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I. Conference Statement 會議宗旨

The 11th International Fu Jen Academia Catholica Conference Asian Theologies and Theologies in Asia

This conference on the theme of “Asian Theologies and Theologies in Asia” is organized by Fu Jen Academia Catholica in collaboration with *Concilium: International Journal for Theology*, Ferdinand Verbiest Foundation, KU Leuven, Paris Catholic University and Grace Foundation.

The theme “Asian Theologies and Theologies in Asia” reflects the long-term development of Catholic theology in various regions of Asia. The theme not only includes the difficulties, frustrations and even conflicts faced by Christian theology (philosophy) as it encounters Asian culture and religions but also the mutual enrichment and integration that has resulted from this encounter. This conference aims to promote academic research on Christian theology in Taiwan by building a platform for scholarly exchange with our international collaborators and enhance Asian theological reflection.

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輔仁大學天主教學術研究院與 *Concilium: International Journal for Theology*、比利時魯汶大學南懷仁研究中心、法國天主教大學、及台灣本土神學研究中心 / 財團法人恩惠文教基金會，共同舉辦第十一屆天主教國際學術研討會，主題為「亞洲神學與神學在亞洲」。

這一主題，反映了天主教神學長期在亞洲各地區的發展，既包含了西方神學（哲學）與亞洲文化相遇中的困難、挫折甚至是衝突，更重要的，它還包含了在對話過程中所產生的相互豐富與彼此融合的理論與實踐的成果。透過對此一主題的探討，將能促進神學在亞洲的發展，並且能夠對神學未來的發展提出可能的最佳方向。本會希望能夠促進台灣天主教學術研究與世界接軌、開啟天主教學術研究溝通、對話，及推動台灣天主教學術研究風氣。

Date 日期：May 31-June 2, 2021 (2021 年 5 月 31 日-6 月 2 日)

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24. The Challenge of Gender Dynamics for Asia's Catholicism: A View from Taiwan
25. Weaving the Future-Christian Women in the Transforming Society

26. The Inculturation in the Scheut Missions in Inner Mongolia from 1865 to 1949
27. The *Da Rike* by Fr. Vincent Lebbe: A Case Study on the Inculturation of Gregorian Chant and the Divine Office

■ **Scholars invited to the conference (in the order of the agenda)**

本次會議受邀學者 (依學者出場順序排序)

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| 1. Msgr. Arnaldo Catalan 佳安道 | 18. Catherine Cornille |
| 2. Leszek Niewdana, SVD 聶達安 | 19. Peter Baekelmans |
| 3. Thierry-Marie Courau | 20. Jeffrey Chang 鄭家樂 |
| 4. Jeroom J. Heyndrickx 韓德力 | 21. Wen-Hsiang Chen 陳文祥 |
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| 9. Peter Jianmin Zhao 趙建敏 | 26. Shang-Wen Wang 王尚文 |
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| 11. Tak-Kwong Chan 陳德光 | 28. Chia-Hua Wei 魏嘉華 |
| 12. Antoine Ren 任安道 | 29. Sharon A. Bong |
| 13. Po-Ho Huang 黃伯和 | 30. Francisco Carin Garcia 范凱令 |
| 14. Jing-Jong Luh 陸敬忠 | 31. Mei-Ting Huang 黃漢婷 |
| 15. Daniel Franklin Pilario | 32. Alexandre Tsung-Ming Chen 陳聰銘 |
| 16. John Baptist Antony | 33. Li-Xing Hong 洪力行 |
| 17. Frank Budenholzer 柏殿宏 | |

II. Agenda 議程

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11:00-12:00 Session I Theology in China	Van-Doan Tran 陳文團	Lap Yan Kung 龔立人 Chinese University of Hong Kong (Hong Kong) God as <i>Shouzu</i> : A Hong Konger's Perspective on <i>Fratelli Tutti</i>
		Peter Jianmin Zhao 趙建敏 Sapientia Press House and Institute for the Study of Christianity and Culture Rediscovery of the Chinese Lay Apostolate in China Mainland
12:00-13:30	Break	
13:30-15:00 Session II Theology in China	Maria John P. Selvamani 司馬忠	Tak-Kwong Chan 陳德光 Fu Jen Catholic University Philosophy of Being: Attempt from Chinese Scholastic Theology
		Jeroom J. Heyndrickx 韓德力 F. Verbiest Foundation-Leuven Dialogue and Encounter with Atheist China, in Service of the Local Catholic Church in the People's Republic of China
		Antoine Ren 任安道 Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) From Inculturation to Interculturation: The Past and Future of Chinese Catholic Theology
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15:30-16:30 Session III Protestant Theology	Po-Ho Huang 黃伯和	Ya-Tang Chuang 莊雅棠 Chang Jung Christian University Productive Imagination in the Story Theology of Choan-Seng Song & Its Significance in the Age of Digitalization
		Jing-Jong Luh 陸敬忠 National Central University Prolegomenon of Systemic Hermeneutics of Theology in Sino-Christian Context
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16:40-17:30 Keynote Speech II	Ya-Tang Chuang 莊雅棠	Thierry-Marie Courau Concilium: International Journal of Theology Taking into Account Tantric Indian Buddhism for a Christianity in Dialogue within Asian Cultures

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	Moderator	Speaker / Topic
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10:30-11:00	Break	
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		John Baptist Antony National Biblical Catechetical and Liturgical Centre Biblical Interpretation in India from Subaltern Perspective
12:00-13:30	Break	
13:30-15:00 Session V Asian Theologies	Frank Budenholzer 柏殿宏	Maria John P. Selvamani 司馬忠 Fu Jen Catholic University Catholic Theological Ethics in Asia: From Conflict to Conversation
		Catherine Cornille Boston College Asian Theology and the Particularity of Christianity
		Peter Baekelmans Service of Documentation and Study on Global Mission The 'God' of Buddhism
15:00-15:30	Break	
15:30-16:30 Session VI Contemporary Issues	Jeffrey Chang 鄭家樂	Wen-Hsiang Chen 陳文祥 Fu Jen Catholic University From Intentionality to Ontology: Edmund Husserl's Phenomenology and Neo-Scholasticism
		Jung-Hsiao Kao 高榮孝 Fu Jen Catholic University The Deepest Motivation of Religions on Facing the Ecological Crisis: Takes the Encyclical "Laudato Si" of Pope Francis and "Spiritual Ecology" of Dharma Master Hsin-Tao as Examples
16:30-16:40	Break	
16:40-17:40 Session VII Theology in Asia	Louis Gendron 詹德隆	Jeffrey Chang 鄭家樂 Fu Jen Faculty of Theology of St. Robert Bellarmine Doing Theology in Diverse Asian Contexts: Insights from the Experience of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC)
		Andrew Rickie Lam 林康政 Caritas Institute of Higher Education <i>The Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> as a Tool of Pastoral Theology for the Evangelization of the Chinese Cultures

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10:30-11:00	Break	
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12:00-13:30	Break	
13:30-15:00 Session IX Women/ Gender	Chia-Hua Wei 魏嘉華	Sharon A. Bong Monash University Women Decolonising Theologies of, for and by Southeast Asians Francisco Carin Garcia 范凱令 F. Verbiest Foundation The Challenge of Gender Dynamics for Asia's Catholicism: A View from Taiwan Mei-Ting Huang 黃漢婷 Fu Jen Catholic University Weaving the Future-Christian Women in the Transforming Society
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16:30-16:40 Closing Ceremony	Po-Ho Huang 黃伯和 (Academy for Contextual Theologies in Taiwan) Maria John Peter Selvamani 司馬忠 (Fu Jen Academia Catholica)	

III. Sessions Rules 議事規則

- 1. All speeches and papers are presented in English through Zoom.**

所有演講與論文均採Zoom線上英文發表。

- 2. Time limit for each keynote speech presenter is 50 mins.**

【專題演講】時間為50分鐘。

- 3. Time limit for each panel presenter is 20 minutes. Q&A will be followed by each presentation for ten minutes.**

每位論文發表人之發表時間為 20 分鐘，該發表人發表完畢後，由主持人針對該論文進行 10 分鐘的問題討論。

IV. Paper Abstracts

論文摘要

Asian Christian Theologies Present Tasks and Future Orientations

Peter Cho Phan
Georgetown University

【Abstract】

The lecture has three parts. The first provides a brief description of Christianities in Asia today (South, East, and Southeast Asia) to serve as the context for doing theology in contemporary Asia. In particular, it notes the status of Christianity as a minority religion, the demographic shift of Christianity from the Global North to the Global South, and the explosive growth of the Pentecostal/Charismatic movement. The second part highlights seven common elements of Asian Christianities, namely, foreignness, colonialist legacy, extreme poverty, ecological degradation, minority status, co-existence with Communist and socialist regimes, and ubiquitous migration. The third part suggests a method for developing Asian Christian theologies, with a triple mediation: social-analytic, hermeneutical, and practical mediations. First, extreme poverty calls for a liberationist theology; ubiquitous migration a theology of God as the Primordial Migrant; colonialist legacy an inculturated theology; minority status a theology in dialogue with other religions; the presence of Communist and atheist regimes a new theology of mission; Pentecostal/Charismatic presence a vigorous pneumatology; and ecological degradation a theology of care for the Earth.

God as *Shouzu*: A Hong Konger's Perspective on *Fratelli Tutti*

Lap Yan Kung 龔立人
Chinese University of Hong Kong

【Abstract】

With reference to *Fratelli Tutti*, this article argues that the idea of friendship is very problematic in China because it is primarily exclusive, controlling, dualistic and functional. On the other hand, protestors in Hong Kong's anti-extradition bill movement in 2019 widely use *shouzu* (literally means arms and legs) to address to one another. Though it still has an exclusive sense, *shouzu* inspires us that implementing *Fratelli Tutti* is to join a community of sufferers, to recognize and even join the people's movement and to promote dialogue, reconciliation and unity through denunciation as well as support. *Shouzu* is a Hong Kongers' experience, but similar experience can be found in places where people protest against injustice, such as, Myanmar's people against the military.

Rediscovery of the Chinese Lay Apostolate in China Mainland

Peter Jianmin Zhao 趙建敏

Sapientia Press House and Institute for the Study of Christianity and Culture

【Abstract】

Before Vatican II, Chinese lay people were very active and well-organized in their apostolate, although the clericalism designed by the pre-Vatican II's theology. From the very beginning of Fr. Matteo Ricci in Beijing, Chinese lay people, either the learned or the mass, were extremely active in Church's evangelization. The lay people guided by the missionary and their arrangement played an important and fruitful role, especially during the absent of missionary or clergy caused by the persecution then. In today's mainland China, in my view, clericalism is still not totally disappeared and the encouragement of lay apostolate by the Vatican II, especially by the Decree *De apostolatu laicorum*, is not actively promoted either. This promotion or encouragement is lacked or missed, not only from Chinese theology but also from its practice. The Chinese theology needs to take the lay apostolate theology of Vatican II into its theology. The question would be how to make it.

Philosophy of Being: Attempt from Chinese Scholastic Theology

Tak-Kwong Chan 陳德光
Fu Jen Catholic University

【Abstract】

The issue of the philosophy of Being for Catholic theology is highlighted by the appreciation of Pope John Paul II and the criticism of Martin Heidegger who considers western philosophy as a history of forgetfulness of Being.

Correlatively, this article undertakes into research the metaphysics of Thomas Aquinas, coming to the conclusion that though not under the category criticized by Heidegger, the highly conceptualization of thought is undoubtedly the character of the Angelic Doctor.

At the end of his life, Heidegger said “only a god can save us” in an interview with Spiegel. Our attempt to answer the claim of Heidegger consists in the delicacy of oneness of Being between God and the Godhead, a dialogue with the mystical tradition of Master Eckhart and Zhuangzi the Daoist.

Dialogue and Encounter with Atheist China, in Service of the Local Catholic Church in the People's Republic of China

Jerome J. Heyndrickx 韓德力
Verbiest Foundation-Leuven

【Abstract】

The CICM Missionaries lived their “Option for China” for ninety years among Chinese and Mongols in North China. After CICM was expelled from China in 1950 their “Option for China” was in crisis. In 1983 they created Verbiest Foundation-Leuven (VF) to revive and update the “Option”. In 2004 an ill-advised attempt to withdraw CICM from VF failed. CICM and VF insisted to remain faithful to their “Option for China” while continuing evangelization in Outer Mongolia. Today VF is an Institute of missionaries, priests and faithful from East & West promoting dialogue and friendly encounters with China.

From Inculturation to Interculturation: The Past and Future of Chinese Catholic Theology

Antoine Ren 任安道
Catholic University of Louvain

【Abstract】

The process by which the faith takes root and develops in a country and a culture is always a process of inculturation. However, the question of inculturation is controversial because of misunderstanding of its meaning. This article asserts that the inculturation should be understood as “interculturation”, and that today’s Chinese Catholic theology can only fulfill its mission of interculturation by focusing on the current modernized Chinese culture with a perspective of globalization.

Productive Imagination in the Story Theology of Choan-Seng Song & Its Significance in the Age of Digitalization¹

Ya-Tang Chuang 莊雅棠
Chang Jung Christian University

【Abstract】

Story theology, proposed and developed by Choan-Seng Song, played an important role in doing theology not only in Taiwan, but also in Asia. In this paper, the author tries to investigate the “secret power” hidden in story theology and attempts to claim that the imagination is the most essential part of it. In addition, the author will examine the philosophy of imagination of Paul Ricoeur and argue that intertextuality, one of presuppositions of productive imagination, might be extended cross-culturally in doing Asian Story Theology. Thanks to productive imagination, story theology, functions as power of transposition, could be developed into a creative hermeneutics with the stories of Asian culture and Biblical stories as its abundant resources and the Kingdom of God as its ultimate vision. In the age of digitalization, the meaning of productive imagination might be more important than ever before, because we are now living in a world full of “virtual reality.” In combining the approaches of story theology and the essential elements of digital storytelling we may create digital stories with theological imagination in the new context of digital world.

Key Words: Asian theology, story theology, Choan-Seng Song, Paul Ricoeur, imagination, transposition, Digital Storytelling, Digitalization Age

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Prolegomenon of Systemic Hermeneutics of Theology in Sino-Christian Context

Jing-Jong Luh 陸敬忠
National Central University

【Abstract】

Systemic hermeneutics of theology differs from traditional systematic theology. Its systemic connexus shall be introduced: the complex of systemic hermeneutics, namely of philosophy, culture, religion and belief. Then the basic ideas or the central themes of this systematic theology will be indicated: the trialectics of fides, intellectus and praxis, the trialectics of revelation, wisdom and intuition, the systemic trinity, the problematic complex of sin, evil and suffering, the Trinitarian incarnation, systemic soteriology and of course systemic eschatology. In the context of Sino-Christianity, the open conclusion is attempted an intercultural or interreligious dialogue between such Christian theology and Sino-philosophy of religion.

Taking into Account Tantric Indian Buddhism for a Christianity in Dialogue within Asian Cultures

Thierry-Marie Courau

Concilium: International Journal of Theology

【Abstract】

The Asian religious and cultural fabric is made up of local wefts, and yarns brought in. If it presents itself in a completely original way in a given place, it is interesting to recognize some shared elements that are present consciously or unconsciously and to varying degrees everywhere. Among these, one little-known and yet important thread is Tantric Indian Buddhism, which spread within the Asian continent from the 8th century onwards. Even today, and while it may have disappeared in its institutional form, the dynamics it gave rise to remain underlying, integrated into religious cultures and traditions. Western Christianity is another, more obvious thread, which for more than four centuries has participated in the religious and cultural transformations of Asia. A Christian theology in Asia must discover what this fabric shared by all is in order to understand how, today, the Word comes to take flesh there to lead men to salvation.

God in the Viet Life: An Approach to Vietnamese Theology

Van-Doan Tran 陳文園
Fu Jen Catholic University

【Abstract】

This paper is a tentative answer to the question of whether a so-called Vietnamese theology exists. The work consists of three parts: the first is an introductory remark on the effort of the Catholic Church in Vietnam to build a Vietnamese theology after the Second Vatican Council. The second part deals with its most basic issues such as the Viet understanding of God, God in the Viet-life and the human co-operation in shaping the history of salvation. The final part is a sketching description of recent attempts to build a Vietnamese theology of the Vietnamese Catholic Church and theologians like Kim Dinh, Peter Phan C., Hoang Sy Quy, Phan Tan Thanh, and others.

Liberation Theology in Populist Regimes: The Philippine Experience

Daniel Franklin Pilario
Adamson University

【Abstract】

Philippines has a long history of liberation theology. Dubbed “theology of struggle”, it reached its height in the long years of Marcos dictatorship (1972-1986). It waned in the post-Marxist age together with the rest of liberationist brands of theologizing. Several factors can be summoned for this decline: the collapse of metanarratives in postmodernity, the turn to culture discourse in the social sciences, the anti-liberationist pontificate of John Paul II and Benedict XVI. However, the rise of populist regimes worldwide in recent years and its violent aftermath in the Philippines challenge the theological field to confront the violation of human rights, extrajudicial killings, the silencing of dissent and the politics of fear during the pandemic. To take on this task leads to the revival of the liberationist thematic. Yet in populist regimes where the leader is adulated by millions, the new liberation struggle needs to hurdle the regimes’ popularity and the theologies the prop it up. The majority – theologians included – is not convinced that this is the right way to go. This paper outlines the challenges that liberation theologies have in these new populist contexts.

Biblical Interpretation in India from Subaltern Perspective

John Baptist Antony
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【Abstract】

India has a long tradition of interpreting Bible. This tradition can be reduced to two kinds of theologies: i. culture and religion based inculturation, ii. Socio-economic based liberation. In the post Independent Era and the post Second Vatican Council times, the first one evolved to establish theological equality of the Eastern and Indian traditions with the West. Hindu religious texts, traditions, theologies and practices were studied or compared with the Christian ones. In the process it discarded or excluded the subaltern voices and did not include the whole people, rather degraded the cultural and religious sentiments and expressions of the subaltern people as 'small or little traditions'. Inculturationist theology in India was selective and elitist, limited to upper middle and urbanized class of people, but presenting it as pan-Indian culture. This resulted in being indifferent and insensitive to subaltern cultures such as Dalits. As a result, in seventies and eighties of the last century, drawing inspiration from Liberation theology, which sees poverty as result of structural injustice, concentration to the poor became important and predominant.

This article therefore studying the Biblical interpretation in India from the subaltern perspective has two parts. The first one situates Biblical interpretation in the history and context of Indian theology. The second one presents some of the trends that are found in the subaltern interpretation of Bible such as i. Victimhood to subjecthood, ii. Asserting their agency and working out the destiny, iii. From being objects to subjects. This article therefore is both historical analysis and thematic presentation of the topic chosen.

Catholic Theological Ethics in Asia: From Conflict to Conversation

Maria John P. Selvamani 司馬忠
Fu Jen Catholic University

【Abstract】

The rift between Catholic moral theology and general biomedical ethics is getting deeper that the Catholic church rarely has a seat at the discussion table. This is more prominent in the Asian societies where the Catholics are a minority. This paper, from the experiences in Taiwan, argues that the Catholic Church in Asia needs to begin its reflection from the lived realities of people, instead of from a dogmatic stand point, and converse with the modern society.

Asian Theology and the Particularity of Christianity

Catherine Cornille
Boston College

【Abstract】

Theological discussions about the uniqueness of Christianity have come to an impasse, locked into various a priori positions about the understanding of the salvific role of Jesus Christ and the salvific efficacy of other religions (exclusivism, inclusivism, pluralism, particularism). While some insist on the necessity of explicit faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, others believe that salvation (or salvations) can be attained through various religious traditions. Neither position is particularly conducive to a constructive dialogue between religions, which presupposes a sense of the distinct contribution of participants to the dialogue. This thus requires a new understanding of the particularity of Christianity

In this paper, we will explore how several Asian Christian theologians have come to conceive of the distinctiveness of Christianity, based on a direct awareness of religious plurality and an active engagement in dialogue with other religious traditions. The paper will focus mainly in Indian Christian theologians, (Brahmabandhab Upadhyaya, Pierre Johanns, Bede Griffiths, Thomas Tangaraj, Aloysius Pieris, Felix Wilfred, among others) and their views on what Christianity might contribute to the social and religious fabric of India. This examination of the thoughts of both converts to Christianity and seasoned theologians, foreigners and native Indian theologians, should also open new avenues to rethinking the particularity of Christianity in theological reflection more broadly.

The ‘God’ of Buddhism

Peter Baekelmans

Service of Documentation and Study on Global Mission

【Abstract】

The general idea that “*There is no god in Buddhism*” is fundamentally wrong. Buddhism as a religion admits devotion for gods, Buddhas, and Bodhisattvas. However, on a Buddhist theological level, the place of god(s) is very different as for Christianity. Christianity believes in a personal creator god, which does not exist in a formal way in Buddhism. In that sense, one can say that there is no monotheistic idea of god in Buddhism. When one explores Buddhist philosophy, however, one discovers in the hiddenness of the Dharma the Christian idea of *Deus absconditus*, the “hidden God.”

From Intentionality to Ontology: Edmund Husserl's Phenomenology and Neo-Scholasticism

Wen-Hsiang Chen 陳文祥
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【Abstract】

One of the most important foundations of phenomenology is intentional analysis. Husserl argued that consciousness is always connected with the concrete world. For him, the whole meaning of consciousness is the intention of real objects which include both noêsis, noêma. Secondly, intentionality and the term "horizon" are often connected. That means intentional activities involves a transformation of the horizon. The first goal of this article is to analyze Husserl's phenomenology especially focused on the meaning of intentionality and horizon. On the other hand, this article asserted that Bernard Lonergan, the well-known theologian on transcendental Thomism, whose intentional viewpoints from the Scholastic philosophical tradition are adequately compatible with Husserl on many points. Third, both of Husserl and Lonergan were focusing on contemporary crises and the way to conquer them. Discussing how the possibility of complementary to each other is the third goal of this article.

Keywords: Edmund Husserl, Bernard Lonergan, intentionality, horizon, transcendental

The Deepest Motivation of Religions on Facing the Ecological Crisis: Takes the Encyclical “Laudato Si” of Pope Francis and “Spiritual Ecology” of Dharma Master Hsin-Tao as Examples

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【Abstract】

Two elements lead to weak motivation in facing the ecological crisis in modern society, one is about awareness, and the other one is about failure in practice. We can't aware of the relationship between nature and us, so we choose to ignore the suffers from our planet in our daily life, and we give up easily when we got trouble or failed in practice. These two elements result in weak motivation in facing the ecological crisis.

Pope Francis and Dharma Master Hsin-Tao both emphasized the relationship between nature and us, which can help us to solve this problem. Francis said in the encyclical "Laudato Si": all things are created, include human and nature, from God, we are brothers and sisters, we have an inner relationship "inter-connected"; Hsin-Tao told: we are inter-dependent and co-exist in the world in his thought "Spiritual Ecology", which from Huayan.

They are not only found the relationships between nature and them, but also both found the meaning of life from their religious educations, Francis replied the "calling" from God, even he knew it is difficult to solve the problem of ecological crisis, but we are brothers and sisters, so he never stops. So as Hsin-Tao, he ever said: "I am a spiritual practitioner, to solve the suffers in all beings is what I should do all life." even so many people can't understand why he wants to build a university to solve the ecological crisis, he still goes on. They did everything to reply to their meaning of life, but not for others, so they have very strong motivations to keep.

That's why I want to write this paper, if we can aware of the relationship between nature and us, and do anything for our meaning of life, we can treat our planet well and empower our motivations in facing the ecological crisis.

Keywords: Trinity, Huayan, motivation, spirituality

Doing Theology in Diverse Asian Contexts: Insights from the Experience of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC)

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【Abstract】

The Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), when convening in Taiwan, in 1974, for its inaugural plenary assembly, declared: "the construction of a genuinely Asian theological reflection must be given a special priority. For the discernment of the theological imperatives and the formation of theological insights and principles, living contact with concrete Asian realities is necessary, and thus the collaboration of the entire local church, in dialogic process, is called for." Contextually, Asian realities are remarkably diverse, and thus doing theology in Asia is also genuinely diverse. Almost a quarter century later, in 1998, at the Synod of Bishops, Special Assembly for Asia, contemplating the vast social, cultural, linguistic, and even ecclesial differences represented by that assembly, some suggested that, if there were a distinctive "Asian-ness" which characterizes the Asian bishops, it would be their mutual acceptance and tolerance for diversity. Diversity need not denote division. For almost half a century, the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences has engaged in contextual theology that is dialogical in relationship, in service of dynamic harmony, and receiving diversity as a gift of the Spirit. This significant theological vision is a promising resource for the various local churches throughout Asia and, indeed, for the global Church.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church as a Tool of Pastoral Theology for the Evangelization of the Chinese Cultures

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【Abstract】

The paper discusses how to make the good use of the *CCC* for the execution of the appropriate pastoral tasks here and now in the context of “Chinese” cultures, accompanied with the pastoral discernment required by the pastoral theology. Four principles of faith found in the *CCC* become the valid criteria for the pastoral discernment on catechetical activities, as well as the inculturation of faith. In terms of the *Directory for Catechesis* (2020), the inculturation of faith becomes the renewal process for the evangelization of cultures, which aims at living out the Christian faith within a (“Chinese”) culture.

Theologies in Asia and Asian Theologies: A Radical Paradigm Shift of Doing Theology From Contexts

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【Abstract】

This paper is going to discuss on the distinctive characteristics of Asian Theologies, its resources and methodologies, that some of Asian theologians have been labored to provide insights for our consideration. This writer consider these contributions from Asian theological workers can be a useful frame for those interest to do Asian theologies in Asian land.

A Metaphysical Approach to Theology in Taiwan: Dialogues between Catholicism and Daoist Teachings of Laozi and Zhuangzi

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【Abstract】

In Taiwan, Lo Kuang, Chen-Ying Ly, and Vincent Shen follow the philosophical systems from Aristotle to Aquinas. However, when treating the dialogue between Christianity and Daoism, they develop three different approaches. Lo takes an approach of surpassing, placing Dao within the world of life and of changes, or, within the universe, while God in faith and his creation out of nothing are above and beyond the universe. Ly adopts a method of absorption and integration. The combination of God and Dao no longer has the distinction between the upper and the lower, the sacred and the secular, but the distinction between the reality and the principle or rationale. Differing from Lo and Ly, Shen's view is closer to a model of religious dialogue in the context of multiculturalism and globalization. He is not only committed to conversation and integration between cultures, but is also committed to an approach that enables different cultures/religions to enrich and complement one another. Christianity and Daoism to some extent achieve mutual enrichment and complementation by way of reaching for a common ground, yet reserving respective uniqueness.

Similar but yet Different: Comparison of Cardinal Paul Yü Pin and St. Paul the Apostle

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【Abstract】

Cardinal Paul Yü Pin (于斌, 1901-1978), whose baptismal name is Paul, just like Cardinal Paul Shan Kuo-Hsi (單國璽, 1923-2012) said in the foreword of *Biography of Cardinal Paul Yü Pin* (《于斌樞機傳》), “By overviewing the life of Cardinal Paul Yü Pin, we can say that his life journey is like the meaning of his baptismal name, Paul, which originated from St. Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles.” Based on the context of Taiwan Theology-Story Theology, this paper aims to compare Cardinal Paul Yü Pin’s life journey in the search for the self and that of St. Paul the Apostle, and find out the similarities and differences of their life journeys.

This paper aims to explore five sections as following: 1) Preface: taking Cardinal Paul Yü Pin and St. Paul the Apostle as examples to comparing the similarities and differences of both; 2) the differences of their body shape and outward appearance: imposing versus mediocre; 3) the differences of their personal growth journeys: a “humble personality” from a humble background versus a “humble attitude” when facing fanaticism and persecution; 4) the similarities of their missionary methods: being present everywhere, and becoming all things to all people; 5) the similarities of their Via Crucis: getting involved in inner worldly affairs, being devoted and sacrificing for the country, and staying on with people all for preaching the gospel; 6) Conclusion.

Keywords: Cardinal Paul Yü Pin, St. Paul the Apostle, similar but yet different, being present everywhere, staying on with people all

Women Decolonising Theologies of, for and by Southeast Asians

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【Abstract】

The research aim of this project is to offer a critical interrogation of what constitutes the ‘Asianness’ of doing Christian theology in Southeast Asia. Based on in-depth interviews conducted with six women theologians in the region, and framed within the broader context of the research project that was aimed at decolonising theology, five ‘I’s may be inductively gleaned: inadequacy, identity, inter-relatedness, inclusiveness, and insistence. The paper shows how these Southeast Asian women theologians re-imagine Christianity as an Asian legacy, as a paradigm shift from situating it as a colonial legacy in Asia. By embracing inter-relatedness and inclusiveness, they liberate theology in engendering for us, a feminist-postcolonial theology of just love and radical hospitality.

The Challenge of Gender Dynamics for Asia's Catholicism: A View from Taiwan

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【Abstract】

Taiwan became in 2019 the first country in Asia to recognize equality of partnership rights of homosexual couples. Taiwan Catholic Church joined the bloc opposing this recognition. This paper goes from a presentation of the gender question today through a view of the history of homosexuality in Taiwan to finally deal with the official position of the Taiwanese church in the matter and suggestions for the Church in Asia.

Weaving the Future-Christian Women in the Transforming Society

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【Abstract】

In the history of the Church, women have played important roles in many aspects. They contribute themselves to the families, to the Church, to the society and also to the countries.

Nowadays, more and more Catholic women concern about the rapid changes and the future of society. They have diverse insights on the social issues. In the West and in the East, from the Past to the Present, different women movements are founded based on different missions. They try to put their ideal into practice. They have certain influences on the society. In this paper, a comparative point of view will be developed through exploring two Catholic Women: Chiara Lubich(1920-2008), the founder of Focolare Movement and Melba Maggay (1950), the founder of the Institute for Studies in Asian Church and Culture (ISACC). The ideal “unity” of Chiara Lubich has its influences on Women (Christianity, Buddhism, popular religion) in Taiwan. The ideas of Melba Maggay “love” and “justice” are widely accepted by the Taiwanese protestant communities. How were their idea accepted by Taiwanese people and how did the Taiwanese put their ideas into practice? What will be their influences on the local Church and the society? Their idea and influences will be discussed for the Taiwanese women to find the possible ways to confront with the transforming society.

The Inculturation in the Scheut Missions in Inner Mongolia from 1865 to 1949

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【Abstract】

The Scheut missionaries worked in Inner Mongolia mostly on Han immigrants who were more available to Christian messages. We study the face of Chinese Catholicism formulated in two ways: the gospel transmitted by the missionaries to the Chinese people and the expression the later ones demonstrated for their faith under the influence of the Chinese traditions. The issue is significant, as long as the Chinese believers were prohibited from paying tribute to defunct until the resolution of the Chinese Rites Controversy on December 9, 1939. This study deals with the topic of inculturation through liturgy, architecture, and catechism.

The *Da Rike* by Fr. Vincent Lebbe: A Case Study on the Inculturation of Gregorian Chant and the Divine Office

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【Abstract】

Fr. Vincent Lebbe (1877-1940), a renowned Belgium missionary committed to evangelizing in China, is a forerunner in the indigenization of the Catholic faith. Fr. Lebbe founded two Chinese religious orders, the Little Brothers of St. John the Baptist and the Little Sisters of St. Theresa of the Holy Child. For the spiritual formation and liturgical practice of the religious within these two orders, Fr. Lebbe worked laboriously on rendering Chinese texts to Gregorian chant melodies so that they can sing and pray in their mother tongue. He used the translations done by Fr. Lodovico Buglio, SJ (1606-1682), an Italian missionary, who translated the Roman Missal and Breviary into classical Chinese.

Three copies were found for the *Da Rike* (大日課)—Divine Office habitually used by the Orders of Little Brothers of St. John the Baptist and the Little Sisters of St. Theresa of the Holy Child; two of them are now carefully preserved in the mother houses of these two religious orders and the other at the Fu Jen Academia Catholica. This meticulously and artistically arranged chant book is voluminous, with more than 700 pages done in lithographic printing, and should be regarded as an important milestone in the development of sacred music in China. In his efforts to indigenize the Divine Office, Fr. Lebbe also tried to incorporate Chinese musical elements with Gregorian chant so that the local monks and nuns could pray with the universal Church through chants written in their own language and music style. This essay analyzes the verbal texts, musical content, as well as the arrangement of the *Da Rike* and investigates how they reflect the spirits of inculturation through the perspectives of liturgical and practical theology.

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Professor of Sacred Scripture and Vice-Rector at Sacred Heart College, Poonamallee, Chennai from 2008 to 2010.

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