

HONGKONG 2016

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

CHRISTIANITY AND RELIGIONS IN CHINA

Past - Present - Future



10th Annual Gathering
of the Ecclesiological
Investigations
International Research
Network

20-24 July 2016

A very warm welcome to the tenth annual international conference of the ecumenical Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network. It is a delight and a privilege for our gathering to be hosted here in Hong Kong, in China and in Asia. Our gracious hosts for this gathering in dialogue are Ming Hua Theological College and the Centre for Catholic Studies of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. In the coming days we have a wonderful collection of speakers and papers exploring the overall multi-faceted theme of Christianity and Religions in China: Past - Present – Future.

While the primary focus is naturally very much on the Chinese context, presentations on Christianity and religions in Asia in general and in other Asian contexts are also a hugely significant part of our gathering. As always with EI conferences, the many presentations and conversations will focus upon inter-church issues, intra-church issues, interfaith issues and issues concerning interaction and dialogue between the wider world and societies in which faith communities live out their existence. Our gathering draws together so many voices from rich and varied communities and traditions from around the global community and especially from voices working in and upon Chinese and Asian contexts. Many of the most significant and enlightening conversations will go on beyond the confines of the formal addresses and presentations. Every single participant and attendee is an equally important and valued conversation partner: we are all here not just to talk about dialogue but genuinely to engage in deep dialogue that we hope will have lasting positive effects long beyond July 2016. We hope you enjoy these wonderful days together.

Day 1: Wednesday July 20th

15:00-16:00
Courtyard
Ming Hua
College

ARRIVALS AND COLLECT CONFERENCE PACKS

16:00
Mok Hing Yiu
Lecture Hall
Ming Hua
College

OPENING PLENARY SESSION (I) Christianity and Religions in China Chair: **Vladimir Latinovic**, University of Tübingen

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMES
Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon and Oxford University
Matthew Jones, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong
Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University

OPENING ADDRESSES
Archbishop **Paul Kwong**, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Bishop **Michael Yeung**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong
Very Rev'd **Martyn Percy**, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford University

18:00

OPENING RECEPTION

Day 2: Thursday July 21st

PLENARY SESSION II

Reflections from the Past: Christianity in Late Ming and Early Qing

Chair: **Thierry Meynard**, S.J., Sun Yat-sen University

09:00
Mok Hing Yiu
Lecture Hall

Cesar Guillen-Nuñez, Macao Ricci Institute

Wang Niecai, Anhui University

Huang Zhipeng, Sun Yat-sen University

10:45

Coffee

CONCURRENT SESSIONS A

CHRISTIANITY AND INCULTURATION IN CHINESE THOUGHT AND CULTURE

Chair: **Rowena Ruiwen Chen**, Ming Hua Theological College

William Atkins, University of Edinburgh

The Touch of God: Action and Identity in the Qi and Holy Spirit – a Comparison

Zhixi Wang, Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Politics of Jesus' Love: K. H. Ting, Contextual Interpretation of the Gospels and Images of Jesus in Modern China

Nathan Faries, Bates College

Su Xuelin and the Formation of a Literary Chinese Catholic Identity

11:15
Lecture Room
A

NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTER

Chair: **Jonathan Tan**, Case Western Reserve University

Pascal Bazzell, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA

Interreligious Christology: a Dialogue with Southeast Asian Muslim Background Believers

Roberto Catalano, Office for Interreligious Dialogue, Focolare Movement/
Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome

Spiritual Friendship and Interfaith Dialogue: Chiara Lubich and Nikkyo Niwano - The Experience of the Rissho Kosei-kai and Focolare Movement

Davide Tacchini, Catholic University of Milan

Chinese Muslim Communities in the image of the Western Press

11:15
Chapel

NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR CHRISTIAN ECUMENISM

Chair: **Ho Yan Au**, Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Radu Bordeianu, Duquesne University

The Eucharist Makes the Church ... But Not Always

Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley

Catholicity Under Heaven: Reformed Catholicity and the Philosophy of Tianxia

Clement Wen, University of Edinburgh

The Continuing Relevance of Pannenberg to Contemporary Expressions of Ecumenism? A Preliminary Assessment with Reference to Asia

11:15
Mok Hing Yiu
Lecture Hall

Day 2: Thursday July 21st

NEW QUESTIONS AND CONTEXTS FOR CATHOLICISM IN CHINESE SOCIETY
Chair: **Debora Tonelli**, Institute for Religious Studies, Bruno Kessler Foundation, Trento, Italy

Wenxi Zhang, Catholic Diocese of Zhaoxian
Envisioning Christianity in Mainland China from a Catholic Perspective

Stephan Rothlin, Macau Ricci Institute
The Contribution of Catholic Social Teaching to Value-Creation in China

Dennis McCann Rothlin, Ltd (Beijing), Silliman University (Philippines), Agnes Scott College, Decatur, USA

Encountering Christ in the Business Cultures of China:
A Catholic in Dialogue with Chinese Evangelicals

11:15
Lecture Room
B

12:45

Lunch at Your Leisure

14:45
Mok Hing Yiu
Lecture Hall

PLENARY SESSION III
Perspectives on the History of Christianity in China
Chair: **Matthew Jones**, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

Philip Wickeri, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

Lai Pan-chiu, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Rowena Ruiwen Chen, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

16:15

Break for Tea/Coffee

16:45-18:15
Mok Hing Yiu
Lecture Hall

PLENARY SESSION IV
The Hermeneutics of Christian Mission in China
Chair: **Philip Wickeri**, Ming Hua Theological College, Hong Kong

Ho Yan Au, Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh

Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon and Oxford University

18:30

Sharing Our Faiths: Ecumenical and Interfaith Service at St Paul's Church

Free Evening

Day 3: Friday July 22nd

08:45	Gather at Meeting Point for bus to CUHK
09:00	Depart by bus for the Chinese University of Hong Kong
09:30	Arrival at Cheng Yu Tung Building- LT1, CUHK. 鄭裕彤樓一號演講廳
09:45	Welcoming Words and Practical Instructions for the Day Fr Louis Ha, Director, Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong Rev. Fr. Patrick Taveirne and Dr. Mary Yuen
10:00	PLENARY SESSION V Asian-Christian Intercultural Encounters Chair: Patricia Madigan CIMER, Dominican Centre for Interfaith, Ministry, Education and Research, Australia Oliver Lardinois , Taipei Ricci Institute Benoit Vermander SJ , Fudan University, School of Philosophy, Xu-Ricci Dialogue Institute, China Jonathan Tan , Case Western Reserve University
11:15	Tour of the CU campus (including Confucian World-View, Road to Millions, Ecumenical Chapel)
12:45	Lunch at your Leisure in CUHK Canteen
CONCURRENT SESSIONS B	
14:00 CYT- LT1	HISTORY OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG (Research from the Center for Catholic Studies, CUHK) Chair: Rev. Po Kam-cheong 蒲錦昌, General Secretary, Hong Kong Christian Council 香港基督教協進會總幹事 Kar-wai Tong , School of Continuing and Professional Education, City University of Hong Kong <u>The Past, the Present, and the Future of the Ecumenical Movement in Hong Kong: The First Interim Report</u> Denis Chi-wing Kwong , Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong <u>The Analysis of the Questionnaire Survey about Local Christians' Understanding of the Ecumenical Movement in Hong Kong</u> Florence Wai-man Choi , Centre for Catholic Studies, Chinese University of Hong Kong <u>Prospects for the Ecumenical Movement among Christians in Hong Kong</u>
14:00 CYT- LT4	TRAVERSING RELIGIOUS BOUNDARIES: SALVATION, POLITICS, ESCHATOLOGY Chair: Daive Tacchini , Catholic University of Milan John Dadosky , Regis College/Unviersity of Toronto <u>Salvation and Nirvana: Girard, Lonergan and Buddhism</u> Easten Law , Georgetown University <u>Political Reform, Religious Sensibility, and Interreligious Study: The Life and Thought of Liang Shuming</u> Matthew Del Nevo , Catholic Institute of Sydney <u>The Resurrection of the Body: Marx, Tao and Christianity</u>

Day 3: Friday July 22nd

CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM: HISTORICAL, COMPARATIVE AND CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATIONS

Chair: **Pascal Bazzell**, Fuller Theological Seminary, USA

Vladimir Latinovic, University of Tübingen

Socialisms in the Late Antiquity? Pelagius' Views of Human Poverty and Need

Mokesh Kantilal Morar, Holy Family College, South Africa

Socialism and Christianity Today - Possibilities and Lessons from Kerala/India

James Laxa, De La Salle University Manila

ASEAN Economic Community: Challenges for the Philippine Catholic Church

14:00
CYT- 211

MISSIONARY AND INTELLECTUAL INTERACTION AND DEVELOPMENT: EAST AND WEST

Chair: **Alexander Chow**, University of Edinburgh

Andrew Ong, University of Edinburgh

Chinese American Protestants and Conservative Theology: A Contextual Analysis

Qingxin Hu, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Living With the Giant: The Life and Mission Work of the Parsons Family

Victor Zhu, University of Edinburgh

China Controversy in the Eighteenth Century: Jonathan Edwards vs. the Enlightenment Thinkers

14:00
CYT- 212

15:30

Break for Tea/Coffee

SPECIAL PANEL AND BOOK LAUNCH OF FESTCHRIFT IN HONOR OF PETER CHO PHAN (PLENARY VI)

World Christianity: Trajectories and Prospects

Chair: **Leo Lefebure**, Georgetown University

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University

Lai Pan-chiu, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Dale Irvin, New York Theological Seminary

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University

Response: **Peter C. Phan**, Georgetown University

16:00
Cheng Yu
Tung
Building- LT1

17:00-
19:00

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF PETER CHO PHAN

and to mark launch of '*World Christianity: Perspectives and Insights*' festschrift volume and the new EI series '*Pathways for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue*'

19:30

Return by bus to Ming Hua College

Day 4: Saturday July 23rd

9:15 Mok Hing Yiu Lecture Hall	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY SESSION VII Catholicism in Asian Contexts: Comparative Perspectives on Inculturation and Interreligious Encounter Chair: Dennis Doyle, University of Dayton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leo Lefebure, Georgetown University, USA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Peter Neuner, University of Munich, Germany</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Luc Forestier, Institut d'Études religieuses, Catholic University of Paris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union</p>
11:00	Break for Tea/Coffee
11:30 Mok Hing Yiu Lecture Hall	<p style="text-align: center;">PLENARY SESSION VIII Philanthropy and Christian Social Teaching in China Chair: Roberto Catalano, Office for Interreligious Dialogue, Focolare Movement/Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stephan Rothlin S.J., Macau Ricci Institute</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jingjing Liu, Macau Ricci Institute</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yves Vendé, Sun Yat-sen University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dennis McCann, Rothlin Ltd (Beijing, China)/ Silliman University</p>
13.:15	Lunch at your Leisure
	Followed by Free afternoon
16:00 Mok Hing Yiu Lecture Hall	<p style="text-align: center;">FINAL PLENARY (IX) Asian Christianity and Theology in Context Chair: Peter Phan, Georgetown University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Patricia Madigan, CIMER, Dominican Centre for Interfaith, Ministry, Education and Research, Australia</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Debora Tonelli, Institute for Religious Studies, Bruno Kessler Foundation, Trento, Italy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Jude Lal Fernando, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland</p>
17:30 Mok Hing Yiu Lecture Hall	<p style="text-align: center;">CLOSING WORDS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon and Oxford University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University</p>
18:00	Depart for Closing Banquet at Mariners' Club in Kowloon
19.30	Closing Banquet / Grace / After Dinner Speeches
	Return to Ming Hua College

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Thank you one and all!

See you next summer in Jena, Germany for our 2017 gathering which takes as its theme 'The Reformation and Global Reconciliation' (May 28th-June 2nd).

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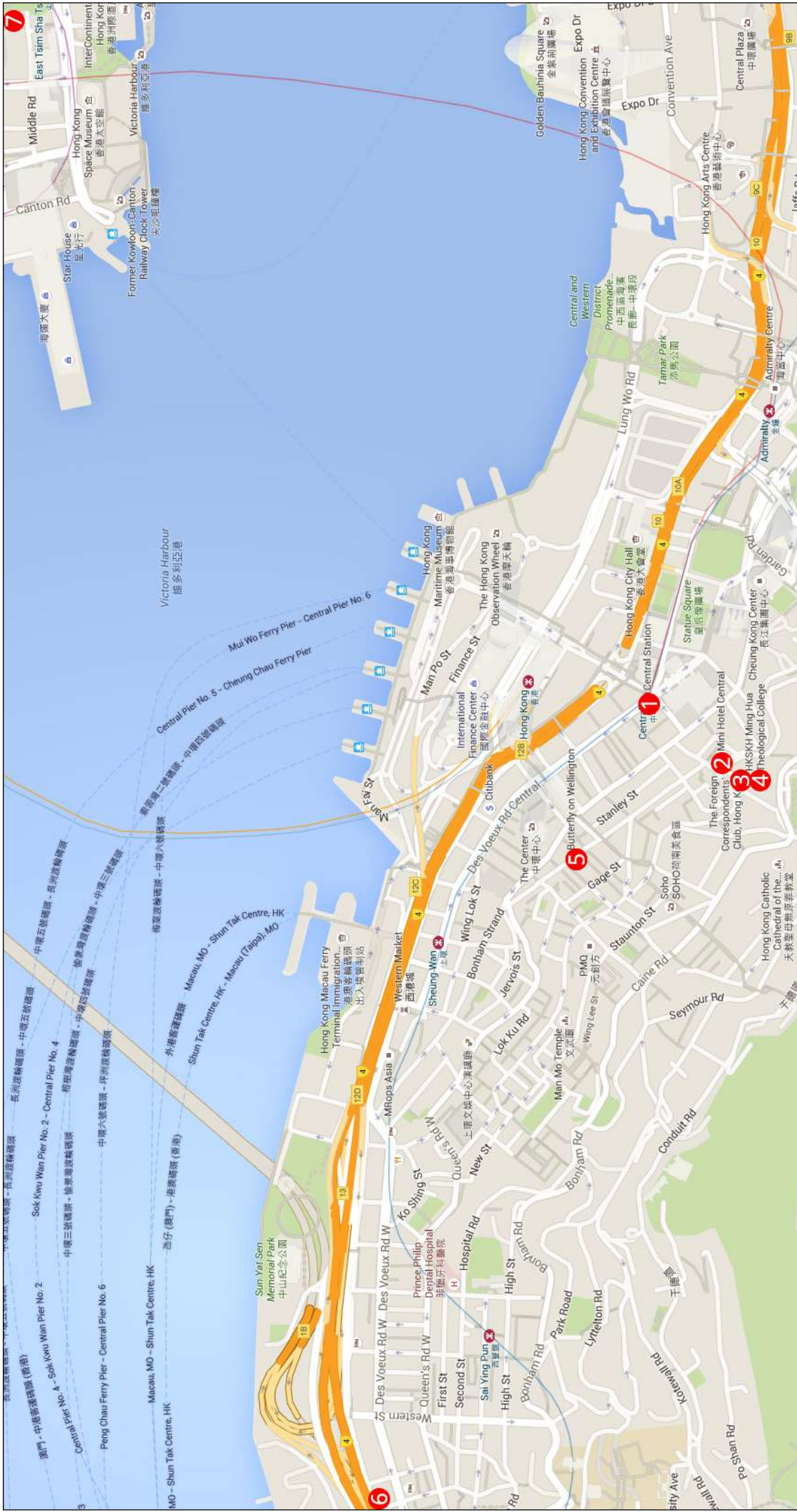
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MAP LOCATIONS:

1. Central Station
2. Mini Hotel Central
3. The Foreign Correspondents' Club
4. Ming Hua Theological College (Main Conference Venue)
5. Butterfly on Wellington Hotel
6. Courtyard By Marriott Hotel

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- The main venue Ming Hua College is located in the Central District of Hong Kong Island. It is opposite the Foreign Correspondent's Club.
- Please contact Mrs. Funny Ng at College Reception for any general inquiries. College main phone number is: 2521 7708. (9am - 6pm)
- Emergency services (police, fire, ambulance) number is 999

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