

Saturday, May 7, 2011

09:00- 10:30 Evangelical Christianity

The House Church Movement and the Preservation of Pentecostal-style Protestantism in Contemporary China: Religious Vitality, Resistant Identity and the Communist State

Chenyang KAO (Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan)

Charismatic Christianity: the Appeal of the "Harmful Sects"

Torsten LOFSTEDT (Senior Lecturer, School of Cultural Sciences, Linnaeus University)

Becoming missionaries in Diaspora: salvation, love, gender and space in the Chinese Christian communities in the UK and Germany

Yuquin HUANG (Research Fellow, MPI MMG, Goettingen)

Discussant: Catherine Wanner

10:30 – 10:45 coffee/tea break

10:45 – 12:45 Transformations: Icons, Narratives, Practices

Awkward Secularity between Atheism and New Religiosity in post-Soviet Kyrgyzstan

Mathjis PELKMANS (Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics)

Language, Protestantism, and Communism in Two Koreas: North Korean Migrants' Conversion Narratives

Jin-heon JUNG (Research Fellow, MPI MMG, Goettingen)

The Role of Religious Art in Post-Communist Russia

Clemena ANTONOVA (Assistant Professor of Art History and Theory at the American University in Bulgaria)

The Impact of Maoism on the Chinese Religious Landscape

Adam CHAU (Fellow of Fitzwilliam College, Director of Studies for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and University Lecturer in the Anthropology of Modern China, University of Cambridge)

Discussant: Heonik Kwon

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Concluding Roundtable and discussion of publication plans

19:00 Dinner



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Religion & Communism Workshop

Schedule of Events

Thursday May 5, 2011

13:00 Registration

14:00 – 16:00 Welcome and Opening session: Starting a dialogue

Not merely the labor question.....

Chris HANN (Director, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle)

Reflections on Religion and Secularization in Communist Societies

Catherine WANNER (Associate Professor of History and Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University)

Bringing Religion Back In: Worship, Religiosity and the Post-Colonial Socialist State in Vietnam

Jayne WERNER (Associate Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asia Institute, Columbia University)

16:00 – 16:15 Break

16:15 – 17:00 open discussion

Drink reception at MPI.

19.00 Dinner

Friday, May 6, 2011

09:00 – 10:30 What is Secularism?

Conflict and co-existence of Church and State authorities in (post)-communist Poland

Agnieszka PASIEKA (PhD Candidate, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology – Halle)

Was Soviet Society Secular? Undoing Equations between Communism and Religion

Sonja LUEHRMANN (Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia)

Communism as Anti-Secularism: the Use and Abuse of Religion in the Political Reconstructions of Post-Mao China

Ji ZHE (Assistant Professor, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris)

Discussant: Peter van der Veer

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12:15 The Uses of Religion: Compromises between State and Religion

Adaptive compromisers or inventive reformers: the role of religious activists and popular intellectuals in “communism-building” in Central and Inner Asia

Irina MOROZOVA (Project Director at the Central Asian Seminar, Institute for Asian and African Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin)

The Socialist Interregnum and Buddhist Resurgence in Laos

Grant EVANS (formerly Professor of Anthropology at Hong Kong University and now an adviser to the Lao Institute of Social Sciences, Vientiane)

Religion in Cuba since the Fall of the Soviet Union

Jualynne DODSON (Professor in the Department of Sociology and the African American & African Studies' Graduate Program at Michigan State University)

Discussant: Jayne Werner

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 Heroes, Myths and other forms of Co-existence

Perun vs. Jesus Christ: Communism and emergence of Neo-Paganism in the USSR

Victor SHNIRELMAN (Senior Researcher, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow)

Protestant Conversion and the Ambiguities of Hmong ritual revival in Vietnam

Tam NGO (Doctoral Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Goettingen)

Turning Greek Catholics into Orthodox: Church Building in a Transylvanian Village in the 1980's

Anca SINCAN (Junior Researcher at the Gheorghe Sincai Institute for Social Humanistic Research of the Romanian Academy of Sciences in Tirgu-Mures and PhD Candidate in History, Central European University)

The Cult of Revolutionary War Martyrs in Vietnam, North Korea and China

Heonik KWON (Department of Anthropology, London School of Economics)

Discussant: Adam Chau

15:30 – 16:00 Tea/Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Science and Religion

Apologetics of Religion and Science: Religious Conversions in Contemporary China

Dan Smyer YU (Associate Director, the Ethnic Minority Study Center and Visiting Professor of Anthropology, jointly appointed by the School of Ethnology & Sociology and the College of Tibetan Studies at the Minzu University of China)

“We are Modern people, we collaborate with scientists”: Science and Religion in Soviet Ideology and Buryat Shamanic Revival

Justine Buck QUIJADA (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Goettingen)

Discussant: Chris Hann

19:00 Dinner