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## **Guest Professors**

Our guest professor, Prof. Peter Wyatt, was invited for a lecture trip in China in October 2008. He and his wife stayed in Beijing, Shanghai and Zhejiang. His lecture is on "The Calvin Legacy Today: Ecology, Social Justice and Religious Pluralism" and the lecture was given in Renmin University, Fudan University and Zhejiang University. Prof. Wyatt got his doctoral degree in Victoria University (Toronto School of Theology) and is now the Principal and Associate Professor of Theology, Emmanuel College of Victoria University and the Toronto School of Theology in the University of Toronto.

Our guest professor, Prof. Svein Olaf Thorbjørnsen, was invited to give a lecture on "A Competitive Society: Some anthropological and ethical perspectives" in Henan University in October 2008. Prof. Thorbjørnsen is now professor of ethics of the MF Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway.

Our guest professor, Rev. Dr. Cyril Hovorun, was invited to give two lectures in November 2008. The topics are "Christian Theology in the Patristic Period" at the Lutheran Theological Seminary and "Orthodoxy Today: Space for Grace" at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Rev. Dr. Hovorun is an ordained priest and works at the Metropolis of Kiev, the administrating body of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and teaches Patrology at the Theological Academy

of Kiev since 2007. He got his doctoral degree in theology from University of Durham (UK) on the topic "Theological controversy in



the seventh century concerning activities and wills in Christ". Now he is appointed head of the Department for External Church Relations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Our guest professor, Prof. LAI Pan-chiu, was invited to give two lectures in Lanzhou University in November 2008. The two lectures were entitled as "Comparison between Christianity and Buddhism" and "Issues of Religious Pluralism". Afterwards he delivered a lecture on "Christianity and Public Value" in Shannxi Normal University. Prof. Lai is professor in the department of cultural and religious studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Our guest professor, Prof. Niels Henrik Gregersen, was invited for a lecture trip in China in November 2008. He stayed at Beijing and Hong Kong, and delivered lectures on "The idea of Creation and Natural Science" in Tsinghua University and Beijing Normal University, and on "Cosmos

and the 'Sola Fide'
Principle: Shinran and
Luther on Penultimate
and Ultimate Reality"
in the Chinese
University of Hong
Kong. Prof. Gregersen
is a well-known
theologian and is



now professor of systematic theology in the University of Copenhagen. He has published more than 150 articles in Nordic, German and English anthologies and journals.

Our guest professor, Prof. Oskar Skarsaune, was invited to give two lectures in Shandong University in November 2008. The title of the lectures are "Jewish Believers in Jesus in Antiquity – A Test-Case for the Need of a New Paradigm of Jewish-Christian Relations?" and "The Christology of the Early Creeds: Jewish, Hellenistic, or both?" Prof. Skarsaune is now professor of church history of the MF Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway.

Our research fellow, Prof. Paulos Huang, was invited to teach an intensive course on "Christianity and Confucianism: A Comparison" in Wuhan University from October to November, 2008. He also invited to join the conference organized by School of Philosophy and Institute of European and American Cultural and Religious Studies in Wuhan University and presented a paper on "Systematic Theological Analysis and its meaning for Sino-Christian Academic Theology". In December, Huang was also invited by Peking University to give a lecture on "Fundamental Question of Christian-Confucian Dialogue".

Our research fellows, Prof. Pertti & Kaisa Nikkila, were invited to teach an intensive course on "History of Christian Thought" in Lanzhou University from November to December 2008. This course is intended to give a comprehensive background and ideas of different Christian theologians to the students. They also delivered an open lecture on Luther and Calvin.