



Participants of the 5th Roundtable Symposium in 2012



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The 6th Tao Fong Literary Prize

Since its establishment in 1995, ISCS's mission has been to promote academic studies of Christianity and develop theology in the Chinese context. The Institute set up the Tao Fong Literary Prizes (including Paul Hsu Prize and Reichelt Prize) in 1999 as recognition for original academic achievements by Chinese scholars in deepening and broadening their studies on Christianity.

There were many nominations to the 6th Tao Fong Literary Prize (2015). After a strict evaluation the renowned experts on the panel awarded the Paul Hsu Prize to Prof. WU Fei's monograph, *Spiritual Order and World History: St. Augustine and The End of Classical Western Civilization*. The Reichelt Prize went to the translation of *A History of Christian Thought* led by Prof. CHEN Zemin. Prof. WU obtained his Ph.D. in anthropology at Harvard University and is currently teaching in the Department of Philosophy at Peking University. Prof. CHEN Emeritus taught at the Institute of Religious Studies at Nanjing University and was the Vice-president of Nanjing Union Theological Seminary.



The awards of the 6th Tao Fong Literary Prizes were announced on 29 Nov, 2015 during the Roundtable Symposium for the celebration of the 20th anniversary of ISCS. We had the honor of having Prof. Wu at the

conference to accept the prize and to deliver a speech of acceptance. Unfortunately, Prof. Chen was not able to attend the ceremony due to his high age. His prize was delivered to him by Prof. XIE Zhibin, our research fellow in Mainland China.

Paul Hsu Prize Acceptance Speech

WU Fei Professor, Department of Philosophy,
Peking University



I feel most honored and grateful that ISCS this year awarded the Paul Hsu prize to my book: *Spiritual Order and World History: St. Augustine and The End of Classical Western Civilization*.

Since the 1990s, Christian studies have developed enormously in China and today they stand out as a significant cultural and academic phenomenon. ISCS has played a pivotal role in this development. Both myself and my close friends have received the most cordial support and help from ISCS in our exploration of Christianity. In the 1990s when China's intellectual development in the humanities was in a stagnant state, it was ISCS, under the

care of Mr. LIU Xiaofeng and Mr. Daniel Yeung, that opened a door for young Chinese scholars to devote themselves to this new but exciting world. I myself began to read the many translation and research works the Institute published at this time and this turned me from a total stranger to someone with deep intellectual interest in Christianity. The Institute did me the earliest favour in 2001 when I was still studying for my Master's degree by publishing my paper the *Sacred Word above the Wheatland*, which turned out to be my first monograph, and also my first endeavor in the academic world. In retrospect, this work was perhaps immature, but it is a testimony of the trust and appreciation placed in me by the Institute.

Huge changes have occurred to ISCS, to me, to the condition of Christianity in China and to the studies on Christianity in China's academia over the years. My research has also shifted from research on Catholicism's rural development to St. Augustine's thought while also including comparative studies of eastern and western thought. Christianity in Mainland China has witnessed such strong growth that it has become a cultural phenomenon that no one can ignore. Its fast growth also brings with it new challenges and problems. Despite all these changes, the Institute under Mr. Yeung's guidance, although a non-government entity, has maintained unwaveringly its principle of objectivity in academic studies and its mission of promoting Mainland China's academic studies on Christianity and on developing Christian theology in a Chinese context. The institute has contributed greatly to the in-depth dialogue between Chinese academia and its international counterparts, and between Chinese culture and Christian culture through its inclusiveness, objectivity and generosity to scholars of all backgrounds and nationalities. Throughout its existence ISCS has remained a landmark through its inspiration, achievements and reputation, a most rare and valuable exemplar in the Chinese academic world.

My persistent interest in Christian studies has caused me to follow the Paul Hsu Prize and Reichelt Prize awards from the start. Indeed, they have become one of the key criteria for my judgement of the quality of Mainland China's translation and research works in the field. I have read attentively most of the prize-winning works, among them *Christianity and Imperial Culture* by Prof. WANG Xiaochao, *The Chinese Rites Controversy* by Prof. LI Tiangang, *The Canon Law: History and Theories* by Prof. PENG Xiaoyu, *St. Augustine's Christian Thought* by Prof. ZHOU Weichi; *Weltgeschichte und Heilsgeschehen: Die theologischen Voraussetzungen der Geschichtsphilosophie und Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone* translated by Prof. LI Qiuling, and *The Epistle to the Romans* translated by Prof. WEI Yuqing. All these books are truly classics. They have become my core books of reference frequently used in my studies and in my teaching. Therefore, I naturally feel extremely flattered that my own book has earned the Paul Hsu Prize, which is the seal of approval of the ISCS and the recognition of scholarly authorities.

International Symposium on Religion and Social Justice

On 30 Oct., 2015, the Institute of Christian Culture, Academia of European Cultures at Tongji University, ISCS and York St. John University co-organized the "International Symposium on Religion and Social Justice" as one of the ISCS 20th anniversary serial activities. Over 10 scholars from the United States, Britain, New Zealand, Norway, Hong

The Paul Hsu Prize in 2008 was awarded to a book on a related topic: *St. Augustine's Christian Thought* by Prof. ZHOU Weichi. This indicates the growing research in a man of key importance in Christian studies. With the accumulative development of the past twenty years, studies on Christianity in Mainland China, like those of many other sciences of Western origin, have well surpassed the early stage of introduction and induction and have proceeded to a higher stage in which scholars are more independent in asking the fundamental questions, more systematic in analysing the tensions between the classical Western thought and Christian thought, more critical in understanding the interaction between Christian thought and modern civilization, and more openly inclusive in inspiring the interpretation and reconstruction of Chinese culture. The expanded research on St. Augustine, one of the giant thinkers in the history of Western culture, no doubt has profound implications. ISCS naturally plays an important supporting role in making this possible. Last, but not the least, I want to express my thanks again to ISCS for its persistent recognition, support and drive, and would like to commit my continuous effort in and dedication to our common endeavours. Thank you.

Reichelt Prize Acceptance Speech

MO Ruxi Professor, Nanjing Union Theological Seminary

I feel most honoured and unworthy to receive the 6th Reichelt Prize awarded by ISCS. Our translation work *A History of Christian Thought* by Justo L. González was kicked off in early 1980s, when Prof. CHEN Zemin, Prof. SUN Hanshu, Prof. SITU Tong, Prof. LU Junjie and I decided on the work and split the translation among the five of us with Prof. Chen being assigned the role as final collector and editor. The busy schedules of one or the other of us have long delayed this translation until 2001, the year before the 50th Anniversary of Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, when the compiling and editing were resumed by Prof. Chen assisted by Mr. CHEN Hongjun, a young teacher from our seminary. The translation work finally made its way onto the book shelf in 2002.

We hope our translation of classics will achieve our intended purposes of 1) enabling domestic scholars to have access to academic developments and updates internationally for selective adoption in their own studies; 2) anticipating first-rate research works by our Chinese scholars to benefit the church and society, that they will be translated in turn into other languages for international colleagues to share and study.

We thank the committee for the ISCS academic prize again for your affirmation of our translational efforts.

Kong and Mainland China had a one-day discussion on the topic of social justice from an interdisciplinary perspective. Prof. LAI Pan-chiu (ISCS's chairperson of the academic committee) and Prof. Jason Lam (ISCS's research fellow) presented at the Symposium.

At the opening section of the Symposium, Prof. XIE Zhibin (Director of Institute of Christian Culture at Tongji and ISCS's research fellow) introduced the relevant social and academic background of this symposium. In recent years, with the progress of globalization, the gap between