

## 2. ISCS's Official Account on Wechat

Since February 2019, ISCS's official account on Wechat (Account ID: “汉语SCT”) has been regularly providing information on the recent activities and publications of ISCS as well as sharing academic essays with the netizens of Mainland China in a lively and interactive manner.



## 3. Logos & Pneuma Articles Are Now Digitally Available Online

All articles of *Logos & Pneuma: Chinese Journal of Theology* are now available in full text online on the “Digital Collections: E-Journal Collection” of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Library (<https://repository.lib.cuhk.edu.hk/en/item/cuhk-475760>).

Since 2016, the total number of visitors has already exceeded 90,000. On average, our Journal has around 2,500 views each month.

Our Journal is already included in the following academic databases and search indexes:

- Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI) @ Web of Science
- Religious and Theological Abstracts (R&TA)
- Scopus
- Academic Search Ultimate by EBSCO
- China National Knowledge Infrastructure (CNKI)
- Chinese Electronic Periodical Services (CEPS) via Airiti Library



# Academic Activities

## Study Trip Visit of Teachers and Students from University of San Diego, California, USA



On 10 January 2019, a total of 16 teachers and students from University of San Diego visited ISCS, as part of a study trip led by Prof. Florence Gillman from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies of the same

university. To facilitate a better understanding of the history of Tao Fong Shan and the current situation of Christian studies in China, ISCS organized three lectures. Director Daniel YEUNG began with the first lecture on “The History and Mission of the Institute of Sino-Christian Studies.” Our Academic Officer Prof. Jason LAM then delivered the second lecture on “The Development of Christian Studies in Contemporary China.” And finally our Guest Research Fellow Prof. XIE Zhibin concluded with the third lecture on “The Current Situation of Christians and Christian Churches in China.” The participants took a great deal of interest in the topics and a heated discussion followed.

## Lecture on Jewish Studies in China at Hong Kong University

On 19 March 2019, our Visiting Scholar Prof. SONG Lihong was invited to deliver a lecture titled “Jewish Studies in China: Globalized or Glocalized?” at Hong Kong University. The lecture was convened by Prof. David Palmer from the Department of Sociology of Hong Kong University. Around 20



teachers and students attended the lecture, and there was a lively discussion afterwards.

## Visit of Teachers and Students from Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy



On 4 April 2019, a total of 60 teachers and students from Holy Spirit Seminary College of Theology and Philosophy visited ISCS. To foster dialogue and exchange, ISCS organized three lectures. Director Daniel YEUNG began with the first lecture on “Dr. Karl Ludvig Reichelt and the Sino-Christian Theology Movement.” Our Guest Research Fellow Prof. XIE Zhibin then delivered the second lecture on “Interdisciplinary Studies and Sino-Christian Studies.” And finally our visiting student Ms. LI Pengyun concluded with the third lecture on “A Study on the Localization Process of Christian Clergy in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Canton (Guangzhou) in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.” An in-depth discussion followed and there was a very good exchange of ideas.

## Lecture on Love and Justice at Hong Kong Baptist University

On 17 April 2019, our Guest Research Fellow Prof. XIE Zhibin was invited to deliver a lecture titled “How is Love Possible for Justice? A Study from the Perspectives



of Christian Theology and Political Philosophy” at Hong Kong Baptist University. The lecture was convened by Prof. KWAN Kai-Man from the Department of Religion and Philosophy of the same university. Around 40 teachers and students attended the lecture, and there was a heated and in-depth discussion afterwards.

## Visit of Metropolitan Jonah



On 8 May 2019, Metropolitan Jonah, a bishop of Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (ROCOR), was introduced to ISCS by Fr. Dionisy Pozdnyaev of Saint Apostles Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in

Hong Kong. Metropolitan Jonah (born James Paffhausen, Jr.) was formerly the Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada of the Orthodox Church in America (OCA). Born in Chicago, he was the first convert to the Orthodox faith to have been elected as the primate of the OCA. He resigned from his office at the OCA at 2012 and was accepted as a bishop of the ROCOR.

Metropolitan Jonah was invited by Director Daniel YEUNG to deliver a speech, discussing in detail two recent publications of ISCS, Vladimir Lossky's *The Mystical Theology of the Eastern Church* and Gregory Palamas's *Triads for the Defense of Those Who Practice Sacred Quietude*. Our academic staff, visiting scholars, and visiting students attended the meeting and engaged in a constructive and exciting dialogue with Metropolitan Jonah.

## Dr. HONG Liang's Visit to Germany

On 8 May 2019, Dr. HONG Liang, Assistant Professor of China Graduate School of Theology and Guest Research Fellow of ISCS, was invited to present a paper titled “Karl Barth and Hannah Arendt on Evil and Covenant” (in German) at the Faculty of Protestant Theology of Osnabrück University.

In the following days, from 9 to 12 May, he attended the Fourth International Karl Barth Symposium at Emden and presented a paper titled “Karl Barth on Power: A Political-Theological Reflection Based on Karl Barth's Doctrine of the ‘herrenlose Gewalt’” (in German).

## Conference of Koinonia of Chinese Theologians



On 15 June 2019, Koinonia of Chinese Theologians hosted their regular academic conference at the Applied Theological Centre of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, with the theme “Theology and Ethics.” It was convened by Director Daniel YEUNG, the Honorary Secretary of Koinonia. More than ten scholars from Hong Kong, Mainland China, and Australia, comprising both senior scholars and young scholars, attended the conference. Three presentations at the conference were conducted by scholars from ISCS. There was a serious and heated discussion in the open discussion session.

The program run-down of the conference is as follows:

Name	Institution	Topic
<b>Andres TANG</b>	Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary	Opening Speech
<b>Håkan Granberg</b>	Institute of Sino-Christian Studies	Harmony with the Nature: Christian Ethics and Environmental Crises
<b>Bryan MOK</b>	Centre for the Study of Religious Ethics and Chinese Culture, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	From Theological Language to Ecological Economics: Reviewing McGague's Theological Environmental Ethics
<b>Jason LAM</b>	Melbourne School of Theology	Christonomy: A Response to Modernity from Theological Ethics – An Exploration of a Concept from the Manuscripts of Tillich and Bonhoeffer
<b>LAI Pan-Chiu</b>	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Forgiveness and Reconciliation: From Confucianism to Christian-Buddhist Dialogue
<b>XIE Zhibin</b>	Tongji University	Faith and Religious Freedom: A Discussion of Theology and Ethics Based on Robert Louis Wilken's <i>Liberty in the Things of God: The Christian Origins of Religious Freedom</i> and <i>Routledge Companion to Christian Ethics</i>
<b>LAI Pan-Chiu (Moderator)</b>	The Chinese University of Hong Kong	Open Discussion Session

## Visits of Teachers and Students from Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Seoul, South Korea



On 18 and 25 June 2019 respectively, a group of professors and a group of students visited ISCS. To the group of professors, Director Daniel YEUNG

introduced the history of Tao Fong Shan and ISCS and delivered the lecture titled “Dr. Karl Ludvig Reichelt and the Sino-Christian Theology Movement.” To the group of students, our Guest Research Fellow Prof. XIE Zhibin delivered a lecture titled “How is Public Theology Possible in the Chinese Context?” Both groups are very interested in the current situation of religions in Hong Kong and Mainland China. A heated discussion followed, in which the participants were very responsive.

## Internal Seminar for Visiting Scholars and Visiting Students from January to June 2019



From January to June 2019, a series of seminars were held for our Visiting Scholars and Visiting Students to provide a chance for academic discussion and exchange. The topics of the papers presented are as follows:



Name	Institution	Position	Topic
<b>SONG Lihong</b>	Nanjing University	Professor	How Did Modern Jewish Scholars Construct the Continuity of Jewish History? A Meta-historical Investigation
<b>CHEN Tuo</b>	Fudan University	Ph.D. Student	Appealing to Authority: The Conflicts between European Missionaries and Jiangnan Catholics over the Former Chinese Catholic Texts in the 1840s
<b>WU Sanxi</b>	Hebei Normal University	Lecturer	From “Creation” to “Welteingang”: An “Atheistic” Appropriation of Creationism
<b>SUN Qianwen</b>	Tongji University	Ph.D. Student	Löwith on Kierkegaard and Nietzsche
<b>HU Jieren</b>	Tongji University	Associate Professor	On the Current State of Religion-State Relations in China
<b>PENG Huanhuan</b>	Minzu University of China	Ph.D. Student	A Study of the Concept of the Laity in Contemporary Catholicism: Taking the Vatican II Document <i>Lumen Gentium</i> as an Example

<b>George Dunn</b>	Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis	Professor	How Christianity Shaped the Modern World according to René Girard and Leo Strauss
<b>LI Pengyun</b>	Sun Yat-sen University	Ph.D. Student	A Biographical Sketch of the Life and Writings of Bishop Boniface Yang Fu-Jue (Yeung Fuk Tseuk), the First Native Bishop of Southern China
<b>ZHAO Yujiao</b>	Guizhou Academy of Social Science	Associate Research Fellow	On the Interaction of Christianity and Miao Nationalities in Guizhou, China
<b>JIANG Lu</b>	Sun Yat-sen University	Associate Professor	The Notion of Justice in Anselm of Canterbury
<b>MO Wei</b>	Shanghai Maritime University	Lecturer	The Development of Christian Missions and Cultural Works in Xujiahui
<b>ZUO Gaoshan</b>	Central South University	Professor	How Can We Love Our Enemies?
<b>CAO Jian</b>	Sun Yat-sen University	Associate Professor	On the Method and Subject Matter of the “Philosophy of Hebrew Scripture”

# Academic Exchange



## Visit of Prof. Nicholas Lombardo



On 29 January 2019, Prof. Nicholas Lombardo from the Catholic University of America visited ISCS. He was then a visiting scholar at the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies

of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A Dominican priest, he is currently Associate Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America, specializing in medieval theology and philosophy. Director Daniel YEUNG cordially invited him to be our Guest Professor and deliver lectures at our partner universities in China on behalf of ISCS, thus strengthening the academic dialogue and exchange between USA and China in the respective areas of research.

## Visit of Prof. Ola Sigurdson



On 12 March 2019, Prof. Ola Sigurdson from the University of Gothenburg visited ISCS and met Director Daniel YEUNG. Prof. Werner G. Jeanrond from the University of Oslo had

previously introduced him to our Guest Professor Program. During the meeting, Prof. Sigurdson shared with Director YEUNG the experience of his recent academic visits to Beijing and Taiyuan. All the universities he visited in Mainland China showed a great

interest in the subject matter of integrating Marxist studies and Christian theology. They all expect a further co-operation with Prof. Sigurdson in the coming years. Our Guest Research Fellow Prof. XIE Zhibin and our Visiting Scholar Prof. SONG Lihong also joined in the meeting and engaged in the dialogue and exchange of ideas.

## Visit of Prof. Tjeerd de Boer



On 26 April 2019, Prof. Tjeerd de Boer, a Dutch scholar and former professor of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong, visited ISCS and met Director Daniel YEUNG and our Guest Research Fellow Prof. XIE Zhibin. They exchanged ideas on the arrangements for the cooperation project of the Chinese translation of Abraham Kuyper's writings on public theology. Kuyper was a Dutch theologian and an important representative of Dutch Neo-Calvinism, whose thoughts on public theology have been very influential.

## Visit of Dr. CHEN Yufeng

On 30 May 2019, Dr. CHEN Yufeng from Jiangnan University visited ISCS. A specialist in Eastern Orthodoxy and the liturgical and spiritual tradition of Eastern Christianity, he has known Director Daniel Yeung for many years. They had a great discussion and look forward to further co-operation in the coming years.

## The Consultation Meeting for the Future Organization of the Summer School of Divinity School of Chung Chi College



From 12 to 13 June 2019, Director Daniel YEUNG was invited to participate in the consultation meeting for the future organization of the Summer School of Divinity School of Chung

Chi College. During the meeting, he presented a paper on “Sino-Christian Studies and Contemporary Academic Trends.” Prof. Thomas Xutong QU, our Guest Research Fellow in Mainland China, was also invited to participate in the meeting and present a paper.

Seventeen years ago, Director YEUNG witnessed the beginning of the Summer School of Divinity School of Chung Chi College. Prof. LO Lung-Kwong and Prof. Milton WAN jointly conceived the project and sought funding for it. Since the First Summer School, ISCS has been working closely with the Divinity School of Chung Chi College in fostering academic dialogue and exchange with young scholars and students from Mainland China. Participants from the Summer School have also visited ISCS regularly. During the meeting, Director YEUNG met with many old friends, and together they recalled the precious moments of academic co-operation and mutual exchange over the past years.

# Academic Research

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### Visiting Scholars

From January to June 2019, ISCS hosted 19 Visiting Scholars.



**Dr. WU Sanxi** stayed at ISCS from January to March 2019. He is currently Lecturer at Hebei Normal University. His research topic during visit is “Heidegger and the Problem of Post-metaphysical Theology.”



**Dr. PU Rongjian** stayed at ISCS in January 2019. He is currently Lecturer in the School of Philosophy and Social Development at Shandong University. His research topic during visit is “On the Relation between Universal Theology and Chinese Theology.”

**Prof. YANG Xusheng** stayed at ISCS in January 2019. He obtained his Ph.D. degree at the University of Tübingen under the direction of world-renowned scholar Hans Küng and is currently Professor and Director of the World Ethics Institute at the Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies, Peking University. His research topic during visit is “The Theological Dimension of Teleology and Its Significance for an Ethics of Life.”



**Prof. Thomas Xutong QU** stayed at ISCS in January 2019. He is currently Associate Professor in the School of Philosophy at Beijing Normal University. His research topic during visit is “On the Relation between Universal Theology and Chinese Theology.”



**Dr. ZHANG Jing** stayed at ISCS in January 2019. She is currently Associate Research Fellow in the School of Arts at Renmin University of China. Her research topic during visit is “A Study on Chinese Christianity in *T'oung Pao*.”



**Prof. WU Fei** stayed at ISCS in January 2019. He is currently Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Peking University. His research topic during visit is “Theories of Being in the Christian Tradition.”



**Prof. WU Dongri** stayed at ISCS in January 2019. He is currently Assistant Professor at Presbyterian University and Theological Seminary, Seoul, South Korea. His research topic during visit is “A Study of Chinese Christian Thinkers.”



**Prof. SUN Zhouxing** stayed at ISCS from February to April 2019. He is currently Professor and Dean of the School of Humanities at Tongji University. His research topic during visit is “Primitive Christian Experience and Early Heidegger's Concept of Time.” During his visit, Prof. SUN was invited to give the following lectures at various universities: “The Experience of Time and Space in the Life-world of Technology” at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, “The Current Situation of Sino-Philosophy: On the Correlational Mode of Thinking in Chinese and Its Consequences” at Sun Yat-sen University, “Friedrich Nietzsche and the Philosophy of the Future” at Xiamen



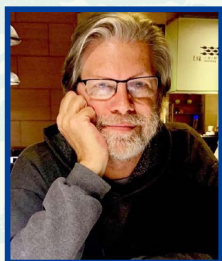


University, and “The Reconstruction of Life-world Experiences” at Huaqiao University.



**Prof. SONG Lihong** stayed at ISCS from February to March 2019. He is currently Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Nanjing University. His research topic during visit is “On How to Select Sources for the Study of Judaism for Chinese Graduate Students.” During his visit, Prof. SONG was invited to give a lecture titled “Jewish Studies in China: Globalized or Glocalized?” at Hong Kong University.

**Prof. George Dunn** stayed at ISCS in February 2019. He is currently Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI), and also Guest Research Fellow at the Center of Global Civilization Studies of Zhejiang University. His research topic during visit is “Sino-Christian Theology and Cultural Christianity.”



**Prof. LIU Wenjin** stayed at ISCS in February 2019. She is currently Associate Professor in the Department of Chinese Language at East China Normal University. Her research topic during visit is “The Transformation from the Radical Evil to the Banality of Evil in Hannah Arendt’s Secularism.”

**Prof. CHONG Ming** stayed at ISCS in February 2019. He is currently Professor in Department of Politics at East China Normal University. His research topic during visit is “Religion and Politics in Modern French Liberalism.”



**Prof. HU Jieren** stayed at ISCS from March to April 2019. She is currently Associate Professor in the School of Law at Tongji University. Her research topic during visit is “A Study of the Problems in the Development of the Rule of Law in China’s Grassroots Society.”

**Dr. ZHAO Yujiao** stayed at ISCS from April to May 2019. She is currently Associate Research Fellow at Guizhou Academy of Social Sciences. Her research topic during visit is “The Interaction of Christianity and Miao Nationalities in Guizhou, China.”



**Dr. WU Ning** stayed at ISCS in June 2019. She is currently Research Staff at Guang Dong Institute of Ethnic and Religious Studies. Her research topic during visit is “The Missionary Activities of American Southern Baptist Convention in South China (1912-1951).”

**Prof. JIANG Lu** stayed at ISCS in June 2019. She is currently Associate Professor at Sun Yat-sen University. Her research topic during visit is “The Notion of Justice in Anselm of Canterbury.”



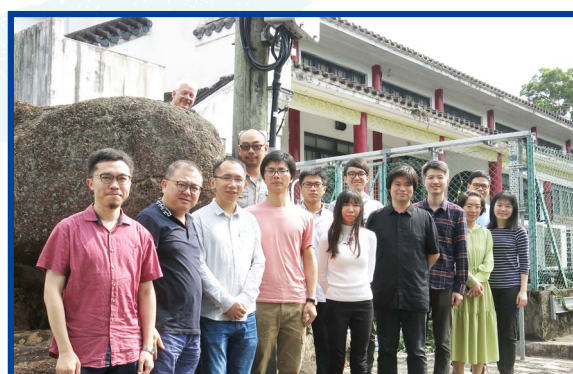
**Dr. MO Wei** stayed at ISCS in June 2019. She is currently Lecturer at Shanghai Maritime University. Her research topic during visit is “The Enlightenment Centuries in China: Historical, Diplomatic, and Intellectual Connections between Two Generations of the French Jesuits.”

**Prof. CAO Jian** stayed at ISCS in June 2019. He is currently Associate Professor at Sun Yat-sen University. His research topic during visit is “The Method and Subject Matter of the ‘Philosophy of Hebrew Scripture.’”



**Prof. ZUO Gaoshan** stayed at ISCS in June 2019. He is currently Professor in School of Public Administration at Central South University. His research topic during visit is “How Can We Love Our Enemies?”.

## Visiting Students



From January to June 2019

- CHEN Tuo** Ph.D. Student of Fudan University, one of the four recipients of the Best Thesis Award in the 2017 Logos & Pneuma Research Student Forum
- Research Topic:** Reviving the Heritage: The Reception and Reproduction of Chinese Christian Texts from Late Ming to Early Qing in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Course Taken:** Augustine’s Theology