing: Social Sciences & Documentation Press, September 2017). XIE Zhibin: Article: "Christianity and the Theory of Social Pluralism: An Ontological Interpretation," <i>Regent Review of Christian Thought</i> 22 (2017), pp. 99-107. Article: "Why Public and Theological? The Problem of Public Theology in the Chinese Context", <i>International Journal of Public Theology</i> 11:4 (2017), pp. 381-404.
Research Topic	LENG Xin: Revival of the Trinitarian God in the 20 th Century XIE Zhibin: A Study of the Notion of Rights in Reformed Theology
Conference & Seminar	In July, ZHOU Pingping attended the International Conference on "China and the World in the view of Christianity" in Macau and presented a paper titled "Ying Lianzhi's Contribution to the Catholic Education in China in Early 20th Century." In October, Prof. Oliver Davies (ISCS professor) delivered a lecture on "The Confucian 'All Under Heaven' and Meister Eckhart's Ethical Universalism." In November, ZHOU Pingping attended "Forum on Christianity" in Beijing and presented a paper titled "The Friendship Between Ying Lianzhi and Chen Yuan".

Teaching and Research Activities on Christian Studies in the Universities of Mainland China



July to December 2017

Peking University

Course Offered	XU Fenglin: Religion and Mysticism (Mysticism of the Orthodox) XU Longfei: The Study of Christian Philosophy WU Yuping: Christian Classics, History of Christianity
Research Topic	XU Fenglin: Spiritual Theology of the Orthodox
Conference & Seminar	On 26 October, SUN Shangyang participated in the lecture by Prof. Nicolas Standaert "Chinese Christians' Voices in the Rites Controversy". SUN Shangyang gave 5 Lecturers on the History of Christian Culture in China to students at the Central Institute of Socialism. In November, XU Fenglin participated in the forum of the Christianity studies (Orthodox studies).