

4th Salzburg International Conference on the Church of the East in China and Central Asia

June 7-11, 2013

Conference Hotel St. Virgil

(Ernst-Grein-Straße 14, 5020 Salzburg, Austria)

Friday, June 7, 2013

Registration

- 16:00 - 18:30 Registration at the lobby of St. Virgil
- 18:30 - 19:30 Dinner
- 19:30 - Meet & Greet (in the Cafeteria of St. Virgil)

Conference Section

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Section I: Geography and Mission of the Church of the East

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Peter Zieme

- 08:45 - 09:20 Scott Fitzgerald Johnson - Georgetown University, USA
The Westwardness of Things: Literary Geography and the Church of the East
- 09:20 - 09:55 Andrew Platt - The Catholic University of America, USA
Changing Mission at Home and Abroad: Timothy I Catholicos and the Church of the East in the Early Abbasid Period
- 09:55 - 10:30 Mehmet Tezcan - Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey
On the Probability of Spreading of Syriac Christianity among the Central Asian and Syr Darian Oghuz Turks by the Northern Caucasus
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

Moderator: Dr. Mark Dickens

- 11:00 - 11:35 Mehmet Çog Karadeniz - Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey
The Impact of Syriac Christianity on the Caucasus
- 11:35 - 12:15 David Wilmshurst - Chinese University of Hong Kong
Beth Sinaye: A Typical East Syrian Ecclesiastical Province?
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break

Moderator: Dr. Erica Hunter

- 14:00 - 14:35 Obeth Thevanesan - Lanka Bible College & Seminary, Sri Lanka
Early Persian ("Nestorian" or Syriac) Christianity in Sri Lanka
- 14:35 - 15:10 Roderic L. Mullen, USA

The Geographical Context of the Tangtse Inscriptions

15:10 - 15:45 Coffee Break

Section II: Transliteration and Translation of the Jingjiao Texts

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Max Deeg

15:45 - 16:15 Sameul N.C. Lieu - Macquarie University, Australia
Lost In Transliteration? – The Theological Vocabulary of Christian Texts in Central Asia and China

16:15 - 16:50 Li Tang - University of Salzburg, Austria
Syriac Liturgical Elements in Chinese Jingjiao Documents

18:30 - 19:15 Dinner

19:30 - 21:00 **The Pro-Oriente Lecture:**
Mar Awa Royel - Assyrian Church of the East, Diocese California, USA
The Sacraments of the Church of the East

Sunday, June 9, 2013

07:30 - 08:45 Syriac Liturgy at St. Virgil's Chapel celebrated by His Grace Mar Awa

Section III: The Church of the East in the Far East

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Samuel Lieu

09:30 - 10:05 Zhang Xiaogui - Jinan University, Guangdong, China
Why did Chinese "Nestorians" Name Their Religion Jingjiao?

10:05 - 10:30 Max Deeg - Cardiff University, UK
An Anachronism in the Stele of Xi'an – Why Henanisho?

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

Moderator: Dr. Chen Huaiyu

11:00 - 11:35 Yin, Xiaoping - South China Agricultural University, China
"Chongfusi" and "Jingjiao Si": Study on the Religious Administration in Yuan-China

11:35 - 12:10 Martin Tamcke – University of Göttingen, Germany
The Account about the Contributions of the Priests of the Church of the East to the Religious Disputations at the Court of the Great Khan

12:15 - 13:20 Lunch Break

13:30 – 18:30 Excursion: Salzkammergut (St. Gilgen, Wolfgangsee)

Monday, June 10

Section IV: Sources in Sogdian

Moderator: Dr. J. C. Coakley

- 08:45 - 09:20 Barakatullo Ashurov - SOAS, University of London, UK
Coins and Structures: On the Social Representation of the Church of the East in Sogdiana
- 09:20 - 09:55 Nicholas Sims-Williams – SOAS, University of London, UK
A Sogdian Version of the Wisdom of Ahikar
- 09:55 - 10:30 Chiara Barbati - Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Austria
Christian Iranian Book Culture in the Turfan Oasis
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

Section V: The Church of the East in Central Asia

Moderator: Prof. Nicholas Sims-Williams

- 11:00 - 11:35 Erica Hunter – SOAS, University of London, UK
The Transmission of Christian Texts from Mesopotamia to Turfan
- 11:35 – 12:15 Mark Dickens - University of Alberta, Canada
More Syriac gravestones from the Tashkent History Museum
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch Break
- Moderator: Prof. Dr. Dietmar W. Winkler**
- 14:00 – 14:35 Francois de Blois – SOAS, University of London, UK
Al-Biruni's Account of the Festivals of the Christians, and Parallels in the Syriac Service Books from Turfan
- 14:35 – 15:10 Ken Parry Macquarie University, Australia
Byzantine-rite Christians (Melkites) in Central Asia and Their Possible Relations with the Church of the East
- 15:10 – 15:45 Peter Zieme - BBAW, Berlin Germany/Japan
The Ahikar-Narrative according to a Garshuni-Turkic Manuscript from the John Rylands University Library
- 15:45 – 16:15 Coffee Break

Section VI: Theology of the Church of the East

Moderator: Dr. Scott F. Johnson

- 16:15 - 16:50 Daniel H. Williams - Baylor University, USA

Mar Babai as Channel and Transformer of Western Trinitarianism

- 16:50 - 17:25 Dietmar W. Winkler - University of Salzburg
How did the Monks from China Influence the Sacramental Theology of the Church of the East?
- 17:25 - 17:55 Garry M. Y. Pang - Oxford, UK
The First Chinese Contextualized Theology: The Theology of Jingjiao in China during the Tang Dynasty

Tuesday, June 11

Section VI: Jingjiao, Buddhism and Taoism

Moderator: Dr. Chiara Barbati

- 08:45 - 09:20 Chengyong Ge - Cultural Relics Press, China
A Comparative Study on the Nestorian Angle Image and the Buddhist Flying Apsaras
- 09:20 - 09:55 Todd Godwin – SOAS, University of London, UK
'Eunuchs for the Kingdom of God': The Significance of Jingjing/Adam and Tantric Buddhist Master Prajna Working Together in 787
- 09:55 - 10:30 Zhu, Donghua - Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
"Ying" (應Nirmāṇa): A Case Study on the Translatability of Buddhism into Jingjiao
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Moderator: Dr. Glen Thompson

- 11:00- 11:35 Huaiyu Chen - Arizona State University, USA
Christianity and Daoism: New Evidence from Kyoto and Turfan
- 11:35 - 12:05 Neil Schmid - USA/China
Christian Analogia in Chinese Esoteric Buddhism: Enacting the Word
- 12:15 - 14:00 Lunch Break

Moderator: Prof. Dr. D. H. Williams

- 14:00 - 14:35 Shinichi Muto - Daito Bunka University, Japan
The Exorcism in the Newly Found Khara-Khoto Syriac Document
- 14:35 - 15:10 Wang Yuanyuan, - Dr. Sun-Yat sun University, Guanzhou, China
Persian Tirthaka of Xizhou Uighur Kingdom from Time of the Five Dynasties to the Early Song Period
- 15:10 - 15:45 Dale Albert Johnson – Ningxia, China
Evidence of Syriac Crosses in Southwest China

15:45 - 16:15 Coffee Break

Moderator: Dr. Ken Parry

16:15 - 16:50 Zhang Naizhu - Longmen Grottoes Institute, Luoyang, China
The "Nestorian" Communities in Gande Township of Luoyang according to Tang Dynasty Epigraphs

16:50 - 17:25 Glen Thompson - Asia Lutheran Seminary, Hong Kong, China
Did Christianity Come to Han-China?

Wednesday, June 12

Departure after Breakfast

Observers:

Rev. Narsai Youkhanis (Australia)

Dr. J. F. Coakley (Cambridge University, UK)

Dr. Ronald Kydd (Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, Canada)

Prof. Dr. Charles Nienkirchen (Ambrose University College, Canada)

Zhu, Li (University of Konstanz, Germany)