

Other Activities

Conferences of the Koinonia of Chinese Theologians



In 2015, the Koinonia of Chinese Theologians organized two seminars. The first one was held on 10 Jan., at Chung Chi Divinity School, Chinese University of Hong Kong, on the topic “Theological Ethics in Context and the Ethics of Theological Context”. The second one was held on 12 Dec., at the City Campus of Alliance Bible Seminary, in Hong Kong. Participants came from different higher institutes and churches. Our research fellow, Prof. Jason Lam,

is the secretary of the Koinonia. He participated in both seminars, and delivered an essay entitled “Thoughts on a Phenomenology of Divine Community: A Heideggerian Discourse in Dialogue with Dietrich Bonhoeffer”.



Visit to Fujian Higher Institutes

In the latter half of 2015, Director Daniel Yeung was invited to visit Fujian Normal University and Fujian Theological Seminary. He delivered a series of lectures on “Sino-Christian Theology” in the latter institute.



Visit to Chongqing and Sichuan

19-27 March, 2015, research fellow Prof. Jason Lam was invited to deliver lectures in Chongqing and Sichuan. He first visited the faculty members at the School of Political Science and Public Administration, Southwest University in Chongqing and discussed cooperation with ISCS in promoting religious studies. A lecture on “Hermeneutics and the Human Sciences” was offered in the department of philosophy. He also shared his ideas with the research students in a seminar on “From Autonomy to Theonomy?” Afterwards Prof. Lam visited Sichuan University and

delivered a lecture on “The Religious Dimension of Paul Ricoeur” at the Centre for Christian Studies.



Lectures on “Chinese Christianity Revisited”

Prof. HE Guanghu from Renmin University of China was our 2015 Resident Professor. He was invited by the Centre for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Hong Kong Baptist University to deliver lectures on “Chinese Christianity Revisited” on 1 and 22 April, 2015, respectively. As he is a pioneer of Sino-Christian theology, there were many participants who came to listen to him. In the event hosted by the Chinese University, Director Daniel Yeung was invited to be the conveyor, and Prof. FANG Xudong the respondent.



Visit of the Holy Spirit Seminary

On 10 May, 2015, a group of 25 lecturers and students from the Holy Spirit Seminary visited ISCS. Director Daniel Yeung received them and introduced our ministry. Prof. DAI Jing, our visiting scholar at that time, shared on “The Concept of Sabbath in Judaism and Marxism”.



International Conference on Jingjiao

10-12 June, 2015, Director Daniel Yeung and Prof. Jason Lam were invited to participate in the International Conference on Jingjiao, organized by the University of Hong Kong. During the preparation period, ISCS recommended Chinese scholars to the organizing committee, and assisted in contacting the Assyrian Church of the East.

New Book Launch at the Hong Kong Book Fair

On 18 July, 2015, Director Daniel Yeung and Prof. Milton Wan hosted the launch of his new book *On Human Goodness and Evil* at the Hong Kong Book Fair.



The Inauguration of the Jiangxi Branch of the Institute for Religious Studies, Minzu University



From 21 to 25 July, 2015, Director Daniel Yeung attended the inauguration ceremony of the Jiangxi branch of the Institute for Religious Studies, Minzu University in Nanchang, Jiangxi. The branch was co-established by the Institute for Religious Studies, Minzu University and the Ethnic and Religious Affairs Bureau of Jiangxi Province, for the purpose of facilitating Christian churches in Jiangxi to set up a Field Work Database. This database will enhance research on the culture and history of religions in Jiangxi Province.

The Visit of the Summer School of Chung Chi Divinity School

On 11 Aug, 2015, a group of 45 students from the Summer School of Chung Chi Divinity School, of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, led by our distinguished professor Dr. Milton Wan, visited our institute. Our research fellow, Prof. Jason Lam, introduced them to our ministry, and to the beautiful scenery of Tao Fong Shan. Afterwards Prof. SUN Shangyang of Peking University, and Prof. XIAO Qinghe of Shanghai



University, delivered speeches on “Civil Religion and Sino-Christian Theology” and “Research Plan on Sino-Christian Classics at Shanghai University”.

Visit to Higher Institutes in Guangzhou

During 21-24 Sept., 2015, Director Daniel Yeung and Prof. Jason Lam visited higher institutes in Guangzhou. On 21 Sept., they visited the Department of Philosophy at Sun Yat-sen University, where Prof. Lam gave a talk on “From Autonomy to Theonomy? On the Return of the ‘Sacred’ in the Post-Enlightenment Era”. They also had delightful exchanges with professors that ISCS has been working with for years. On 22 Sept., Director Yeung and Prof. Lam visited Guangzhou Union Theological Seminary, where Prof. Lam gave a talk on “The Jewish Faith Reflected in the New Testament” which generated further interest from the audience. On 23 Sept., Director Yeung visited the Department of History at Jinan University and gave a talk on “Modernity, Social Change and Sino-Christian Studies”. The audience was interested in how Sino-Christian theology is viewed through the lens of a wider social context.



Visit to Beijing



Research Fellow Prof. Jason Lam visited several higher institutes in Beijing when he participated in a conference in October. In the afternoon of 26 Oct, Prof. Lam was invited by the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Minzu University to deliver a lecture on “Can the Texts of Different Worlds be Read Comparatively?” In the evening he visited the Capital Normal University and shared with research students from the departments of literature and philosophy on “Hermeneutics, Reading Texts, and Comparative Classics” in a seminar.

Seminar on “KANG Youwei and Christianity”

On 11 Nov., 2015, the Centre for the Study of Religion and Chinese Society, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and ISCS co-organized a seminar on “KANG Youwei and Christianity”. The speakers of the event were Prof. ZHOU Weichi from the Chinese Academy of Social



Sciences, and Prof. TANG Wenming from Tsinghua University. Director Daniel Yeung chaired the event, and many participants came to hear what the professors had to say.

International Conference on “The Way of Indigenization of Chinese Christianity”

From 19 to 22 Nov., 2015, Prof. Håkan Granberg attended the international conference on “The Way of Indigenization of Chinese Christianity” hosted in Beijing by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Association of Chinese Religions, and the CCC/TSPM. He delivered an essay on “The Church and Nature”.

Forum on “The Social Function and Influence of Christianity in Contemporary China”



From 23 to 26 Nov., 2015, Director Daniel Yeung attended the 11th Forum on “The Social Function and Influence of Christianity in Contemporary China”, which was jointly organized by the Liaison Office of the Central Government, and Fudan University, with the purpose of promoting dialogue between scholars, church leaders and officials. Director Daniel Yeung presented a topic on “The Emergence and Influence of Sino-Christian Theology in Contemporary Chinese Academia”. Attendants expressed interest and congratulated ISCS for its achievements over the last 20 years.

Sino-Philosophy and Theology Workshop

From 5 to 6 Dec., 2015, Prof. Jason Lam was invited to participate in the “Sino-Philosophy and Theology Workshop” co-organized by Beijing Normal University and Taiwan Fujen Catholic University. Other speakers at

this event included Dr. QU Xutong of Beijing Normal University, Prof. HU Jihua of Beijing International



Studies University, and Prof. CHIN Ken-Pa of Taiwan Fujen Catholic University. The workshop lasted for one and a half days, and was divided into six sections. The participants intensively read Heidegger’s Phenomenology of Religious Life and were impressed with the style of the workshop. Prof. Lam also delivered a lecture on “Paul Ricoeur on the Constitution of Narrative Identity” in the newly established Institute of Christian Literature of the university.

Inauguration Ceremony of the Institute for Ethics and Religions Studies

On 10 Dec., 2015, Director Daniel Yeung attended the inauguration ceremony of the Institute for Ethics and Religions Studies (IERS), Tsinghua University, and the associated academic forum. He presented a speech on



the topic “Jingjiao Studies and Sino-Christian Studies”. Director Yeung was appointed a member

of the academic committee of IERS. He expressed a wish to closely collaborate with the IERS centres, including the Center for Confucian Studies, Center for Greek & Roman Philosophy & Religion, Center for Studies of Political Ethics & Global Ethics and Center for Assyrian Christianity & Chinese Religion.

Internal Seminar for Visiting Scholars and Students in 2015

From Jan. to Dec. 2015, a series of seminars was held for the visiting scholars and students at ISCS to provide a chance for academic discussion and supervision. The topics of the papers which were presented are as follows:

Name	University	Position	Topic
HUANG Yun	Nanjing University	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	A Comparative Study of Confucian and Christian Political Thought in 16-17th Centuries
FANG Xudong	East China Normal University	Professor	A Comparative Study of Christian and Confucian Bioethics: Focus on the Issue of Animal
HE Guanghu	Renmin University of China	Professor	Between the Heaven and the Human: A Reflection on Sino-Christian Theology in the Last 20 Years
GAO Shining	Renmin University of China	Professor	The Development of Contemporary Chinese Christianity
DAI Jing	Central China Normal University	Lecture	Marxist Free Labour from the Meaning of the Day of Worship
WANG Jun	Zhejiang University	Associate Professor	What is the Philosophical Hermetic?

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SUN Shangyang	Peking University	Professor	A Comparison between the Missions of Matteo Ricci and Karl Reichelt
XIAO Qinghe	Shanghai University	Associate Professor	Studies of Apologetics in Late Ming and Early Qing Catholicism
FAN Jing	Shaanxi Normal University	Lecture	Religious Dialogues between Christian Missionaries and Chinese Muslims since 20 th Century
ZHAO Qi	Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences	Research Assistant	Thomas Aquinas on Friendship
TANG Wenming	Tsinghua University	Professor	The Understanding of the East-West Exchange Issues from Modern Confucian Scholars

Academic Exchange

Visitors from J. F. Oberlin University, Tokyo

On 3 March, 2015, Rev. Daiei Inoue, director of the Institute for Christian Studies, and lecturer Dr. XUE Enfeng of J. F. Oberlin University, Tokyo visited ISCS.



Director Daniel Yeung and Prof. Jason Lam shared with their thoughts on the contemporary development of Christian studies in Mainland China. Together with Japanese scholar Rev. Dr. Yosuke MATSUTANI and Prof. KIM Seung Chul from Nanzan University, they visited the Chung Chi Divinity School, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and other local Christian organizations.

Visit by Taiwan Church Press

In the afternoon of 23 March, 2015, the Taiwan Church Press visited ISCS. Director Daniel Yeung received them with our publication department colleagues. The Taiwan Church Press is our major distributor in Taiwan and has worked with us for many years. The visiting group of more than 10 people, including their colleagues and board members, was led by their director Rev.



FANG Lan-ting. We shared with them our ministry, and the development of Sino-Christian theology, as well as exchanged ideas about Christian publication.

Visit to Prof. Philip Wickeri

On 21 April, 2015, Director Daniel Yeung, accompanied by Prof. Jason Lam, Prof. HE Guanghu and Prof. GAO Shining, visited Rev. Prof. Philip Wickeri, and Dr. Rowena



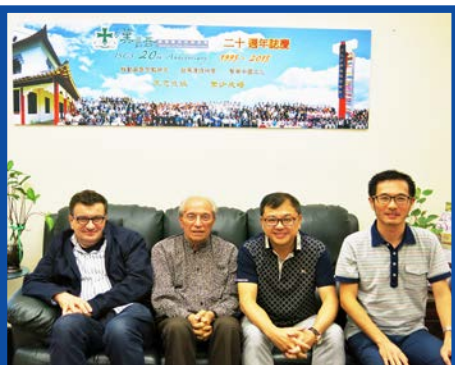
Chen, prominent scholars in Chinese Church history, to discuss future cooperation. Prof. Wickeri is professor at the Sheng Kung Hui Ming Hua Theological College. He is also



advisor to the Archbishop of SKH (i.e. Anglican Dioceses) in Hong Kong. Prof. Wickeri's office is located in a heritage building. He fondly showed us some precious historic documents, making our visit most rewarding.

Visit by Italian Scholars

On 29 May, 2015, Prof. Gianni Criviller and Prof. Ernise Segatti, old friends of ISCS, visited ISCS. Prof. Segatti, a long-time guest professor of ISCS, often travels in the Mainland representing ISCS lecturing in universities. In this visit to ISCS, he and ISCS reaffirmed the importance of the work of guest professors.



Visit to Mr. ZHOU Yihong

On 3 June, 2015, Director Daniel Yeung, and Mr. Jacob Wong, manager of Tao Fong Shan Service Unit, visited Mr. ZHOU Yihong, one of the first-generation porcelain painters at Tao Fong Shan. Mr. Zhou, who was a good friend of the great Chinese painting master ZHENG Daqian, worked at Tao Fong Shan in the 1950s and 60s, and helped to set up the porcelain painting department. The famous wall relief near the Tao Fong Shan parking lot, depicting the scenery of Tao Fong Shan and Shatin, was one of his masterpieces.



Visit by Prof. Enoch WAN



On 3 June, 2015, Prof. CHOI Ting-pong, member of the ISCS Board of Directors, brought Prof. Enoch Wan to ISCS for a visit. Prof. Wan, a senior scholar in cross-cultural studies, was one of the earliest attendants of our Roundtable Symposium

on Sino-Christian Theology. Prof. Choi and Prof. Wan have been life-long friends from childhood, and each has, in their own way, been serving and contributing to the church and academic communities.

Visit by Prof. Duane Olson

On 14 July, 2015, Dr. Keith Chan of Hong Kong Baptist University brought Prof. Duane Olson, chairman of the Paul Tillich Association in North America, for a visit. We had a lively and profound discussion on Sino-Christian Theology. It is our sincere hope that Prof. Olson will collaborate with ISCS in the future.

Visit by Rev. Dr. Simone Sinn

On 8 Sept., 2015, Rev. Dr. Simone Sinn, the Study Secretary for Public Theology and Interreligious Relations of the Lutheran World Federation, came for a visit. Director Daniel Yeung shared with him his views on Sino-Christian Theology and what has been achieved in the last 20 years. They hoped to have more interaction and co-operation in the future.

Visit by Prof. Kohara Katsuhiko

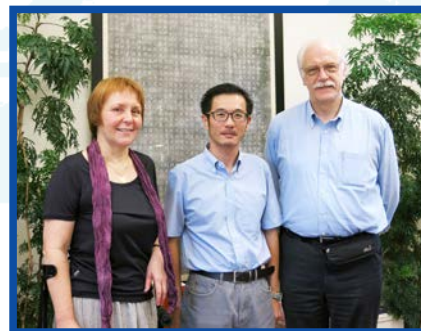
On 29 Oct., 2015, Prof. Kohara Katsuhiko, a close friend and Japanese partner of ISCS, and the director of the Center for Study of Conscience at Doshisha University in Japan, came for a visit with his doctoral student Mr. LI Jianfeng. We discussed the arrangement for visiting scholars of ISCS to undertake resident programs in Kyoto, for the year 2016.



Visit by The Pro-vice Chancellor of Tongji University

On 18 Nov., 2015, Prof. JIANG Bo, Pro-vice Chancellor of Tongji University in Shanghai, visited Hong Kong. He, together with the Board members of the School of Humanities, paid a visit to ISCS. The Board members expressed to Prof. Jiang their ideas and expectations with respect to the School of Humanities.

Colleagues from China Zentrum



On 23 Nov., 2015, Rev. Martin Welling and Katharina Wenzel-Teuber, colleagues from China Zentrum, Sankt Augustin, visited ISCS. Prof. Jason Lam introduced them to the contemporary

development of Christian studies in Mainland China, and to ISCS ministry. We have had a long-term friendship with China Zentrum, and expect continued good cooperation in the future.