

University and presented a paper “How Love is Possible: A Christian Approach to the Problem of Social Justice in China”.

- Nov. 2015 attended the 6th Roundtable Symposium of Sino-Christian Studies, organized by ISCS and Tongji University, and presented a paper “Love and Justice: A Study in the Relationship between Christianity and Legal Thought”.

Teaching Courses:

- Sept. to Dec. 2015 taught the undergraduate course “Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion” at Tongji University.
- Nov. 2015 taught the course “Public Theology: An Introduction” for the Graduate Class of Pastors at Nanjing Union Theological Seminary.

Research & Publication:

- Article: “Religious Diversity and Religious Tolerance”, *Monthly Review of Philosophy and Culture* 42:6 (2015), 169-184.

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



Academic Activities:

- 18 Feb. 2015 German Dissertation honoured by Gesellschaft für Evangelische Theologie with Ernst Wolf Preis, Berlin.
- 20 Feb. 2015 visited Senior Prof. Dr. Michael Welker, Forschungszentrum International und Interdisziplinäre Theologie, University of Heidelberg.
- 11 March 2015 was invited to deliver a lecture on “More Free than Liberal Theology: Theological Differences between Karl Barth’s Theology and Liberal Theology from the Viewpoint of Karl Barth’s Discussion on the Sachlichkeit and Wissenschaftlichkeit of Theology” at Renmin University of China, Beijing.
- July 2015 participated in the intensive seminar on Karl Barth’s *Einführung in die Evangelische Theologie* organized by the China Graduate School of Theology, Hong Kong.
- 6-8 Nov. 2015 presented a paper on “Martin Luther’s Heidelberg Disputation and His Theology of the Cross” at the Workshop on Martin Luther’s Theology of the Cross: Text and Context organized by Hong Kong Lutheran Theological Seminary.
- 27-29 Nov. 2015 presented a paper on “Martin Luther’s Copernican Revolution: His Heidelberg Disputation and the Theology of the Cross” at the 6th Symposium of Sino-Christian Studies, organized by ISCS and Tongji University in Shenzhen.
- 5-6 Dec. 2015 co-organized the Beijing Normal

University-Fujian Catholic University Workshop on Sino Philosophy and Theology with the focus on Heidegger and Paul, giving two presentations of Martin Heidegger’s *Phaenomenologie des religiösen Lebens*.

- 18-21 Dec. 2015 visited Taiwan Theological Seminary and was invited to deliver two guest lectures, one on “Aristoteles’s Metaphysics” and the other on “Karl Barth’s Political Theology” at Fujen Catholic University, Taipei.

Teaching Courses:

- Reading Group at Beijing Normal University on Karl Barth’s *Einführung in die Evangelische Theologie*.

Research & Publication:

- Article: “In the Drawing power of Goethe’s Sun: A Preliminary Investigation into Goethe Reception of Albert Schweitzer”, (This title is confusing. Presumably it is Schweitzer’s reception of Goethe, not the other way round as Goethe died long before Schweitzer was born!) in *Schweitzer Reassessed: Unity and Diversity in the Life and Thought of Albert Schweitzer*, ed. by James Carleton Paget and Michael James Thate (forthcoming).
- Article: “Between Philology and Philosophy”, *Foreign Philosophy* 29, pp. 31-39.
- Article: “Universality and Specialty: Theological Difference between Paul Tillich and Karl Barth based on Their Controversy in 1923”, *Logos & Pneuma* 43 (2015), pp. 151-178.
- Article: “The Polyphone of the New Testament and the Diversity of the Research Approaches: Gerd Theißen’s New Testament Studies”, *Biblical Literature Studies* vol. 10, pp. 29-60.
- Article: “Specialty and Universality: A Preliminary Investigation into Karl Barth’s Hermeneutic Decision in the Forewords to the First Three Versions of His Commentary on Romans”, *Logos & Pneuma* 42 (2015), 69-83.

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

Academic Activities:

- 8 July. - 22 Aug. 2015 staying at ISCS as visiting scholar and giving a presentation on “Defense and Interpretation: Catholic Apologetic Thought in Late Ming and Early Qing Dynasties” at the internal seminar.



- 24 July 2015 attending the inauguration ceremony of the Institute of Religious Studies, Minzu University of China (Jiangxi Branch) and the associated “The Reader of Sinocization of Christianity” Seminar, in Nanchang, Jiangxi and presenting a paper.
- 19-20 Sept. 2015 participating in the conference of “Comparative Scriptures and Religious Dialogue” organized by Fudan University and presenting a paper.
- 16-19 Oct. 2015 organized (with the Matteo Ricci Institute at Macereta) and conveyed the 3rd Workshop on Catholicism in Ming and Qing Dynasties at Shanghai University.

Teaching Courses:

- 2015 taught “History of Western Christianity”, “History of Christianity in China during Ming and Qing”, “Christianity and Sino-Western Culture” and “Selected Readings on the History of Christianity in China” at Shanghai University.

Research & Publication:

- Monograph: *Association of Heaven and Our Party: On the Catholic Community during Late Ming and Early Qing* (in Chinese) (Beijing: Zhonghua Book Store, 2015).
- Monograph: *Selected Writings of Catholic ZHANG Xingyao during Early Qing* (in Chinese, comments) (Taiwan Olive Publishing, 2015).
- Article: “Cultural Exchange between China and The West in the 17th Century from a Cultural-Psychological Perspective: A Review of Europe Meets China, China Meets Europe”, *Ching Feng* 14 (2015): 95-106.
- Article: “New Researches on Literati GUO Zizhang and his Relationship with Catholicism during Late Ming Dynasty”, *Regent Review of Christian Thoughts* 20(2015): 174-191.
- Review: “Review on Dai Guoqing, *The Virgin Mary in China*”, *Sino-Christian Studies* 19 (2015): 203-210.
- Article: “New Research on Literati GUO Zizhang and His Relationship with Catholicism during the Late Ming Dynasty”, *Journal of Macao Polytechnic Institute* 3 (2015): 69-78.
- Article: “Aijin Xingquan (De operibus Misericordiae) and the Catholic Doctrine of Merit-making during Late Ming”, *Logos & Pneuma* 42 (2015):147-177.

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



Academic Activities:

- 26-27 March 2015 organized a workshop on “Religionen, Politik und Macht in Asien und Europa” of the working group “Religion & Politics” at the University of Göttingen and presented a paper on “Perspektiven auf Macht und Religion in China”.
- 6-7 Aug. 2015 presented a paper on “Religionswissenschaft in nichtwestlichen Transformationsgesellschaften” in the Workshop on “Methodische Probleme in der Erforschung religiöser Gegenwartskultur Asien” at the University of Tübingen.
- 23-29 Aug. 2015 co-panel chaired “Multiple Discourses on Religion and Science in the East Asian Context” at XXI Quinquennial World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) in Erfurt and presented a paper on “Negotiating Science, Evolution and Religiosity: The Protestant Chinese Thinker Xie Fuya and his ‘Philosophy of Religion’ (1928)”.

Teaching Courses:

- Oct./Nov. 2015 taught “Contemporary Buddhism in Asia” (two units on Reform Buddhism in Republican China and contemporary Taiwan) at the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, University of Copenhagen.

Research & Publication:

- Article: “Das Beispiel der ‚Sino-Christian Theology‘ und die Aufgabe einer interkulturellen Religionswissenschaft”, *Berliner Theologische Zeitschrift* (BThZ) 2/2015 (Special Issue “Interkulturelle Theologie und Religionswissenschaft”, ed. Klaus Hock and Daniel Cyranka), pp. 343-367
- Article: “The Emergence of ‘Religious Studies’ (*zongjiaoxue*) in Republican China, 1911-1949”, *NUMEN* 62.1 (Jan 2015)/Special Issue “Religious Studies in Asia: Interdisciplinary Developments”, ed. Andrea Pinkney, John Whalen-Bridge, and Robbie Goh, pp. 39-74.

Prof. Chloë Starr (Guest Research Fellow in USA)

Academic Activities:

- 26 March 2015 at the Panel of “Disability, Spirituality and Social Engagement in Shi Tiesheng’s Writings” at the Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago presented “Shi Tiesheng and the Nature of the Human”.
- May 2015 delivered Zhang Kaiyuan Foundation Lectures at Central China Normal University, including “Sino-European exchange in Ming-Qing Christian Texts” and “Literary Exchange in the Republican Era: the Cases of Xu Zongze and Zhao Zichen”.
- July 2015 presented “Shie Tiesheng, Contemporary Intellectuals, and the Penumbra of Faith” at the International Conference on Theology and Humanities in Anyang, organized by Renmin University of China.
- 19-20 Oct. 2015 presented “Reading Chinese Christianity: Sinology, Theology or Guoxue?” at the conference of Sinology in the 21st Century: Prospect and Retrospect in Beijing, organized by Renmin University of China.
- 22-24 Oct. 2015 presented “Visible and Voluble: New Urban House Church Publications” in the conference of China and Christianity in the 21st Century held at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto.



Teaching Courses:

- Autumn 2015 taught “Introduction to East Asian Theology (Taiwan, Korea, Japan)” and “Asian American Theology” at Yale Divinity School.

Research & Publication:

- Final edits to the forthcoming volume *Chinese Theology: Text and Context* (Yale University Press, 2016).
- Article: “Rethinking Church through the Book of

Common Prayer in Late Qing and Early Republican China,” in Philip L. Wickeri, ed., *Anglican and Episcopal History in China: Church, Society, Theology* (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2015).

- Article: “The Chinese Church: A Post-Denominational Reality?”, in Stanley D. Brunn, ed., *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices and Politics* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2015), 2045-2058.

Prof. Håkan Granberg (ISCS Professor)

Academic Activities:

- 6 June 2015 participated in the Beijing International Philosophical Forum on Values organized by Beijing Normal University and presented a paper on “What is Love? – Towards a Holistic Understanding of Love as an Essential Part of Modernizing Global Family Ethics”.
- 21 Sept. 2015 participated in the Nanyue Summit Forum on “Religious Harmony and World Peace”, the Inaugural Conference for Central South University International Institute on the Spread of Taoism, and presented a paper on “World Peace and Religious Harmony”.
- 20 Nov. 2015 participated in “The Christian Road to Sinicization” seminar, organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and presented a paper on “Church and Nature”.



Teaching Courses:

- Taught “Global Environmental Justice”, “Reconciliation” and “Happiness” at Central South University.
- Taught “Basic Christian Faith” and “Stewardship” at Hunan Bible Institute.
- Taught “Christian Ethics” at Hong Kong Lutheran Theological Seminary.



Working Report of ISCS Tongji Centre



The following lists the works of Tongji Centre from Jan. to Dec. 2015:

Courses Offered	<p>XIE Zhibin: Introduction to the Scientific Study of Religion</p> <p>XU Weixiang: Classics of Christian Philosophy, Introduction to the Bible, Introduction to Latin</p> <p>ZHANG Han: Classics of Christian Philosophy, Introduction to the Bible and Christianity</p> <p>LENG Xin: Dissertations on Continental Christian Philosophy</p> <p>WANG Lijuan: Introduction to Ancient Greek</p>
Academic Publication	<p>XIE Zhibin: "Religious Diversity and Religious Tolerance", <i>Monthly Review of Philosophy and Culture</i> 42:6 (2015), pp. 169-184.</p> <p>ZHOU Pingping: "The Life of Ying Lianzhi at Jingyi Park", <i>China Religion</i> 2015.1.</p> <p>LENG Xin: <i>Revelation and History</i> (Taipei: Hua-Mu-Lan Culture Publishing Company, 2015);</p> <p>"Pannenberg's Theological Anthropology", <i>Christian Scholarship</i> 2015.</p>
Research Topic	LENG Xin: Phenomenology and Theology
Academic Activities	<p>December 2014 to May 2015, Xie Zhibin was admitted as a member of the Center of Theological Inquiry (Princeton) and participated in the centre's interdisciplinary programme "Law and Religious Freedom" with a project "The Problem of Religious Freedom in China: A Public -Theological Approach"</p> <p>June 2015, Prof. Robin Lovin (Director of Research, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton and Guest Professor of ISCS) visited the Academy of European Cultures, Tongji University, and delivered a lecture on "Law, Social Institutions, and Ethics".</p> <p>June 2015, Xie Zhibin attended the 5th International Conference on Peace and Reconciliation at York St. John University and presented a paper "How Love is Possible: A Christian Approach to the Problem of Social Justice in China".</p> <p>14 June, 2015, Leng Xin attended the Seminar on Contemporary Transformation of Religion at Tongji University.</p> <p>October 2015, Institute of Christian Culture, Academy of European Cultures, Tongji University, ISCS and Center for Religion in Society, York St. John University co-organized "International Symposium on Religion and Social Justice".</p> <p>October 2015, Zhou Pingping attended the Seminar on the History of Christianity in China and presented the paper "Ying Lianzhi and the Localization of Catholicism at the Beginning of 20th century".</p> <p>November 2015, School of Liberal Arts, Tongji University and ISCS co-organized "6th Roundtable Symposium of Sino-Christian Studies" in Shenzhen.</p> <p>Sun Zhouxing, Xu Weixiang, Xie Zhibin, Zhou Pingping and Leng Xin attended and presented the papers "Dionysios and der Gekreuzigte: Some issues on Nietzsche's Critique of Christ", "The Religious Dimension of Western Arts in the Opera 'La Traviata'", "Love and Justice: A Study in the Relationship between Christianity and Legal Thought", "The Humanistic Spirit of Ying Lianzhi" and "The Lévinas Phenomenon".</p> <p>December 2015, Zhou Pingping attended the Forum on Catholic Studies, 2015 and gave a presentation on "The Research Progress of Ying Lianzhi".</p>

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Jan. to Dec. 2015



Sun Yat-Sen University

Courses Offered	<p>ZHANG Xianyong: Literary Appreciation of the Bible (Undergraduate), The History of Christian Thought (Postgraduate)</p> <p>CAO Jian: Studies of Christianity (Undergraduate), Ethics of Christianity (Postgraduate)</p>
Academic Activities	<p>Thomas Coomans: Acculturation, Inculturation and Technological Transfers: The Architecture of Churches in China, 1840-1940</p> <p>Winfried Löffler: the problem(s) of a classification and a partial solution</p> <p>Jason LAM: From Autonomy to Theonomy? On the Return of the Sacred in the Post-Enlightenment era.</p>

Minzu University of China

Courses Offered	YOU Bin: Studies on the History of Christian Thought (doctorate), Social Ethics in Catholicism (master) Kin Ming AU: Modern Christian thought (master), History of Western Religion (master) GAO Zhe: Theories and Methods in Religious Studies (master)
Academic Publication	YOU Bin: <i>Introduction to the Hebrew Bible</i> (Shanghai: Shanghai Joint Publishing, 2015); <i>Christianity</i> (Beijing: Democracy and Legal Press, 2015) GAO Zhe: <i>Work and Gift</i> (Beijing: People's Publishing, 2015); <i>Catholicism</i> (Beijing: Democracy and Legal Press, 2015)
Research Topic	YOU Bin: The translation and study of Luther's corpus from the perspective of sinicization of Christianity (China Humanity and Social Science Fund) GAO Zhe: Modern Catholic theories on inter-religious dialogue (China Humanity and Social Science Fund)
Academic Activities	In May 2015, the seminar of "Comparative Scripture and Dialogue between Daoism and Christianity" was hosted. In June 2015, the conference "Rethink Reformation: Inter-religious dialogue between Christianity, Catholicism and Orthodoxy" was hosted. In June 2015, Prof. Hans-Peter Grosshans from University of Münster delivered a lecture in Minzu University of China. From Jan. to Sept. 2015, a series of "Reading Group of Comparative Scripture (Scriptural Reasoning in China)" was organized on about 9 topics.

Sichuan University

Courses Offered	CHEN Jianming : Study on Christian Classics (PhD program) TIAN Haihua : Biblical Interpretation (PhD program), Biblical Studies (PhD program) LIN Qinghua : The History of Christian Thought (PhD program), Contemporary Christian Theology (PhD program) ZHA Changping : Biblical Hebrew (M Phil program)
Academic Publication	CHEN Jianming: <i>Unity in Diversity: Path to Harmony Between Religious Dialogues and Civilizations</i> (Chengdu: Sichuan University Press, 2015); "Another Approach to Deal with Issues of Universal Values: From Moral Utopia to a System of Scientific Universal Values", <i>International Journal of Sino-Western Studies</i> (Helsinki, Finland) No.9 Dec. 2015. (co-author); "On Tongwen-shuhui: A Protestant Publisher in China during Qing Dynasty", <i>Religious Studies</i> No.3 2015. TIAN Haihua : "Stanton and Her Woman's Bible", <i>Studies in World Religions</i> 2 (2015); "Social-Scientific Method of Biblical Interpretation", <i>Jewish Studies</i> 16 (2015). LIN Qinghua: "On the Neo-Thomist Doctrine of Man and The Educational Philosophy of Jacques Maritain", <i>Religious Studies</i> , No. 2, 2015. ZHA Changping: "The Translation and Theology of Lord's Prayer", <i>Replicated Journals</i> (Religion) 1 (2015); "The Mystery and Causes of Messiah in Mark", <i>Journal of Southwest University for Nationalities</i> , 9 (2015); "The Dimension of Human-God Relation in the Thought-picture of Chinese Contemporary Art", in Paulos Z. Huang, ed., <i>Yearbook of Chinese Theology</i> (Leiden: Brill, 2015).
Research Topic	TIAN Haihua : History and Method of Biblical Interpretation, Feminist Biblical Interpretation ZHA Changping : The History-logic of the New Testament, A History of Chinese Avant-garde Art Thought
Academic Activities	On 24 Mar.ch, 2015,, Dr. Jason Lam of ISCS delivered a speech on "The Religious Dimension of Paul Ricoeur's Thoughts". On 3 April, 2015, Dr. Song Gang of HKU delivered a speech on "The Virgin Queen Mother: The Rise and Popularity of Mary Worship during the Ming-Qing Transition". 10-13 April, 2015, Zha Changping shared "Buddha-nature and the Holy Spirit: Sixth Comparison of Buddhism and Christianity Academic Seminar" at Xinan University. On 24 April, 2015, Dr. Grant Chen, PhD. of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, the president of The Blessings Foundation, delivered a seminar on "An Ontological Comparison between Christianity and Confucianism". 8-11 May, 2015, Zha Changping shared "Nihilism and the End of History: A Dialogue between Philosophy and History" at Tongji University. On 19 May, 2015, Chair Prof. Tzvi Abusch of Brandeis University delivered a speech on "The Biblical Account of Creation". 15-19 Oct., 2015, Chen Jianming attended "The Seminar of the History of Christian Church in China" in Anyang, Henan, held jointly by the Centre of Christian Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the Institute of Religious Culture at Anyang Normal University. 13-17 Nov., 2015, Tian Haihua attended the "First Hebrew Bible Seminar" at Shandong University, and shared the topic "Postmodern Biblical Interpretation". 19-22 Nov., 2015 Chen Jianming attended "The Seminar of 150 th Anniversary of Chinese Inland Mission", sponsored by Chung Yuan Christian University, and submitted the paper "The Christian literature of China Inland Mission during the Late Qing period". 22-25 Nov., 2015, Chen Jianming attended the forum on "Contemporary Chinese Christianity and Social Governance" and "A Study of the Sinicization of Christianity in Multidisciplinary Perspectives", held jointly by the Institute of Modern History of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Fujian Normal University. The title of his speech was "The role of Religious Social Service Plays in the Contemporary Social Governance". 27-29 Nov., 2015, Chen Jianming, Tian Haihua and Zha Changping attended the 20 th Anniversary of Institute of Chinese Christian Culture and the 6 th Chinese Christianity Round Table.