



70th Anniversary of the School of Liberal Arts, Tongji University



During 13-17 May 2016 Director Daniel Yeung was invited to join the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the School of Liberal Arts, Tongji University and the connected conference. He delivered a speech on “Sino-Christian Studies and Humanities” and participated in the annual board meeting. He also met the faculty members and Tao Fong Scholarship students.

Lecture on “Faith and National Consciousness”



On 15 March 2016 ISCS organized a public lecture with the Center for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. The speaker was Prof. CHEN Caijun, our then visiting scholar and professor from Jinan University. His topic was “Faith and National Consciousness: the Value Judgment of Chinese Christian Intellectuals in the Late Qing Dynasty”. Prof. LEUNG Yuen-sang, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Chinese University of Hong Kong responded to the lecture. There were many attendants from local and Mainland academia and a heated discussion followed.

Launching of the Teaching Kit for “Global Ethics: Moral and Life Education”



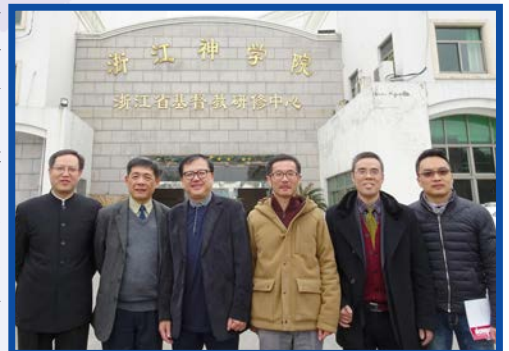
On 18 Mar 2016 about 100 school principals and teachers gathered at the Education University of Hong Kong to join the launching ceremony of the teaching kit for “Global Ethics: Moral and Life Education”. This event was jointly hosted by ISCS, Education University, Roundtable, and Global Ethic Foundation. A set of a 2-volume teaching kit for moral, civil and national education for primary school was launched in the event. The kit is designed to cover the 8 ethical elements suggested by Global Ethic with 40 teaching cases. All cases are accompanied with comics and dramas to encourage lively teaching. The entire program is supported by the Quality Education Fund.

Visit to Institutes in East China



Our research fellow Prof. Jason Lam visited several institutes in East China during the mid of March 2016. He arrived at Shanghai on 17 March. Besides supervising his doctoral students in Tongji University, he delivered two lectures on “From Autonomy to Theonomy? On the Return of the Sacred in the Post-Enlightenment Era” and “Heidegger on Paul” at Fudan University and East China Normal University respectively.

On 21 March he joined Director Daniel Yeung in Hangzhou and delivered a lecture on “Can Scriptures of Different Religions be Compared?” at the Institute of Christianity and Cross-



cultural Studies, Zhejiang University. They visited Zhejiang Theological Seminary the next day and Mr. Yeung delivered a lecture on Sino-Christian Theology.

Lecture on “The Birth of a New Religious Community”



On 19 April 2016, ISCS cooperated with the University of Hong Kong to hold a lecture on “The Birth of a New Religious Community: An Ethnographic Study of the Confucian Community”. The speaker, Prof. CHEN Na, was then ISCS’ visiting scholar and Research Fellow of Fudan Development Institute at Fudan University. Participants included students and scholars from Hong Kong, China and overseas and their discussion was lively.

Visit to Wuhan University

Our research fellow Prof. Jason Lam was invited by Wuhan University to assist in their oral defense of doctoral students by the end of May 2016.



He also delivered a lecture on “Divine Wrath or Human Passion: From the Debate of Löwith and Blumenberg to Gnosticism”. The event was chaired by Prof. SU Dechao and the participants included Prof. ZHAO Lin, Prof. YANG Yunfei, Prof. CHENG Yong, Dr. JIN Zhiqian, Dr. ZHANG Yuntao and students from different departments. They had a vivid discussion.

Conference on “The Theological Turn of Phenomenology”

The Institute for Phenomenology at Nanjing University was established in 2016 and a conference on “The Theological Turn of Phenomenology” was hosted during 18-19 June. Our research fellow Prof. Jason Lam was invited to join the event and present a paper on “An Interpretation



of the Dual Theological Gifford Lectures by Paul Ricoeur as a Case

Study of His Phenomenological Search of Self-Identity”. The conference covered many thinkers related to the topic. 13 experts from 11 higher institutes in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Mainland participated in the event. The atmosphere was friendly and all expected more interaction in the future.

Internal Seminar for Visiting Scholars and Students in Spring 2016



From Jan to Jun 2016, a series of seminars was held for the visiting scholars and students to provide a chance for academic discussion

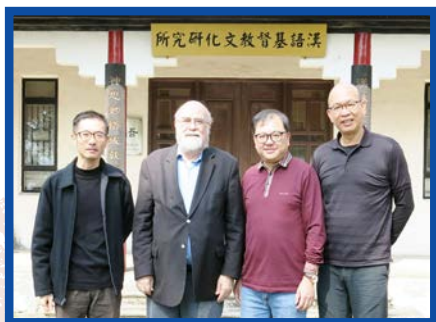
and supervision. The topics of the presented papers are as follows:

Name	University	Position	Topic
ZHANG Shiyang	Nankai University	Professor	The Transformation of the Concept of Atonement in Europe: Taking Indulgence as an Example
CHEN Caijun	Jinan University	Professor	Faith and National Consciousness: the Value Judgment of Chinese Christian Intellectuals in the Late Qing Dynasty
OU Guangan	Shihezi University	Associate Professor	A Brief Survey of Bible Literature Studies in Mainland China: the Example of Liu Yiqing and Wang Lixin
Yosuke Matsutani	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science	Research Fellow	Heroes or Traitors?: Chinese Christian Leaders under the Japanese Occupation during World War II
HUANG Wei	Shanghai University	Lecturer	Introduction to Genesis
CHEN Na	Fudan University	Research Fellow	Beyond Equivalence: A Study of Cultural Barriers in Intercultural Communication
JIANG Manke	Humboldt University Berlin	Doctoral Student	Religion and Individuality: The Concept of Religion in Schleiermacher’s Early Romantic Works
SHANG Wenhua	Shandong University	Doctoral Student	The Development of the Concept of Freedom in Modern Western Philosophy
XU Qinqin	Zhejiang University	Doctoral Student	On Emotions and Apatheia by Evagrius Ponticus
HUANG Xiaohua	Henan University	Doctoral Student	Job from the Viewpoint of Power in Postmodernity
Aleksandrs Dmitrenko	City University of Hong Kong	Doctoral Student	Research on Boxer Rebellion
LIU Jing	Heilongjian University	Doctoral Student	Transition Choice: The Development Trend and Challenges of the Chinese Missionary University and Its Philosophy Education



Visit of Prof. Robert Schreiter

On 8 January 2016 the renowned theologian Prof. Robert Schreiter from Catholic Theological Union at Chicago visited



ISCS through the introduction of Prof. Peter Choy, the chairperson of our director board and the Dean of the Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology & Philosophy. Director Daniel Yeung and Prof. Jason Lam welcomed the guests and introduced them the recent development of Christian studies in Mainland China and our ministries.

Visit to European Institutes



During 14-20 January 2016 Director Daniel Yeung visited several European institutes. First

he visited Areopagos Foundation, sharing with them our recent ministries. He took the chance to visit the School of Mission and Theology at Stavanger, introducing them to our work and explored the possibility of future cooperation. The founder of Tao Fong Shan, Karl Reichelt, was an alumni of this institute and the institute is now transformed to VID University.

Afterwards Mr. Yeung travelled to Amsterdam for visiting the Free University and joining the meeting of the International Reformed Theological Institute. He introduced the idea of the Sino-Christian theology movement and discussed cooperating in hosting an international conference for Reformed theology in Hong Kong in 2017. Lastly he visited



Tilburg University and our overseas scholarship student BAI Junxiao.

Visit of Japanese Scholars

On 23 February 2016 Prof. Yutaka MORISHIMA from the School of Cultural & Creative Studies at Aoyama



Gakuin University visited ISCS through Yosuke Matsutani, our then visiting scholar, research fellow of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. Prof. Morishima is interested in contextual theology and exchanged ideas with our academic officer, Prof. Jason Lam, on the Sino-Christian theology movement.

Visit of Mission 21



On 4 May 2016 Ms. Katharina Gfeller, Program Officer of Mission 21 from Basel (formerly the Basel Mission) visited ISCS

with Prof. Tobias Brandner, their missionary in Hong Kong. Director Daniel Yeung and Prof. Jason Lam introduced them to the development of Christian studies in China and our ministries and explored the possibilities of future cooperation. Jason then visited Mission 21 in July, when he participated at a conference in Basel; both sides developed deeper understanding. Prof. Brandner's *Tradition, Transmission, Transformation: A Critical History of Christianity from the Time of Jesus to the Eve of the Reformation* was published by us in September 2016.





Visiting Scholars



From Jan to Jun 2016, ISCS hosted 10 visiting scholars.

Prof. ZHANG Shiyong stayed at ISCS from January to February 2016. Prof. Zhang is currently Associate Professor of Philosophy at Nankai University. During the visit, Prof. Zhang collected materials for the research topic “The Transformation of the Concept of Atonement in Europe – Taking Indulgence as an Example” and completed the draft.

Prof CHEN Yuehua stayed at ISCS in January 2016. Prof. Chen is currently Associate Professor of Philosophy at Zhejiang University. During the visit, Prof. Chen collected materials for the research topic “The Theology of Philo: its Platonic Background and Christian Acceptance”.

Prof. CHEN Caijun stayed at ISCS from January to April 2016. Prof. Chen is currently Professor of Philosophy at Jinan University. During the visit, Prof. Chen collected materials for the research topic “Faith Consciousness: Christian in the Late Qing Dynasty” and completed the draft of “Faith and National Consciousness: the Value Judgment of Chinese Christian Intellectuals in the Late Qing Dynasty”. Prof. Chen also delivered a lecture at Instituto Cultural de Governo da R.A.E. de Macau on topic “Letters from China: Robert Bannet Forbes and Macao.” In addition, Prof. Chen presented a paper entitled “Faith and National Consciousness: the Value Judgment of Chinese Christian Intellectuals in the Late Qing Dynasty” at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Prof. OU Guangan stayed at ISCS from February to March 2016. Prof. Ou is currently Associate Professor of School of Foreign Languages at Shihezi University. During the visit, Prof. Ou collected materials for the research topic “Study on David Jasper’s Thoughts” and finished the draft.

Prof. Yosuke MATSUTANI stayed at ISCS from February to April 2016. Prof. Matsutani is currently Research Fellow at Japan Society for the Promotion of



Science. During the visit, Prof. Matsutani collected materials for the research topic “Sino-Christian Theologians and the Church under the Hong Kong-Mainland Conflict”.

Dr. JIANG Manke stayed at ISCS from February to April 2016. Dr. Jiang just graduated from the Department of Philosophy at Humboldt University Berlin. During the visit, Dr. Jiang collected materials for the research topic “Schleiermacher’s Concept of the Church in his Cultural Theory”. At the same time, she was translating Schleiermacher’s *Brief Outline of the Study on Theology*.

Prof. David JASPER stayed at ISCS in March 2016. Prof. Jasper is currently Professor Emeritus of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Glasgow. At the same time, Prof. Jasper designed an exchange program for Chinese pastors with our director Daniel Yeung.

Dr. Alison JASPER stayed at ISCS in March 2016. Dr. Jasper is currently Senior Lecturer of Religion of the School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Stirling. During the visit, Dr. Jasper collected materials for her research topic “Scottish Women on a Mission”.

Prof. CHEN Na stayed at ISCS from April to June 2016. Prof. Chen is currently Research Fellow of Fudan Development Institute at Fudan University. During the visit, Prof. Chen collected materials for the research topic “A Comparative Study of Religion and Superstition”. Prof. Chen also gave a lecture on “The Birth of a Religious Group: An Ethnographic Study of Cultural Barrier in Intercultural Communication” at the University of Hong Kong. In addition, Prof. Chen presented a paper “The Revival of Folk Religion in China: The Case of the Confucian Congregation” at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Dr. HUANG Wei stayed at ISCS from April to June 2016. Dr. Huang is currently Lecturer of History at Shanghai University. During the visit, Dr. Huang collected materials for the research topic: “Textbook of Bible: Pentateuch”.

Visiting Students



Visiting Period: From Jan to May 2016

WANG Xiaohua Master student of Henan University

Research Topic: The Different Concept of Sin and Punishment in Job

Course Taken: Introduction to Church History

TAN Qiusa Master student of Shaanxi Normal University

Research Topic: Christian University Students in Yinchuan

Course Taken: Introduction to Christian Theology, Theology of Martin Luther, Introduction to Church History, Ezekiel

XU Qinqin Doctoral student of Zhejiang University

Research Topic: Evagrius Ponticus on Apatheia: Comparison with the Stoics

Course Taken: Christian Spirituality in the 21st Century between Contextualization, Introduction to Church History

SHANG Wenhua Doctoral student of Shandong University

Research Topic: Freedom and World

Course Taken: Introduction to Christian Theology, Introduction to Church History

LIU Jing Doctoral student of Heilongjiang University

Research Topic: Changes of Eras and Transformations of Doctrines: the Formation, Differentiation and Recombination Based on the Community of Contemporary Chinese Philosophers

LI Yufei Doctoral student of Heilongjiang University

Research Topic: Field and Conversion: A Study on Conversion

Guest Professor

In the first half of 2016 ISCS cooperated with scholars from Norway, USA and Denmark to lecture at Tao Fong Scholarship universities as our guest professors. The details are as follows:



Jason LAM (ISCS)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
17 March, 2016	Fudan University	From Autonomy to Theonomy? On the Return of the Sacred in the Post-Enlightenment Era
18 March, 2016	East China Normal University	Heidegger on Paul
21 March, 2016	Zhejiang University	Can Scriptures of Different Religions be Compared?
30 May, 2016	Wuhan University	Divine Wrath or Human Passion: From the Debate of Löwith and Blumenberg to Gnosticism



Daniel YEUNG (ISCS)

Date	University	Lecture Topic
22 March, 2016	Zhejiang Theological Seminary	Sino-Christian Theology