

Prof. TSENG Shao Kai stayed at ISCS in April 2017. Dr TSENG is currently a research fellow at Zhejiang University. The major aim of his visit was to finish the manuscript of the book of Sin and Ontology: Karl Barth's Variations on a Theme of Augustine. At the same time, he gave a lecture on "Righteousness and Mercy: the Distribution of Wealth and Economic Justice" at Reformed Evangelical Ministries R.E.M. (HK) Limited.



Prof. MA Yinmao stayed at ISCS in May 2017. Prof. MA is currently a research associate at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for his topic "Study in Russian Religious Philosophy Today".

Prof. LIU Guopeng stayed at ISCS in May 2017. Prof. LIU is currently a research fellow at Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for his topic "The Indigenization of Catholic Church in China: The Vision of History, the Contexts of Reality contexts and the Related Predicaments".



Prof. YANG Huilin stayed at ISCS from May to June 2017. Prof. YANG is currently a professor at Renmin University of China. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for article titled "Thinking Space of Polarity and Mutuality". During his visit, he completed a lecture for the Berlin Conference and Beijing Normal University talk.



Prof. LI Yaohong stayed at ISCS in June 2017. Prof. LI is currently a professor at Yunnan Minzu University. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for the article "A Study on the Thoughts and Understanding of the Christian 'Sinicization'".



Prof. QIU Yexiang stayed at ISCS in June 2017. Prof. QIU is currently an associated professor at Henan University. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for the article "A Cross-Cultural Study on Sino-Christian Literature by the Protestant Missionaries in China in 19th Century".



Prof. TANG Xiaofeng stayed at ISCS from April to May 2017. Prof. TANG is currently a research fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for his topic on "Chinese Christianity before Tang Dynasty". During his visit, he gave a lecture on "The Trends of Development of Protestant Christianity in Mainland China in the Coming Year" at Center of the Study of Religion and Chinese Society, The Chinese University of Hong Kong



Prof. CHU Xiaobai stayed at ISCS in May 2017. Prof. CHU is recently an associate professor at East China Normal University. During her visit, Prof. CHU collected materials for "The Image of Jesus Christ and the Modernity Discourses in the Republic of China".



Prof. CAO Jian stayed at ISCS in May 2017. Prof. CAO is currently an associated professor at Sun Yat-sen University. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for his topic "Esther theology, Jewish philosophy, and Jewish identity in Diaspora".



Dr. GUO Jianfu stayed at ISCS in May 2017. Dr. GUO is currently a doctoral student at Inner Mongolia Normal University. The major aim of his visit was to collect materials for his topic "Physical Education and Its Experimental Research in Tengchow College".



Visiting Students



Visiting Period: January to May 2017

XUE Lijie Doctoral student of Minzu University of China

Research Topic: The Standpoint Between Tradition and Modernity: Study on Ecclesiology of Joseph Ratzinger

Courses Taken: Inter-Religious Dialogue; Philosophy for Understanding Theology; Curriculum for Christian Education; Cults and New Religious Movements

HUANG Hangxi Doctoral student of Nankai University

Research Topic: A Study of Narratives in "Pentateuch" under the Historical and Cultural Context of the Ancient Near East

Courses Taken: Biblical Hebrew (I); English Writing; Post-Exilic Prophecy; Acts; Homiletic Practicum

JIANG Bin Master student of Henan University

Research Topic: Dante's "World Empire" with the Idea of Augustine

Courses Taken: Theology of Martin Luther; Christian Counseling Blended; Church and Society; Project Design and Research; Introduction to Worship and Liturgy; 1 Corinthians; History of Christian Spiritual; Pilgrimage

Guest Professor

In the first half of 2017, ISCS cooperated with universities in Italy and Hong Kong and arranged 5 scholars to deliver 11 lectures at Tao Fong Scholarship universities as our guest professors. The details are as follows:



Jason LAM (ISCS, Hong Kong)

| Date | University | Lecture Topic |
|----------------|---|---|
| 4 January 2017 | Sun Yat-sen University | Engaging Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Carl Schmitt in the Contemporary Chinese Context |
| 7 April 2017 | Huazhong University of Science and Technology | Heidegger on Paul |
| 10 April 2017 | Wuhan University | Can Texts from different Worlds be Read Comparatively? |
| 5 May 2017 | East China Normal University | Can Texts from different Worlds be Read Comparatively? |
| 9 May 2017 | Shandong University | Can Texts from different Worlds be Read Comparatively? |



Pan-chiu LAI (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)

| Date | University | Lecture Topic |
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| 17 June 2017 | Beijing Normal University | Reflection on Christian Forgiveness and Reconciliation through Evolutionism and Confucianism |



Milton Wan (ISCS, Hong Kong)

| Date | University | Lecture Topic |
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| 20 June 2017 | Renmin University of China | Self-transcendence in the Presence of a Significant Other: Zen Practice of Enlightenment and Christian Spiritual Guidance |



Ermis Segatti (Theological University of Northern Italy)

| Date | University | Lecture Topic |
|-------------|---|---|
| 27 May 2017 | Henan University | The Major Cultural and Artistic Characteristics of the Bible in Comparison with Classical Western Literature |
| 31 May 2017 | Huazhong University of Science and Technology | 1. Current European Philosophical Thought and Religious Thought 2. The Quest for God in Classic Western Philosophy |
| 2 June 2017 | Wuhan University | The Various and Different Cultural Grounds and Sources of the European Enlightenment |



Håkan Granberg (ISCS, Hong Kong)

| Date | University | Lecture Topic |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 27 June 2017 | Fujian Theological Seminary | Towards Harmony with Nature |

Academic Staff Members

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

Academic Activities:

- 17-19 June 2017, participated in the first Tao Fong Research Students Forum in Beijing with Director Daniel YEUNG, Academic Officer Prof. Jason LAM and Academic Committee Chairperson Prof. Pan-chiu LAI, and delivered an opening speech.
- On 20 June 2017, delivered a lecture on “Self-transcendence in the Presence of a Significant Other: Zen Practice of Enlightenment and Christian Spiritual Guidance” at Renmin University of China, which was chaired by Prof. LI Qiuling.



Research & Publication:

- Monograph: *Christians in Love: A Spiritual Reading of The Song of Songs* (HK: Chinese Christian Literature Council, 2017)

Prof. Jason LAM (Academic Officer & Research Fellow)

Academic Activities:

- 3-5 January 2017, delivered a lecture on “Engaging Carl Schmitt and Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the Contemporary Chinese Context” at the department of political science.
- 20-22 February 2017, visited Nansan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nansan University in Nagoya and participating in their internal seminar.
- 23-25 February 2017, participated in the seminar on “Sino-Christian Theology and the Formation of Chinese Public Cultural Circle” held in the University of Kobe and presented a paper.
- On 7 April 2017, delivered a lecture on “Heidegger on Paul” at the philosophy department of Huazhong University of Science and Technology.
- On 10 April 2017, delivered a lecture on “Can Texts from Different Worlds be Read Comparatively?” at the philosophy department of Wuhan University.



- On 5 May 2017, delivered a lecture on “Can Texts from Different Worlds be Read Comparatively?” at East China Normal University.
- On 8 May 2017, delivered a lecture on “Can Texts from Different Worlds be Read Comparatively?” at the department of religious studies of Shandong University.
- 16-20 June 2017, participated in the first Tao Fong Research Students Forum in Beijing and was appointed one of the judges.

Courses:

- “The Reformation Era” and “History of Christian Thought” at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Research & Publication:

- Essay: “Engaging Carl Schmitt and Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the Contemporary Chinese Context”, *Logos & Pneuma* 46 (2017): 339-374.
- Essay: “An Existential Analysis of ‘In Christ’ ”, in 25th Anniversary Special Volume of New York Theological Education Center.
- Essay: “The Significance of Bonhoeffer’s Thought for the Recent Discussion within Sino-Christian Theology”, in SUK Sung Yu & Shozo Suzuki eds., *Reading Bonhoeffer in East Asia: Asian Bonhoeffer Conference 2013* (Zurich: LIT, forthcoming 2017).

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

Academic Activities:

- In January 2017, attended the annual meeting of Society of Christian Ethics in New Orleans, USA as “international scholar” and presented a paper on “The Problem of Pluralism in Chinese Society: An Interpretation from Confucian and Christian Perspectives”.
- In January 2017, visited the Center of Theological Inquiry (Princeton) and delivered a lecture on “The Problem of Religious Freedom in China: What’s Old and New?”
- In January 2017, visited the China Initiative at Fuller Theological Seminary and delivered a public lecture on “Why Public and Theological: The Challenge of Public Theology in the Chinese Context.”
- In June 2017, delivered a keynote lecture on “Christian Encounter with Religious Pluralism and Public Life in the Chinese Context: A Contribution of Abraham Kuyper’s Common Grace” at the 12th International IRTI (International Reformed Theological Institute) Conference “Public Theology in Plural Contexts” at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong.



Courses:

- Undergraduate course on “Classics on Christian Philosophy” and graduate course on “Special Topics on European Christian Philosophy” at Tongji University.

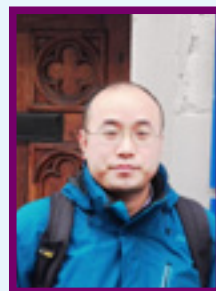
Research & Publication:

- Completed a research project on “Western Christian Social Ethics since the Midst of 20th Century”.

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

Academic Activities:

- Doctoral thesis is awarded Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise 2017.
- On 30 March 2017, participated in the Consultation on Dialogue between Christianity and Confucianism at Tsinghua University, and presented a paper on “Christian Concept of God and Dialogue between Christianity and Confucianism”.
- On 14 April 2017, hosted the ENU-BNU Interdisciplinary Workshop on Theory and Society (2): Forum on Reform and Reformation, Presentation: Why and How The 500th Anniversary of Reformation Could be Celebrated?
- On 15 April 2017, hosted ENU-BNU Interdisciplinary Workshop on Theory and Society (3): Charles Taylor’s A Catholic Modernity?
- On 12 May 2017, delivered a speech on “Barth and Kant” at Nankai University.
- On 27 May 2017, participated in the Consultation of Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award Winners at the University of Heidelberg, and presenting a paper on “Barth and Kant: A Possible Approach to Understanding the Theology of Karl Barth”.
- During 9-11 June 2017, hosted BNU-Furen Workshop on Chinese Philosophy and Religion: Charles Taylor’s Sources of the Self.
- On 28 June 2017, delivered a lecture on “Barth and Kant with Special Focus on Barth’s Critic of Religion” at Beijing Normal University.
- During 10-14 July 2017, participated in the Consultation about Theology in Dialogue at China Graduate of School in Hong Kong.



Courses:

- Undergraduate course on “Introduction into Christian History and Thought”, “Introduction into Greek Philosophy”, postgraduate course on “Karl Barth’s An Introduction into Evangelical Theology” at Beijing Normal University.

Research & Publication:

- Completed a research project: “Barth and Kant”.

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

Academic Activities:

- During 6-11 June 2017, participated in the second editorial conference on “History of Christianity in China: An Intercultural Perspective” at Shandong University.
- During January to June 2017, edited and published No. 8, *Journal of Research for Christianity in China*.



Courses:

- undergraduate course on “History of Western Christianity”, postgraduate course on “Selected Readings of History of Christianity in China” at Shanghai University.

Research & Publication:

- Edited “Research for Christianity in China”, No.8 2017
- Essay: “The Great Dao is for the Universal World since the Original Time”: New Research on Confucian Christian Li Zubai in Early Qing, *Sino-Christian Studies* 23 (2017):135-176.
- Monograph: *Comments and Revision on Chinese Translation of Summa Theologica* (co-author with GUO Jianbin) (Nanjing: Fenghuang Publishing House, 2017).

Prof. Christian Meyer (Guest Research Fellow in Germany)

Academic Activities:

- 9-11 June 2017, organizing an international conference „From Trustworthiness to Secular Beliefs – Changing Concepts of xin (信) from Traditional to Modern Chinese” at the Department of East Asian Studies, of Freie Universität Berlin.
- 9-11 June 2017, presented papers “Global Genealogies of ‘Religion’ – Western and Chinese Histories of ‘Faith’ and ‘Xin’. A Preliminary Overview” (Introduction) and “Xin (yang) in Introductory Works of History of Religions / Comparative Religions in Late Qing and Republican Periods” at the international conference “From Trustworthiness to Secular Beliefs”.



Courses:

- Undergraduate course on “The Confucian’ Classics. An Introduction: Basics, Traditions and their Reception in Modern Times”, language course of “Classical Chinese”, Undergraduate colloquium on “Methodical, Empirical and Practical Approaches in China Studies”, “Religions in China”, postgraduate seminar on “ ‘Syncretic’ Religious Groups in China - From the Qing Dynasty to Falun Gong”, at Institute of East Asian Studies, Sinology, Free University of Berlin (Freie Universität Berlin)

Prof. Chloë Starr (Guest Research Fellow in USA)

Academic Activities:

- 16-19 March 2017, presenting paper at Association of Asian Studies meeting, Toronto on “1951: An Invitation to Sacrifice” for the panel “Sacrificing for the Nation and Beyond: Recentering the Religious in the Modern Chinese Revolution”



Courses:

- “Chinese and Japanese Christian Literature” and “The Chinese Theologians” at Yale University Divinity School

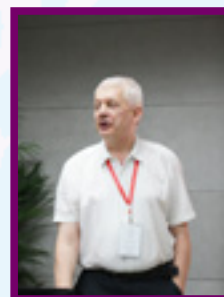
Research & Publication:

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Prof. Håkan Granberg (ISCS Professor)

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