

MPI-CASS Religion in Contemporary China Workshop



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Convener: Peter van der Veer
Organizer: Dan Smyer Yu
Discussants: Peter van der Veer, Dan Smyer Yu, Weishan Huang, and Rumin Luo

Date and time: 7 November 2012, Wednesday 9:10 – 16:40

Location: Library Hall at Hermann-Föge-Weg 11

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Sample publications:

- * *Folk Believes in China*. Zhejiang Education Press. 1990 (reprinted in 1995).
- * *Culture Shape and Hero Worship*. Hong Kong: Shangwu Press. 1991.
- * *Study of Religious Taboo*. Chinese Social Science Press. 1996 (reprinted in 1998)
- * *A Reader of Anthropology of Religion*. Religion and Culture Press. 2001.
- * *An Outline of the History of Anthropological Theory of Religion*. Chinese Social Science Press. 2009

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- **Zhou Guangrong (周广荣)**

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- **Yang Huaming (杨华明)**

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9:10	Welcome remarks by Peter van der Veer
9:20-10:00	“Ecology of Religion – Demographic Distribution of Faith Followers in China” <i>Jin Ze, Deputy Director of CASS IWR</i>
10:00-10:20	Discussion <i>Discussant: Peter van der Veer</i>
	Break 5-10 minutes
10:30-11:00	“Family of Buddha Light Project: A Case of Chinese Theravada Buddhist Charity” <i>Zheng Xiaoyun</i>
11:00-11:30	Discussion <i>Discussant: Dan Smyer Yu</i>
11:30-12:00	“The Cultural Practices of Contemporary Chinese Buddhism – A Case Study of Baotong Temple in Wuhan” <i>Zhou Guangrong</i>
12:00-12:30	Discussion <i>Discussant: Weishan Huang</i>
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:30-15:00	“New Tendencies in the Protestant Church in China Today” <i>Yang Huaming</i>
15:00-15:30	Discussion <i>Discussant: Peter van der Veer</i>
	Break 5-10 minutes
15:40-16:10	“Public Participation of Confucianism, Buddhism, Daoism and Christianity – A case study of Village Li in Luoyang” <i>Li Huawei</i>
16:10-16:40	Discussion <i>Discussant: Rumin Luo</i>

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